



HOLY NAME

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school and the children have been working exceptionally hard in all lessons across school.

Yesterday, we welcomed a number of colleagues from across our Trust who came to quality assure the work that we do here at Holy Name. This was a very busy day which scrutinised teaching and learning, enrichment, inclusion, behaviour and so much more. A number of pupils were spoken to by our visitors who talked to them about their love of learning and the pride in being a pupil here at Holy Name. Our children were brilliant – they spoke with confidence and ease to our visitors – so much so that it cost me 900 house points in rewards! The day was very successful and we will begin to put any minor recommendations we were given into action.

Tomorrow is our pumpkin patch – thank you to our volunteers who have been busy buying pumpkins and preparing for the event. It is always such a wonderful day, and we cannot wait to see you. Please remember bacon and sausage sandwiches are available to buy during the event. We are also very pleased to welcome Isabelle Stewardson back to sing during the sessions.

Next week is parents evening and we expect parents to arrive on time for their appointments. You are welcome to visit classes before or after your appointment to view your child's exercise books. There will also be an opportunity to complete a questionnaire based on the Catholic Life and Mission of the school. This is very important and we hope you can share your views on the evening.

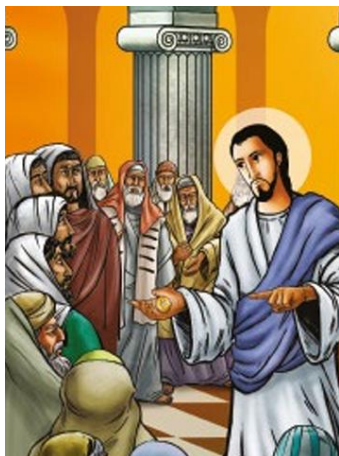
I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families. A reminder, next Friday is closed to all pupils as it is an INSET day for teachers and support staff.

God Bless

Mr J M Gibbons

Headteacher

Spiritual Reflection - Matthew 22:15-21 The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' enemies are plotting his downfall and try to trick him with a devious question about paying taxes. If Jesus says they should pay, it means that he accepts the Roman Emperor, and not God, as his ultimate boss. If he says they shouldn't pay, he can be attacked for being disloyal to the Roman Empire. But then Jesus follows up with a real clincher: 'Pay to the Emperor what is due to the Emperor and pay to God what is due to God!' This Gospel story also asks us: 'What is due to God in our own lives?' Surely 'our gratitude' would be a good answer to this question. Being grateful to God brings great joy. There are many blessings in life – let's not just take them for granted.

*Dear Lord Jesus,
thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Help us to be always
grateful to you and to show our gratitude by loving those around us.
Amen.*

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The School Office

The school office is a very busy place! Mrs Flynn and Mrs Devlin work tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the day-to-day processes that is required to help school function. From next week, the school office will be closed **every Thursday between 10am and 12noon**. During this time, the team will be busy holding meetings, planning and preparing events and schedules without interruption. I appreciate there may be an odd emergency during these times, but where possible, please use the office email during this time and not the telephone lines. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter – I will feedback in a couple of weeks to let you know how it is going.

Team Building

This week our Year 6 children attended a team building activity at Roundhay High School organised by Leeds Well School Partnership. They had a fabulous afternoon and were challenged in a number of ways, but with the key focus of working together. Some of the activities they had to complete were:

- The floor is lava
- Free the tennis ball
- Four-sided maze games
- The guttering game

Thank you to Mrs Barker who organised and attended the event.



The Media Museum



On Tuesday, our Year 6 children visited the Bradford Medium Museum. They had a great day exploring the science behind light and travel. After speaking with the children when they came back, they told me all about the different activities they completed including recapping the knowledge of space, but also how light rays can be distorted to create optical illusions.

"I really enjoyed when I was given a metal straw on a spring and I had to bite down on it. Once I covered my ears, I could hear the song that was playing!"

Leeds Children's Mayor

Congratulations to Mutumwa who was nominated to be the Leeds Children Mayor. This is a massive achievement to be selected into the final 12 from across the entire city. We are very proud of him. Whilst he may not be the new mayor for the city, Mrs Watson and I have invited him to our next Senior Leaders meeting to discuss his ideas, and how we can roll this out across school.

Harvest Festival

Next Thursday is our Harvest Festival! This will take place in church and begin at 9.00 am. We would love to fill the sanctuary with food gifts which will then be distributed to the neediest in our community via the SVP and the Salvation Army. Donations of food can be brought in from Monday – these can be tinned foods, pasta, sauces etc nothing that goes out of date quickly. For every item donated, the children will receive a house point.

Please can I ask that no drinks and take away coffees are brought in to church – Jesus is very much present in the tabernacle and should be treated with the respect and reverence he deserves.

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93%	95%	98%	99%	10%	99%	99%

Lizard Reading

Thank you for the large number of photographs that were sent in for the reading challenge last week. It is wonderful to see the level of engagement between home and school. This week's challenge is **meerkat**.



House Points

St George	St Andrew	St Patrick	St David
569	785	575	585

Our Safeguarding Team



Mr Gibbons
DSL



Mrs Watson
DDSL



Mr Stewardson
DDSL



Miss Godfrey
DDSL



Mrs Harrington
DDSL



Mrs Flynn
DDSL

Key Dates

20 th Oct	Parents Evening Day 1	3 rd Nov	Year 2 Educational Visit	24 th Nov	Year 6 Educational Visit
21 st Oct	Open Day – Reception 2027 (9.30am & 1.30pm)	4 th Nov	Open Day – Reception 2027 (9.30 am & 1.30pm)	30 th Nov	St Andrew's House – wear blue
22 nd Oct	Parents Evening Day 2	5 th Nov	Open Day – Reception 2027 (5.00pm)	1 st Dec	
	Harvest in Church (followed by GWA)			3 rd Dec	IEP Reviews
23 rd Oct	School Closed for INSET Day	9 th Nov	Individual Photos	3 rd Dec	Reconciliation Service
2 nd Nov	School Opens	16 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	4 th Dec	Creative RE morning with St Mary's (Y3-6)
	Flu Immunisation				

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



YUM!

	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.

