



## Project first Holy Communion (Dutch abbreviation EHC) 2024-2025

Dear parents,

In this document you will find an overview of the EHC project and also a calendar with all the dates. We hope you will note these dates down and keep them free. Generally, it involves 1 Sunday morning per month, with the exception of Holy Week (the week before Easter). In addition, the children have home assignments. The preparation takes place in St Willibrorduskerk (Kerkstraat 77, Wassenaar). The programme will be further explained during the parents' evening (on 23 September at 20.00).

We look forward to setting out with your child and you towards the First Holy. Communion.

Warm greetings,

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### Structure of EHC project

The preparation for First Holy. Communion consists of a varied programme consisting of five components:

#### 1. *Celebrate the liturgical year*

- This part of the project is a very concrete way to get started towards First Communion, at least as important as the chapters of the book, if not more important. In this way, children experience it.
- Experiencing the Church year is done by participating in the 9.30am Eucharist (Holy Mass) at St Willibrordus Church (Kerkstraat 77) on the monthly family Sundays. There are then two Children's Word Services (KWD): one for children from group 1 to group 4 and one for children from group 4 and above. You are welcome with the whole family, so other children can also join in the children's word service. Afterwards, we will drink coffee, tea and lemonade together and there will be a craft or play activity for the children.
- Family celebration on Christmas.
- During Holy Week
  - Decorating and taking away the Palm Cross; through this the children participate concretely in the diaconal ministry of the church.
  - The Stations of the Cross for parents and children.

#### 2. *Activities with the parents*

- There are two parents' evenings.
- There is one family catechesis where parents have their own programme (see also under 4).

- Furthermore, there is always at least 1 parent at the Eucharistic celebrations mentioned under 1.

### **3. *Special celebrations***

- The “proposal celebration” in which communicants introduce themselves to the church.
- A moment of repentance together with parents & general rehearsal: here children and parents are invited to the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession).
- The EHC celebration (22 June 2025).
- A return celebration in September 2025.

### **4. *Catechesis meetings***

- Six book-based catechesis meetings. These meetings are numbered in the activity summary as EHC 1, EHC 2, etc.
- One catechesis meeting as part of the central family catechesis (9 February 2024). Here you will also meet the families of the other churches from parish H. Augustinus (Katwijk, Oegstgeest, Voorschoten). As parents, you are expected to participate in special catechesis for parents. The latter is not only fun and refreshing to do, but also important; experience shows that when parents deepen their own faith, it is supportive of their children's faith.

### **5. *Assistent misdienaar zijn***

- Each communicant is assigned once as an assistant altar boy/girl. This is done in pairs and they are accompanied by an experienced altar boy. They are also given a short instruction before Mass. This way, they can experience the whole Mass and especially the moment of Consecration from very close up.

### **6. *Diaconate for kids***

- These projects are a mix of (home) catechesis for the children and diaconate (caritas) at the child level. Both givers and receivers experience joy in them. Thus, communicants experience in a concrete way that the Church is a network of love. These projects are done at home and take place during Advent, Holy Week and the Marian month of May.



## Data project First Holy Communion (EHC) school year 2024-2025

- **Please note** these dates; we assume participation in all activities.
- If siblings can also participate, this is listed. This is by choice.
- Preparation: May we ask you to practise the Lord's Prayer with your child? A good tool for this is this video: <http://bit.ly/rkkids-het-onze-vader>.
- *In red and italics are activities that are not among the compulsory parts of the project, but to which communicants and their families (parents, siblings) are welcome.*

<b>September 2024</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun. 8 September	09.30 -11.00	Family Sunday with kwd Blessing of schoolbags	WIW
Ma. 23 September	20.00 -21.30	Parents' evening	Sloep
<b>October 2024</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun. 6 October	09.30 -10.45	Family Sunday with kwd	WIW
	10.45 -12.00	EHC catechesis 1	
<i>Zon. 13 oktober</i>	<i>08.30 -17.00</i>	<i>Musical day Koemi</i>	<i>Katwijk</i>
<b>November 2024</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun. 10 November	09.30 -10.45	Family Sunday with kwd	WIW
	10.45 -12.00	EHC catechesis 2 Photos for poster.	
<b>December 2024</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun. 1 December	Project	Start diaconate Advent angels	Home
<i>Sun. 1 December</i>	<i>09.30 -11.45</i>	<i>Parochial family catechesis Katwijk</i>	
Sun. 8 December	09.30 -11.00	Family Sunday with kwd	WIW
Dins. 24 December	18.30*-19.30	Christmascelebration	WIW
		<i>* Please note: this time has changed!!!</i>	
<b>January 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun. 12 January	09.30 -10.45	Family Sunday with kwd	WIW
	10.45 -12.00	EHC catechesis 3	
<b>February 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun. 9 February	09.30 -11.45	Parochial family catechesis Wassenaar	WIW
<b>March 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Sun. 9 March	9.30 -11.45	Family Sunday with kwd Presentation Communicants	WIW
	10.45 -12.00	EHC catechesis 4	
<i>Sun. 23 March</i>	<i>10.00 -12.00</i>	<i>Parochial family catechesis Oegstgeest</i>	

<b>April 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Fri. 11 April	15.15 -16.30	Decorating Palm Crosses	Sloep
Sun. 13 April	9.30 -10.45	Palm Sunday	WIW
	10.45 -12.00	EHC catechesis 5	
Fri. 18 April	15.00 -15.45	Good Friday: Way of the Cross	WIW
Sun. 20 April	09.30 -10.45	High celebration of Easter*	WIW
* During part of the Holy Mass, the children have their own mini celebration of Easter.			
<b>May 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Mariamonth	Project	Kidsdiaconie Diaconate for children 'Burn and bring a candle'	Home
Sun. 11 May	09.30 -10.45	Family Sunday with kwd	WIW
	10.45 -12.00	EHC catechesis 6	
Monday 12 May	20.00 – 21.30	EHC Parents' evening 2	WIW
<i>Sun. 25 May</i>	<i>10.00 -12.00</i>	<i>Parochial family catechesis Voorschoten</i>	
<b>June 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
Friday 20 June	15.00-17.00	General rehearsal * and confession <i>*Minimum 1 parent must be present.</i>	
Sun. 22 June	09.30	Celebration First H. Communion	WIW
Sun. 29 June	09.30 -12.00	Family Sunday with kwd Kerkpleinfeest* <i>**We ask parents of communicants to help with this.</i>	WIW
<b>July 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activiteit</b>	<b>Place</b>
<i>13 July</i>	<i>11.00 -13.30</i>	<i>Parochial family celebration Picnic &amp; vehicle blessing</i>	<i>DGH</i>

### **Abbreviations**

*EHC 1, EHC 2 etc:*

Refers to catechesis meeting from the book (see explanation under programme section 4)

*KWD:*

Kinderwoorddienst (=Children's Word Service) (see explanation under programme part 1)

*WIW:*

Sint Willibrorduskerk (Kerkstraat 77, Wassenaar)

*Sloep:*

Annexe WIW (attached to church)