

Y5 & Y6 Music Showcase:

Y5 and Y6 delighted parents with their God-given musical gifts last Monday! Y5 treated parents to a rendition of 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' and Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer', alongside the glockenspiels.

Y6 performed 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and 'If you ever need a Friend' by James Taylor & Carole King, alongside their recorders. A fun afternoon was had by all. Well done!



Glee Club Performance:

Well done to our fantastic Glee Club choir who performed during our celebration assembly on Friday 11th July. They did an amazing job! Thank you to all of the parents who joined us.

Y6 'Healthy Burgers' DT Project:

Children in Y6 have been designing, making and taste testing in readiness for their BBQ on Friday! The children have tried to focus on the nutritional value of ingredients and taste in an effort to be as healthy as possible!



Talent Show 2.0:

Our talent show entrants, who won their class heats, performed for the whole school on Wednesday – following on from their fantastic performances at our recent PTA summer fayre. The superb acts were as follows:

Y6: Aidan, Hasnain & Connor singing and dancing to 'Careless Whisper'

Y5: Arabella & Amria – Magic Show

Y4: Arlo & Oscar – Thai Boxing Demo

Y3: Xyannah, dancing to 'I want you back'

Y2: Christabel, Evie & Valentine singing to 'How far I'll go'

Y1: Lyla dancing to 'Green, green grass'



Uniform Donations:

Thank you to all of the parents who have donated uniform for the pre-loved uniform stall. We are overwhelmed with your generosity. We currently have plenty of jumpers, cardigans, shorts skirts and trousers.

However, Miss Edmunds and Mrs Berry are kindly requesting any **yellow polo shirts** to be donated for the pre-loved uniform stall as we do not have many of those in stock!

If you can donate any yellow polo-shirts that you will no longer be using, then we would be extremely grateful. Please bring them to the school office where they will be gratefully received.



School Places Available:

We have school places available across our classes in school.

Please contact the school office or apply for a place via Sandwell LA:

[Apply for a school place | Sandwell Council](#)



I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL PARENTS OF THESE ITEMS IN PREPARATION FOR SEPTEMBER:

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note: if you are unsure whether any item that you have purchased meets the requirements of our School Uniform Policy, then please check with the headteacher before giving an item to your child to wear to school. Our School Uniform Policy can be viewed in full on our school website.

FOOTWEAR:

Black sturdy, flat soled shoes without 'open toes' and suitable for all weathers (shoe heels should be less than 1.5 inches)

Shoes should not feature any branded logos, stripes or ticks even if they are all black.

Trainers (including black), **crocs** or other similar forms of footwear **are not permitted** or appropriate as these items of footwear are not in keeping with the smart appearance of our school uniform.

CLOTHING:

All **polo shirts**, **sweatshirts** and **cardigans** should be **emblazoned** with the Holy Name **school badge**.

Children are to attend school in / with the following items, in a clean and good condition:

- Light grey trousers or shorts (with '**inner**' **pockets only** – no 'combat trouser' style outer pockets) or
- Skirt or pinafore dress (no 'playsuits')

* N.B. '**Playsuits**' are not allowed as these require disrobing in order to use the toilet.

JEWELLERY:

Ear studs will need to be removed for PE and swimming activities. Staff are not permitted to remove or fit studs in ears, this must be done independently by the child. If this is not possible, plasters or tape, **provided from home**, can be applied.

We do not allow headwear to be worn during class time or inside school buildings, except for religious or medical reasons. However, caps and hats are actively encouraged for sun protection and winter hats may be worn when it is appropriate to do so.

Hair should be kept neat and tidy with **longer hair tied back**, plaited or in a 'bun'.

More extreme haircuts, including irregular shaving of the head, bright colouring or patterns are not appropriate. If your child has such hairstyles, it is expected that they will be allowed to 'grow out' and not be re cut or coloured.

You should provide your child with a **labelled water bottle** in order for them to stay hydrated during the school day.

The only 'snacks' that are allowed to be brought into school are **fresh fruit**. No other snacks are permitted.

Please do not provide your children with any items which contain **bones** e.g. chicken wings, chicken thighs etc. as there is a risk of choking on such items.

Some of the children at our school have severe nut allergies. For this reason, Holy Name is a nut-free school.

Term Dates 2025-26:

Pupils will return to school after the summer holiday on **Tuesday 2nd September**. We will be closed to pupils for training days on these dates (further dates to be advised):

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Friday 12th September 2025
- Monday 20th July 2026

2025-26	Term starts:	Half Term Holiday:	Term Ends:
Autumn	Monday 1 st September Tuesday 2nd September for pupils	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st November	Friday 19 th December
Spring	Monday 5 th January	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	Friday 27 th March
Summer	Monday 13 th April	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Friday 17 th July (for pupils) Monday 20 th July (for staff)

Yours sincerely

A. Neenan

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

Mass at Holy Name Church:

Saturday 12.30pm

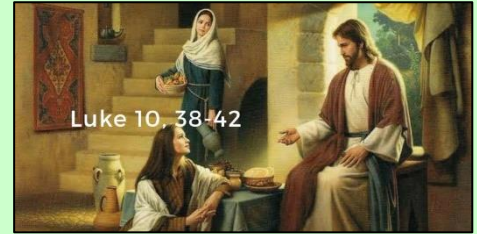
Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

In this Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus is welcomed into the house of a woman called Martha. Martha has a sister called Mary who is pleased to see Jesus and immediately sits down to hear him speak.



Martha is busy with tasks.

Perhaps she is getting Jesus a drink, making him some food, making sure he has everything he needs.

Why is Martha cross with Mary and what does she say to Jesus?

Martha wants Mary to do some of these jobs too and she asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her.

How does Jesus reply to Martha?

Jesus tells Martha that Mary is doing the right thing, by taking time to sit and listen to him.

What does this story teach you about listening to Jesus?

When should we be busy and when should we be quiet?

Both are important in our lives, but we need to get the balance right.

Our Catholic Mission:

This week make some time for God. When you have made some time for God, then make some time for doing what God asks of us, treating all people with kindness, generosity, love and respect.

How will you make time to listen to God this week?

Prayer:

Christ our Lord,
open our ears to listen to your word in this quiet moment.
(Pause in silence for a few moments)
May we turn to you with helping hands and hearts ready to love.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy