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Parent Steering Group Feedback: Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined our **Parent Steering Group meeting on Friday, 6th February!** It was fantastic to hear your thoughtful ideas and receive such encouraging feedback about the work happening across the school. Your input is invaluable and helps us keep moving forward. We're excited to share some key highlights and the actions we're taking in response.

You said...	We did...
<p>Breakfast club: Are you considering free Breakfast Club as part of your offer at Holy Family.</p>	<p>Thank you for raising this question. At the moment, we are not considering offering a free Breakfast Club as part of our provision at Holy Family. However, we are closely monitoring national policy developments. If the Government introduces new statutory guidance or funding that requires schools to provide free breakfast provision, we will of course review our offer and ensure that we are fully compliant with any new expectations. For now, we will continue to keep parents updated should anything change at a national level that affects our breakfast club arrangements.</p>
<p>Uniform policy: Are you considering an update to the uniform policy?</p>	<p>Our School Council is currently working on a proposal regarding the uniform policy, and they are doing an excellent job gathering pupil voice and ideas. Their proposal will be shared with our Governing Body later in the Spring Term for review. At this stage, the aim of the school is to move towards having only three Holy Family-branded items within the uniform policy. Importantly, no new branded items will be introduced, so families will not incur any additional costs because of this review. We are committed to ensuring our uniform remains affordable, consistent, and reflective of our school identity, and we will keep all families informed as this work progresses.</p>
<p>Reception Parents Evening: Who will be leading the Parents Evening for Reception pupils?</p>	<p>Miss Berry works on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and as the Parents' Evening falls on one of her working days, she will be the member of staff attending and meeting with Reception parents.</p>
<p>Safety: Some parents are still parking on double yellow lines when they are late for pick-up or drop-off. This is causing dangerous conditions for the public and especially our pupils.</p>	<p>The safety of our pupils, families, and the wider community is our highest priority. We are aware that some parents continue to park on double yellow lines during drop-off and pick-up times, particularly when running late. Unfortunately, this creates unsafe conditions, including reduced visibility, traffic congestion, and increased risk for children crossing the road. We would like to remind all parents that double yellow lines are in place to keep the roads clear and safe, especially at busy times of the day. Parking in these areas, even briefly, puts pupils and other road users at risk. Please also be aware that the road outside the school will be subject to unannounced visits from parking enforcement officers, and penalties may be issued where parking restrictions are not followed. We are taking this matter seriously and will continue to reinforce safe parking expectations through regular communication. We also ask for your support in allowing a little extra time for drop-off and collection, using designated parking areas, or parking slightly further away and walking the remaining distance. By working together and setting a positive example, we can help ensure a safer environment for all our pupils and the local community.</p>
<p>Attendance: Are you authorising attendance for holidays and funerals?</p>	<p>Attendance is very important, and we follow national and local authority guidance when authorising absences. Holidays taken during term time are not authorised, as these have a negative impact on pupils' learning and progress. Absence for a funeral will be authorised on the day of the funeral, as we recognise the importance of family, cultural,</p>



