



"My soul glorifies the Lord" Luke 1:46

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Dear Parents and Carers,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025-2026

We are now making preparations to begin this year's sacramental programme and we would like to invite the children in Years 3 & 4 who wish to make their First Holy Communion. Any children in Year 5 & 6 who may have missed making their First Holy Communion are also welcome to take part. By enrolling on this programme, we expect both the children and parents to attend relevant sessions as listed below:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tues 4 th November 2025	4:30pm	Parents' Meeting re. Sacramental Preparation Programme	School
Sun 16 th November 2025	10:30am	FHC Enrolment Mass	St Mary's Chapel
Week Commencing 23 rd February	3:15-4pm	FHC classes begin	School
Tues 24 th March 2026	6:30pm	First Forgiveness	St Mary's Chapel
Sat 16 th May 2026	12:00pm	First Holy Communion	St Mary's Chapel
Wed 20 th May 2026	9:15am	May Procession	School

- Children need to have been either baptised or formally received into the Roman Catholic Church to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
- For a child to be baptised or received into the Roman Catholic Church, one parent must be a baptised Catholic or be willing to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter.
- If your child has not been baptised in the Catholic Church and you would like them to take part in this year's programme, please ensure that they are baptised as soon as possible (contact Fr Francis on 01260 273314).
- Should you wish to take more time with this decision, your child is welcome to take part in this programme next year or any year thereafter.

Mrs Burrows, Miss Small and Mr Merrick will be preparing the children this year and will be teaching the children in weekly sessions after school (3.15pm–4pm) starting week commencing 23rd February (day to be confirmed) up to and including the week of the First Holy Communion.

We will be asking for a contribution of £20 towards the costs of the book, flowers and the breakfast celebration after the Mass; this will be added to your Arbor account once numbers are confirmed. If the cost will cause you financial hardship, please contact the school office.

For your child to take part, please can reply via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TRmHTssDOF>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ring the school office.

Yours sincerely

Amy Butterfield
Headteacher