

HFCS BULLETIN

Weekly bulletin for parents & carers

TIMETABLE: WEEK 2

Calendar

Monday 22nd September

SEND Surgery 3.15 - 4.15pm

Fairtrade fortnight begins



Tuesday 23rd September

Wednesday 24th September Jack Petchey Awards Nominations

Thursday 25th September Year 13 start of year parent meeting

Friday 26th September

Catholic Life Calendar

Catholic Life and Mission

21 September 2025 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

Luke 16:1-13 'You cannot serve God and money'

This week's Gospel concludes with three morals. The first encourages us to be prudent about the use of wealth.

Christians should always have an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. Finally, Jesus tells us that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

24 September - Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham
This feast celebrates the shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk, one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times. The lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by a vision of the Virgin Mary to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place.

Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for Us
Denise
Chaplaincy

"May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven."



Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the International Day of Peace, a time for us to pause and reflect on Christ's call: "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). At Holy Family, we pray for peace in our world, our communities, and in the hearts of all people.

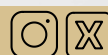
As a Catholic school, we encourage our students to live out the Gospel by being instruments of peace in their daily lives, showing kindness, forgiveness and love to those around them.

At Holy Family, we are reminded that peace begins with us – in our words, our actions and the way we treat one another. Rooted in our Catholic faith, we pray for peace in our homes, our school, our community and across the world, especially in places experiencing conflict.

Mrs Laws



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

A strong start

The term has got off to a fantastic start here at HFCS, with our girls' under-16 football team winning 4-2 against Kelmscott in their first match of the school year. Well done girls!

In Key Stage 3, our Power Hour homework booklets have now been rolled out across Years 7,8 and 9. We started this initiative last academic year and had very positive feedback from parents and teachers. We know that regular study has a positive impact on students' progress and attainment and that getting into good study habits in KS3 will lead to great outcomes in KS4, as we saw this summer with improved examination results across all subjects.

Exaltation of the Cross.

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. To this day, Catholics celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. Mr. Bird, Acting Head of RE, is pictured delivering our Celebration of the Word assemblies this week focused on this special feast.

Community safety

Parents/carers may be aware that there has been an increased police presence in the local area due to anti-social behaviour from groups of young adults in the vicinity of Sixth Form colleges in Walthamstow and Leyton. Our students were told in assembly on Friday morning to ensure that they do not become caught up in these incidents, by following some very simple rules - go straight home after school; do not hang about on the street waiting for friends; do not gather in groups. Our staff are always out and about at the end of the school day and we will continue to be in the area and at bus stops to make sure that our students get home safely.

Lockdown procedures and Martyn's Law

A new piece of legislation came into force this year that requires all venues that have capacity for large numbers of people (including schools) to have clear procedures in place to reduce the risk and impact of terrorist attacks. This means that all schools must now have a clear lockdown procedure in place. We have shared this information with students and have let them know that we will be practising our lockdown procedures next week. It is important that students know what to do in the event of an incident outside of the school as well as what to do if there is intrusion on school grounds. Please reassure your child that this is now part of all schools' safety procedures and that they must follow instructions from staff calmly and immediately.

In the event of a real incident, parents will receive a message informing that the school has locked down and asking them not to come to the school until they receive confirmation that the situation has been dealt with.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support of your child and our school. With all blessings,

Mrs Laws



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