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	<p>and religious commitments at such times. All requests for absence are considered on a case-by-case basis, and we encourage parents to speak with the school if they are unsure or need further guidance.</p>
<p>Homework: Can we request for homework books to be bigger or for homework to be kept in files?</p>	<p>Thank you for this suggestion. We recognise that, for some pupils, homework books can become full quickly or may not always be the most practical format. We are happy to explore sourcing larger homework books for September, and for some year groups, using folders to organise homework where this is more appropriate. This approach will help pupils present their work more clearly and allow teachers to provide more effective feedback. We will review this by year group to ensure any changes are age-appropriate, manageable for pupils, and consistent across classes. Parents will be informed once decisions have been finalised.</p>
<p>Forest School: Will Key Stage 2 pupils have an opportunity to have Forest School in our Woodlands area?</p>	<p>Thank you for your question. Our Outdoor Learning (Forest School-style) area is a new initiative that we have introduced this year and is currently being delivered with Reception pupils. At this early stage, the focus is on embedding the programme successfully, ensuring it is well-resourced, safe, and developmentally appropriate for our youngest learners. For this reason, the initiative will remain in Reception for the time being. In addition, we have begun an exciting partnership project with pupils from Salesian School, who visit our Outdoor Learning area once a month. The aim of this project is to support pupils' transition to secondary school by providing positive role models, building confidence, and helping pupils develop familiarity with older students in a supportive and informal environment. This helps to reduce anxiety and encourages aspiration as pupils move towards the next stage of their education. While Key Stage 2 pupils will not yet have access to Forest School sessions in the Woodlands area, we will continue to review the programme as it develops, with a view to potential expansion in the future.</p>
<p>Athlete visit: We loved the visit from Kelly Murphy, however the sponsorship form expected a lot from families and put a lot of pressure on families.</p>	<p>Thank you for your feedback regarding the visit from Kelly Murphy. We are pleased to hear that families enjoyed the experience and appreciate you sharing your concerns about the sponsorship form. It was never our intention to place additional financial pressure on families, and we are sorry that this was how the sponsorship request felt for some. We fully recognise that families' circumstances vary, and we want fundraising activities to feel inclusive and manageable for everyone. Moving forward, we will review how these events are organised and will look at raising funds on a class basis rather than per family, helping to reduce individual pressure while still allowing pupils to benefit from enrichment opportunities.</p>
<p>Learning Support Assistants: Will you recruit 2 Learning Support Assistants to replace Mrs. Troll and Mrs. Inwood.</p>	<p>Yes, we are actively recruiting to fill the two Learning Support Assistant positions following the departure of Mrs. Troll and Mrs. Inwood. The vacancies are currently advertised on our school website, and we are working hard to attract suitable candidates. While we are keen to appoint, we will only proceed if we find the right candidates, as our pupils deserve the very best support. Ensuring high-quality provision for our children remains our priority, and we will not compromise on this.</p>
<p>Headteacher: Can we find out more about the new Headteacher?</p>	<p>Mrs Spacagna will be visiting the school on several occasions between now and September to begin getting to know our pupils, staff, and wider school community. She is also attending Governing Body meetings and subject to availability, we are hopeful that she will be able to spend additional days with us during the Summer Term. In the meantime, we are involving pupils in the process by asking the School Council to interview Mrs Spacagna. This will give pupils the opportunity to ask questions and help them feel involved and excited about the transition. Once the interview has taken place, we will share it with parents via the school newsletter. We look forward to introducing Mrs Spacagna more fully over the coming months and will continue to keep parents updated.</p>
<p>Music: Will Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Cowgill be sharing Music teaching in the foreseeable future?</p>	<p>Yes, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Cowgill will be sharing the teaching of Music in the foreseeable future. This collaborative approach has been carefully planned to provide greater consistency for the Year 4 class, ensuring that Mrs Hunter is teaching her Year 4 pupils for the majority of the time. Sharing Music teaching allows us to maintain continuity in the classroom while also making effective use of staff expertise. This arrangement supports both high-quality Music provision and the overall learning experience for Year 4 pupils.</p>



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<p>Trips: Are there any other day trips planned for this year?</p>	<p>Yes, teaching staff will be sharing an update with their individual classes shortly outlining any trips and visits planned for the remainder of the academic year. This will include relevant details to help families plan ahead. We aim to ensure that trips are meaningful, age-appropriate, and linked to the curriculum, and we will communicate further information as soon as arrangements are finalised.</p>
<p>Swimming: Will Year 6 pupils have Swimming lessons this year?</p>	<p>Year 6 pupils will not be taking part in swimming lessons this year. We will continue with our existing swimming provision for Year 3 to Year 5 pupils, as offered last year. Current Year 6 pupils did participate in swimming lessons last year and therefore have already had the opportunity to develop their swimming skills. This year, swimming would fall during a particularly busy and important period for Year 6, including preparations for the Leavers' Assembly, Leavers' Mass, and the Year 6 production. As a result, every available minute will be needed to support these key end-of-year activities and ensure pupils are fully prepared.</p>
<p>Ofsted: When will we find out more about the outcome of the school's recent inspection?</p>	<p>We received the draft inspection report from Ofsted last week. At this stage, the report is going through Ofsted's quality assurance process, and we are not permitted to share any details until it has been finalised and formally published. What we <i>can</i> share is that we are extremely pleased with the outcome of the inspection. While the inspection framework has changed since our last inspection in 2019, the overall outcome reflects an even stronger position for the school, which is a real credit to our pupils, staff, and wider school community. As soon as the final report is published by Ofsted, we will share it with parents and carers without delay.</p>

Our next Steering Group meeting will be **Friday 8th May, 2pm**. If you have feedback, please share it with your class rep, and for any urgent matters, feel free to come and see me. Thank you for your continued support and for walking this journey with us - it truly makes a difference.

Warm regards,

Mrs Munnik
Headteacher