



# Holy Family School

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## Year of Mercy celebration at St Chad's Cathedral.

On Wednesday Mrs King and Mrs Lunham took a group of Year 6 children to St Chad's to celebrate the end of the Year of Mercy. The children were a real credit to the school and even performed on the altar with Dan & Emily from 'One Life' music.

## Harvest Mass & Festival

Our Harvest Festival Mass is at 10.30 next **Thursday**. Thank you for your generous donations of tinned food and toiletries for the homeless and vulnerable people in our local community. We will still be receiving donations next week - so keep sending them in. Thank you.

Dear Parents, this has been a busy week with distractions from outside of school. We have received a great deal of supportive comments from parents regarding the misconduct hearing that took place this week, thank you! It is important that we work together as a family to provide the very best for our children.

I look forward to continuing to work with all parents in achieving this.

## Book Fayre

Thank you for visiting the Book Fayre this week. I'm sure the children will enjoy the books they have chosen and our school library benefits too!

**Happy Reading**

## 'Be Active'

We are actively encouraging children to be more active both in and out of school. Why not take the family for a swim or a walk in the park this weekend?

## Family Support Worker

Karen our family support worker is here to help you. If you would like to speak to her, please make an appointment at the school office. She can help you with a wide variety of issues or concerns such as housing, finances & debt, child development or anything that is worrying you.

## Secondary Schools - Year 6

Parents need to apply online **as soon as possible and before 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

## 'Stay & Play'

For mum's and little ones  
**Wednesday's from 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**9.00 - 10.30**

## School Cleaner Required

2 hours per day 3.30 - 5.30 + 4 additional weeks - 1 in February, 1 at Easter & 2 in the summer.  
Apply online on the Cityserve website or contact recruitment on 464 9021 for an application form.

## This Week's Highlights

Monday	Book Fayre in school this week
Tuesday	Year 5 & 6 Football competition
Wednesday	End of Year of Mercy Celebration Year 1 Inspire Workshop Life in the UK workshop - all welcome Parents Afternoon & Evening
Thursday	Reception Inspire Workshop Year 3 Inspire Workshop
Friday	Year 3 Class Saint day - St Teresa of Avila

## Life in the UK

Everyone welcome and improve your English skills at the same time!

**Wednesday's**  
**1.30 - 3.00**



Holy Family Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Day	Date	Event
Thur	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.30	Harvest Mass
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 10.30	Mass Y6
<b>Wed</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1.00</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas Holiday ADVANCE NOTICE</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	<b>School Re-opens ADVANCE NOTICE</b>

Regular Reminders		
Holy Family is a 'Reading' School - ensure you hear your child read every evening	Daily	20 minutes
Breakfast Club	Daily	8.05 - 8.35
Money Day	Mondays	
Life in the UK Course	Wednesdays	1.30 - 3.00
Parent Voice Meeting	Wednesdays	8.40 All welcome
Parents Phonic Surgery From 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesdays	2.00 - 3.00 All welcome
School Uniform sales	Wednesdays	2.30 - 3.00
Saturday Sports Club	Saturdays with Colm	9.30 - 11.30
Headlice - check your child's hair with a fine toothed comb	Weekly at the weekend	

### School Photos

The photographer will be back in school next Tuesday to complete our Reception and Nursery photos.

### Attendance

A reminder to all parents that any requests for extended leave during term time will be refused. It is vital that your child is in school every day to fully achieve their potential, even a short absence can really harm the progress that your child makes. Furthermore, poor attendance can lead to fines being issued to you by the local authority and your child's place at Holy Family could be at risk!

**We aim for 100% Attendance and Punctuality for EVERY child**

Class of the Week 30.9.16

**Year 5 with 95.75%**

Whole School Target 97%

**Whole School Attendance 93.24%** ☹

### Parent's Group

Parent's group now meet every **Friday** at 2.15 in the DT room.

All parents are welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat!

### Nursery

#### FREE 2, 3 & 4 Year Old Places

Please make sure you have put your child's name on our waiting list and ask your friends and neighbours too so that we can contact families when their child is eligible to start.

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
<b>Monday</b>	TKD Free	Julie-Ann Years 1 & 2	Y6 Homework Club Free	Miss Walker Y6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dance £2.00 Baking £1.00	Jade KS2 Miss Flynn Years 5&6 only	Library Free	Mrs Guest All welcome
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cricket £2.00	Callum KS2		
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Collect @ 3.50 from playground</b>	Football £2.00	Callum KS2	Choir Free Homework Club Free	Mrs O'Driscoll KS2 HFS Staff Y3/Y4/Y5
<b>Friday</b>	Multi Skills No charge	Colm & Callum Children invited	Sign Language £2.00	Mrs Maloney KS2

### Mass times

Holy Family Catholic Church

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

God Bless, Mr Foley  
14<sup>th</sup> October 2016