



HOLY NAME

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY
ACADEMY

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Friday 18th September 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your support over the last week in managing the tummy bug that has been going around. Yesterday, I was at an annual Mass with Bishop Marcus for Headteachers, and after speaking to a number of Heads from other schools, we are not the only school to have had this. Hopefully that will be the one and only tummy bug this year!

This week, I asked our teachers to send me a wide range of exercise books from different pupils in their class so I could see the fantastic start they have made in all lessons. I was certainly not disappointed. Every book I looked at had work that showed pride, progress and perseverance in all classes. I am eagerly waiting the next time I collect the books in so I can see even more wonderful work.

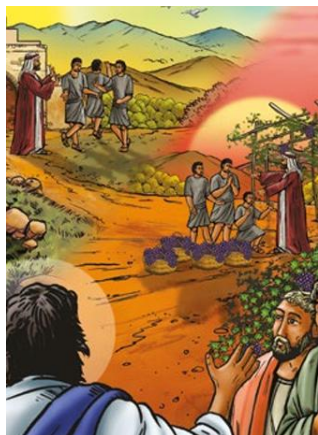
Please can I take this opportunity to say thank you for your support at the start of the academic year – it is very important that school and home continue to work together for the benefit of the children. If you could continue to encourage the children to read as much as they possible can and complete the homework that the teachers have asked for on time. As a school, we are really conscious of not asking the children to complete too much unnecessary homework – we would really like them to master the basics which build the foundations of all knowledge so it is essential that these tasks are completed on time. If a child completes additional homework that is fantastic – one child this week asked for (and completed) 8 additional pieces of homework!

God Bless

Mr J M Gibbons

Headteacher

Spiritual Reflection - Matthew 20:1-16 The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity. God's ways are not our ways. At first, it may appear unfair that the workers who started early were only paid the same as those who arrived later. But, on reflection, we see that not only was the Landowner being fair by paying what had been agreed, he was being overly generous through rewarding everyone equally (even those who came at the last hour). God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us.

*Dear Lord Jesus,
Thank you for your generous love. Please help us to grow in
generosity and to do your work in the world with a loving and generous heart.
Amen.*

Friends of Holy Name AGM

The first event of this term planned by the FOHN is the Disglow held in the school hall on Friday 2nd October. Time- 3.45pm – 5.15pm. Cost is £3 per child, please make your payment on ParentPay. Please see details in our noticeboard.

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Catholic Life Pupil Voice

This week, Mrs Barker spoke to children from across school to discuss the Catholic life our school and their level of enjoyment in RE. The children, as always, had some wonderful comments to say about this topic and I thought I would share some of the highlights with you. Here are my top 5 pupil comments:

- 1 - I love that the school is catholic and we go Mass. We do lots of fundraising for charities. Going to GWA, I like how we learn about God in our Celebration of the Word. I find the COTW peaceful. (Y5)
- 2 - In response to how do you know how well you are doing in RE - We go show Mr Stewardson (Y1)
- 3 - The lessons are exciting. We talk about Jesus and we talk about the stories that were told. (Y3)
- 4- The best thing about school is that when we play with our friends. We have kind teachers that help us to learn. I like our teacher because she gives us fun lessons. (Y2)
- 5 - How does our school make you a better person? Mr Gibbons teaches us to be kind make the right choices. People can be kind and follow our virtues like to try our best. Each week we follow a virtue. (Y4)

Certificates

	Headteacher's Award	Maths Marvel	Literacy Legend
Reception			
Year 1	Revaan	Celine	Rhea
Year 2	Daniella	Gia	Joshua R
Year 3	Una	Rashin	Ralph
Year 4	Nora	Jayden	Oliver
Year 5	Eiriin	Caleb	Radin
Year 6	Oli G	Connie	Harper

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91%	98%	99%	97%	98%	99%	95%

House Points

St George	St Andrew	St Patrick	St David
255	245	330	231

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 ONE

W/C 01/09/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26, 02/11/26, 23/11/26,
14/12/26, 04/01/27, 25/01/27



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Frankfurter Pizza (V) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Shawarma Wrap Sunshine Rice	Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Battered Fish Chips
Meat Free	Margherita Pizza (V) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Cheese and Bean Wrap (V) Herby Diced Potatoes	Vegetarian Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetarian Sausage (VE) Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs in Homemade Tomato and Herb Sauce (V) Chips
Spud Station & Deli	Hot Pasta Pot with Homemade Tomato, Cheese and Herb Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans and Cheese (VE)	Tuna Bap (H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Hot Roast Gammon Bap (VE) Roast Potatoes	Cheese and Red Onion Panini (V) Chips
Desserts	Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce & Peaches	Pineapple Sponge with Creamy Custard	Cherry & Coconut Flapjack Bite with Fresh Fruit	Fun Fruit Thursday	Cheesecake topped with Mandarin Oranges

In addition to hot meals your child can choose:



Filled fresh Soft Bap or Tortilla Wrap with side.



Oven baked Jacket Potato with side.

