



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back. I trust that you all had a lovely time with your children over the past few weeks—a number of the children have been keen to tell me about their exciting holiday experiences.

We had a lovely start to the school year yesterday morning. Fr Eduard joined us to celebrate Mass. We were also pleased to see a number of parishioners in attendance. Fr Eduard is looking forward to continuing his relationship with the school as he marks his third year as Parish Priest of Benfleet.

As the weather has not yet become autumnal, children can continue to wear their summer uniforms for the foreseeable future—we will inform you when everyone should come to school in winter uniform. Please, please, please ensure that your child comes to school with the correct uniform, clearly labelled with their name—children feel awkward when they are asked about incorrect uniform by staff members. Already, I have found a new cardigan on the gazebo that has no name on it, so I have been unable to return it to its owner.

Holy Family formally became an academy school on 1st September 2018. Our school is now part of the Assisi Catholic Trust (ACT) family of schools with: St Joseph's, Canvey; Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh; St Teresa's, Rochford; Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh; St Helen's, Westcliff; Sacred Heart, Southend; St George's, Shoebury; St Thomas More High School, Westcliff. There will be changes to the way all the schools are funded and governed. Mrs Gemma Ackred, Headteacher of St Thomas More High School will be ACT's chief accounting officer and Mr Frank McEvoy will be ACT's Chair of the Board of Trustees. Holy Family and all the other schools will retain local governing committees. Our current Chair of Governors is Mrs Julie Herridge.



***'Start doing what's necessary
then do what's possible
and suddenly you are doing the impossible'***

All the schools that have joined ACT have a long history of working together and, along with Bishop Alan, believe that the formation of ACT will help to secure the long-term future of Catholic education in South Essex.



Meet The Teacher Details of Meet The Teacher sessions can be found in the Diary Dates section below.

Mrs Elizabeth Lale RIP Mrs Lale who was a much loved teacher at Holy Family School died recently. Many people will remember her for inspiring in them a life-long love of music.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

First Holy Communion 2019 The Sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion at Holy Family and St Thomas More Churches, will commence in late September and this is open to children in school year 3 and above. The application packs are now available and the application form should be returned to the parish office at Holy Family Church by Wednesday, 19th September. A meeting for parents will take place after the 6pm Mass on Saturday, 22nd September.

Saint of the Week Monday (3rd September) was the feast day of St Gregory the Great (540-604). St Gregory was responsible for introducing much more singing into Catholic worship, something we still enjoy to this day at Holy Family. It was also St Gregory who sent St Augustine to England on a mission to bring the Catholic faith to our shores. That faith is still being lived out today in our school, our homes and our parish.



Thought for the week: *“Make me a channel of your peace.”* St Francis of Assisi

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Diary Dates

Monday 10th September

Y4 Meet The Teacher, 3.15pm

Wednesday 12th September

Y1 Meet The Teacher, 3.15pm

Thursday 13th September

Dahlicious Dress Up Day

Thursday 13th September

Y5 Meet The Teacher, 3.15pm

Monday 17th September

Y3 Meet The Teacher, 3.15pm

Wednesday 19th September

Evening Echo Reception Class Photo

Sunday 23 rd September	Family Mass (Harvest), Holy Family Church, 10.00am
Thursday 27 th September	Y6 trip to Walsingham House
Wednesday 10 th October	Judaism Day
Thursday 18 th October	St Thomas More High School Open Day
Thursday 19 th October	St Thomas More High School Open Day
Monday 22 nd October—Friday 26 th October	Autumn Half-term week
Tuesday 30 th October	Parental Consultation 3.30—6.00pm
Thursday 1 st November	Feast of All Saints Day
Thursday 1 st November	Parental Consultation 5.00—7.30pm
Friday 9 th November	Year 6 Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 11 th November	Family Mass (Remembrance), Holy Family Church, 10.00am
Thursday 22 nd November	EYFS/KS1 Mass, 9.30am
Monday 26 th November	Y5&6 Barnardo's Concert, Royal Albert Hall
Tuesday 27 th November	Year 1 Winter Games, Deanes School
Sunday 2 nd December	1 st Sunday of Advent
Thursday 6 th December	KS2 Walk to Church for Morning Mass & Rehearsal for KS2 Christmas Concert
Friday 7 th December	Dress Rehearsal Morning
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm (grandparents)
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm
Thursday 13 th December	KS2 Walk to Church for Morning Mass & Rehearsal for KS2 Christmas Concert
Thursday 13 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert, 7.00pm Holy Family Church
Tuesday 18 th December	Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Thursday 20 th December—Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 3 rd January 2019	Non Pupil Day
Friday 4 th January 2019	Non Pupil Day
Sunday 6 th January 2019	Feast of the Epiphany
Monday 7 th January 2019	Children return to school
Monday 11 th February—Friday 15 th	Y6 Danbury Residential Trip (tbc)
Monday 18 th February—Friday 22 nd February	Spring Half-term week
Monday 6 th April 2019—Monday 22 nd April	Easter Holidays
Sunday 14 th April 2019	Palm Sunday
Friday 19 th April 2019	Good Friday
Sunday 21 st April 2019	Easter Sunday
Tuesday 22 nd April 2019	Children return to school
Monday 6 th May 2019	Public Holiday—School Closed
Monday 13 th May—Friday 17 th May 2019	SATs week
Monday 27 th May—Friday 31 st May 2019	Summer Half-term week
Monday 3 rd June 2019	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 24 th July 2019	Last Day of School Year
Thursday 25 th July 2019	Summer Holidays Begin