



HOLY NAME

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY
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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

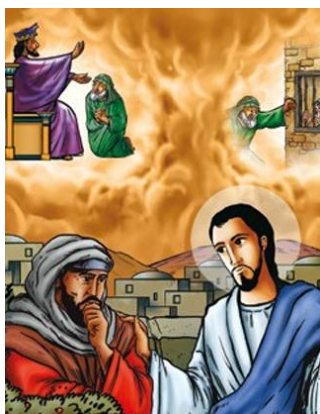
It is official! Our school finally opened its doors to our own nursery yesterday. It was a wonderful occasion and I would like to thank Fr Michael and Mr Beardsley (our CEO) for attending the opening. Having our own nursery will support the children in being ready for Reception next year. Please do keep an eye on social media for the wonderful activities that they will be doing.

All our after-school clubs have started this week which is fantastic. We offer a wide range on enhancements in our school community and we continually review these so that the children get the best offer. Please can I ask that contributions for these clubs are paid via ParentPay so that we can continue to offer these.

After school club is up and running and the children are thoroughly enjoying the activities. Please can I ask that families who have not made payments for September make them as a matter of urgency. As we have now started term, any changes to provision will now take a four-week time to process. If you require a change to the regular sessions you have booked, please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible.

God Bless
Mr J M Gibbons
Headteacher

Spiritual Reflection - Matthew 18:21-35 The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit.

God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others. Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community. St John Paul II reminds us, "Forgiveness does not come naturally. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic."

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

School Council Visit Parliament

On Tuesday, our School Council and Pupil Leadership team visited London to understand the importance of democracy and how an election at school level is a replication of a general election. It was a wonderful day, even though the weather was very wet. The children still managed to tour London and see: Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade, Downing Street as well as touring the Palace of Westminster and sitting in the gallery in the House of Commons. The children were very well behaved and asked insightful questions throughout the day. It was a pleasure to be accompanied by children and staff from St Francis, Morley. Please do check social media for images from the tour.

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Religious Education

This year, the whole school are now being taught about our faith through a new scheme called 'Lighting the Path'. The scheme ensures that the children develop their theological knowledge at a much deeper level. RE is taught for 10% of our timetable, which equates to 2.5 hours per week. RE is a subject that our children thoroughly enjoy. Please do ask your children about the stories in the bible they have learnt about. In addition to this, each half term we study another world faith. This half term, the children have developed their understanding of Buddhism. Over the next few weeks, we will be sending an RE questionnaire home via Class Dojo – we would appreciate as many responses as possible.

Thank you FOHN

Over the summer holidays, the FOHN (Friends of Holy Name) purchased a number of new toys for the children to play with a break and lunch time. These include brand new football goals, limbo, giant jenga and reactive games. The support of the FOHN is really important as it enables further developments in our school community for the benefit of the children. The AGM for this year will be announced very shortly. It would be great if you could attend in person or via Teams as you are all members of the FOHN by having children in our school.

Certificates

	Headteacher's Award	Maths Marvel	Literacy Legend
Reception			
Year 1	Shiva	Ismail	Nia
Year 2	Rayan	Noah	Leonor
Year 3	Zara	Jenson	Sanjay
Year 4	Neve	George	Seb
Year 5	Grace	Clara	Matthew
Year 6	Henry	Logan	Albert

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93%	95%	97%	92%	93%	97%	96%

House Points

St George	St Andrew	St Patrick	St David
205	185	160	200

Our Safeguarding Team



Mr Gibbons
DSL



Mrs Watson
DDSL



Mr Stewardson
DDSL



Miss Godfrey
DDSL



Mrs Harrington
DDSL



Mrs Flynn
DDSL

Key Dates

25 th Sept	MacMillan Coffee Morning	20 th Oct	Parents Evening Day 1	3 rd Nov	Year 2 Educational Visit
1 st Oct	Guardian Angel Assembly R+Y6 parents	21 st Oct	Parents Evening Day 2	4 th Nov	Open Day – Reception 2027 (9.30 am and 1.30pm)
5 th Oct	World Teachers Day	22 nd Oct	Harvest in Church (followed by GWA)	5 th Nov	Open Day – Reception 2027 (5.00pm)
13 th Oct	Year 6 Educational Visit	23 rd Oct	School Closed for INSET Day	9 th Nov	Individual Photos
16 th Oct	House Cross Country – pupils to wear team colour	2 nd Nov	School Opens Flu Immunisation	16 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week

Next Week's Dinner Menu

MIGHTY MEALS MENU 2026

Great school lunches designed to help young people grow and thrive in everything they do!
Seasonal vegetables are provided with all meals or children can opt out for our 'Pick Your Own' salad bar.

Holy Name Primary

N3 Week THREE

W/C 14/09/26, 05/10/26, 16/11/26, 07/12/26,
18/01/27, 08/02/27



YUM!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Margherita Flatbread Pizza (V) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Chicken Curry With Rice	Beef Shepherd's Pie	Pork Sausage Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Fish Fingers Chips
Meat Free	Vegetarian Lasagne (V) Crusty Bread	Crispy Vegetarian Dippers (V) Diced Potatoes	Super Five Pasta Bake (V) with Homemade Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Sausage (VE), Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Sticky Quorn Wrap (VE) Chips
Spud Station & Deli	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)	Cold Tuna and Sweetcorn Pasta Pot	Ham Bap Diced Potatoes	Pork Sausage Bap (V) Roast Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)
Desserts	Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt with Berry Sauce	Custard Cream Traybake Fresh Fruit Wedges	Mini Ring Doughnut with Chocolate Ice Cream	Jelly with Fresh Fruit Salad	Ginger Cookie Fresh Fruit Wedges

In addition to hot meals your child can choose:



Filled fresh Soft Bap or Tortilla Wrap with side.



Oven baked Jacket Potato with side.

