



# HOLY FAMILY

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



### This Week

During the week, we had a lovely *Gifts from God* assembly where we thought about being thankful. We also enjoyed a special CAFOD assembly with Dr Nurse, a former Holy Family pupil, who told us about the importance of clean water and CAFOD's work in Ethiopia. We reflected on how our Catholic Social Teachings, particularly Solidarity and the Common Home are important principles to live out to help our fraternal brothers and sisters.

Year 4 had an exciting *STEM Live!* session with Chester Zoo, learning about how to protect animals from extinction. They loved hearing from real experts!

We joined other schools for a Jubilee pilgrimage, a time to reflect and pray together. Our Mini Vinnies visited St Bernadette's to learn more about places of pilgrimage and deepen their understanding of faith.

Our Irish dancers attended a Feis as observers, watching the performances and enjoying a wonderful celebration of Irish culture. Our cinema trips were also a big success – a fun way to learn outside the classroom! We have more coming up next week

### School Photographer- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November

The school photographer is joining us on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your child to be photographed with their sibling from another class, please come to school at 8 a.m. onwards. You will need to wait while their photo is taken and drop them off as normal

#### Attendance

It is vitally important that your child is in school and on time every day. As a school we constantly aim for 100% attendance to make sure your child is getting the very most out of school.

We visit families if children are not in school as absences are a concern.

Class of the Week w/e 21.11.25

5ER – 96.8%

Whole School attendance – 86.9%

#### Upcoming Dates

- 24.11.25- School Photographer
- 24.11.25 Parent workshop- Beacon 9.15am
- 25.11.25 - Year 4 Cinema Trip
- 25.11.25 Rec-Year 6 Flu Jab
- 26.11.25 - Year 6 Cinema Trip
- 27.11.25 - Year 2 The Annunciation Liturgy
- 28.11.25 Non-uniform day (Chocolate donation)
- 4.12.25 - Year 3 Lead Advent Mass
- 5.12.25 - Year 1 The Visitation Liturgy 2.00
- 12.12.25 - Year 3 Advent Wreath Liturgy 2.00
- 16.12.25 Christmas Panto -school hall
- 18.12.25 Year 6 Lead Mass
- 18.12.25 - Year 4 Jesse Tree Liturgy 2.00



#### Non-Uniform day - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

On **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** children can wear their own clothes! We ask that parents bring in a donation of **chocolate** instead of the usual donation of £1. The chocolate will go towards our Christmas raffle.



#### Breakfast club

Please join us for Breakfast club everyday starting at 8am onwards! Your child can come through the school office, have a warm breakfast and then go straight to class once the gates open. It is completely **free** and open to Year 1-6.



#### Cold Weather

Wrap up warm!

During this week we have had a large number of children absent due to the increasing cold weather.



Attendance is **compulsory** for all children unless school notifies parents otherwise.

We have **school places** in Year 2, 3 and Reception. Please let others know about Holy Family

#### Extended leave

Over the last few weeks, I have received requests from parents for extended leave. Under no circumstances will I authorise periods of extended leave. We are actively working with the local authority to fine parents who are removing children from school for periods of extended leave.

*Our Virtues and Values are Learned and Wise Catholic Social Teaching is Solidarity and the Common Good.*

*Have a lovely weekend, God bless Mrs King*