



HOLY NAME

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Headteacher's Welcome

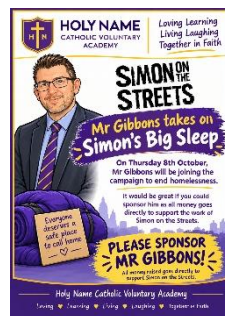
Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have noticed on the playground that we are beginning to develop our outdoor area in Early Years – this is exceptionally important given the development of our new Nursery provision. Over the next few weeks further work will be taking place to replace the Astro turf and the climbing accessories. It is a very exciting time for our Early Years team but more importantly, the new design will have a wide range of activities for our children to develop their gross and fine motor skills. Please can I ask that during this time of work, you do not allow your children to go on to the grassed area in Reception.



Earlier this week, you will have received a letter regarding the building work for our Year 6 classroom. Whilst we did want this work to start during the summer, it was not possible. This means school needs to continue to operate whilst the building work is taking place. Please can I ask that you read the letter thoroughly and that you pay attention to any signage that is on display – this will be to keep everyone safe and to ensure the project can remain on schedule. **A reminder this today is the last day parents will be invited to Good Work Assembly in school until the building work is complete.**

Thank you to families who have taken the time to sponsor me for the Simon's Big Sleep. On Thursday 8th October, I will be sleeping outside Leeds Civic Hall to raise awareness for Simon on the Streets. This is a charity that we support regularly in order to try and end homelessness. If you are able to donate, please visit our social media pages for the Just Giving information.



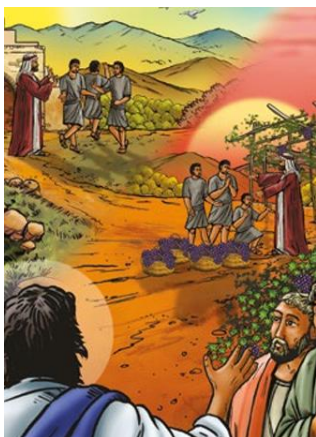
Please check the last page of the newsletter for information from our FOHN!

God Bless

Mr J M Gibbons

Headteacher

Spiritual Reflection - Matthew 21:28-32 The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A



Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life. In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge. Sometimes we may not always respond to God in the best way. However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again – God will be there for us.

*Dear Lord Jesus,
grant me the courage to change what can be changed, the peace to
accept the things that cannot be changed, and the wisdom to know the
difference. Amen.*

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Free School Meal

We have received an increased number of Free School Meals this academic year, if you are entitled to the extended Free School Meals, this does not entitle you to Pupil Premium Funding. Please read the guidance below regarding this.

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, children in households receiving Universal Credit can qualify for benefits-based free school meals regardless of household earnings. A pupil, parent or responsible adult must still make a claim and the school or local authority must verify it. Universal Credit receipt does not, by itself, create a completed school FSM record.

The verified record must identify one of two categories. Targeted FSM applies principally where Universal Credit household earnings are £7,400 or less and feeds the Ever 6 disadvantage cohort. Expanded FSM covers Universal Credit households above that threshold and provides a meal only. A pupil newly eligible through expanded FSM does not attract Pupil Premium on that basis

Cluster Support

Have you visited our school website recently? There is a page available to all our families called 'Cluster Support'. On here is a lot of information regarding support at home for parents and children who may need additional support for challenging behaviour, SEND needs, anxiety, bereavement and so much more. Please explore the Parent Power leaflet and if you feel that you need any information, please speak to a member of the DSL team (detailed below)

Certificates

	Headteacher's Award	Maths Marvel	Literacy Legend
Reception			
Year 1	Clemmie	Ismail	Orla
Year 2	Isaac	Luna	Ella
Year 3	Violet	Kush	Una
Year 4	Hollie	Emmie	Lewis
Year 5	Oliver B	Alihadi	Suhaan
Year 6	Mutumwa	Bailey-James	Ana

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94%	98%	94%	99%	94%	98%	97%

House Points

St George	St Andrew	St Patrick	St David
311	285	290	404

Key Dates

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
20 th Oct	Parents Evening Day 1	3 rd Nov	Year 2 Educational Visit	24 th Nov	Year 6 Educational Visit

Our Safeguarding Team



Mr Gibbons
DSL



Mrs Watson
DDSL



Mr Stewardson
DDSL



Miss Godfrey
DDSL



Mrs Harrington
DDSL



Mrs Flynn
DDSL

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 TWO

W/C 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26, 09/11/26, 30/11/26,
11/01/27, 01/02/27



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Margherita Tortilla Pizza (V) Homemade Jacket Wedges	Chicken Pie Mashed Potato	Chicken Tikka Masala Curry Rice	Roast Pork Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Gravy	Crispy Salmon Fillet or Fish Fingers Tomato Ketchup Chips
Meat Free	Creamy Coconut Chickpea Curry (V) Rice	Vegetarian Sausage (VE) Mashed Potato	Mediterranean Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetarian Grill (VE) Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Gravy	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast (V)
Spud Station & Deli	Hot Pasta Pot with Homemade Tomato and Basil Sauce (V)	Tuna Mayonnaise Panini Baby Baked Potatoes	Cheese Savoury Wrap (V) Herby Diced Potatoes	Hot Roast Pork Bap (V) Roast Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (VE)
Desserts	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Apple Flapjack Bite with Fresh Fruit Wedges	Fun Fruit Wednesday	Cheddar Cheese with Crackers & Grapes	Shortbread Cookie with 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.





Holy Name Catholic Voluntary Academy presents

GLOW DISCO

Friday 2nd October

4:00PM TO 5:30PM

TICKETS £3

DJ, glow sticks and other glow bits, hot dogs, pizza, drinks & sweets available to buy

☆ 'glow-up' at the disco and get your dance on!

TICKETS £3

Tickets and tokens can be purchased on ParentPay - siblings welcome!



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COUNTDOWN

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£5 PER PUMPKIN
SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER
TWO SESSIONS
10.30AM-12.00
12.30PM-2.00PM

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