



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Spring Term, Issue 3 — Friday 9 February 2024

The theme of our prayers:

I understand that simple things can make me happy

Important Dates and Events

Monday 19 February 2024 - First day of half term – school open

Monday 19 February 2024 – Eat them to defeat them starts for 6 weeks

Tuesday 20 February 2024 - Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena

Wednesday 21 February 2024 – Y5 Parent Craft Afternoon 1.30pm in school

Thursday 22 February 2024 – Y5/6 football @ Worsbrough Common Primary School 3.45pm – parents are welcome

Friday 23 February 2024 - Y3 Ball skills @ RITC – parents are welcome

Tuesday 27 February 2024 – Year 5 Vocal workshop in school

Wednesday 28 February 2024 – Y5/Y6 Football @ Holy Rood v Joseph Locke, 3.45pm – parents are welcome

Friday 1 March 2024 - Y5 at Horizon CC - Science workshop

Tuesday 5 March 2024 – Book Fair arrives in school

Wednesday 6 March 2024 – Y6 trip to the theatre

Wednesday 6 March 2024 – Children to visit Book Fair

Thursday 7 March 2024 – World Book Day – Dress as a letter

Thursday 7 March 2024 – Special Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Menu for lunch

Friday 8 March 2024 – Year 3 Colour run at Horizon CC – no parents at this

Friday 8 March 2024 – Book fair open – see below

Monday 11 March 2024 – Book fair open – see below

Friday 15 March 2024 – Active Fusion Festival of Sport Y2 and Y4

Tuesday 19 March 2024 – Parents Evening

Thursday 21 March 2024 – Parent Evening

Friday 22 March 2024 – Y3/4 Cross Country @ Horizon CC – no parents at this

Monday 25 March 2024 – Palm Sunday Liturgy in the School hall – Year 4 to lead – parents welcome 2.45 pm start

Tuesday 26 March 2024 – Pre-Loved uniform sale 3.00pm

Thursday 28 March 2024 – Last Supper Liturgy Led by Year 2 in the School Hall – 2.45pm start – parents welcome

Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	91.4%
Year 1	92.0%
Year 2	95.6%
Year 3	94.2%
Year 4	94.9%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	96.5%
SCHOOL TOTAL	93.8%

We have had a lot of illness over the last 2 weeks. Hopefully everyone will be fit and well after our break! Year 6 are the winners this week.

School Holidays 2023/2024

Easter Holidays – Friday 29 March 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024

May Half Term – Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 7 June 2024

Summer Holidays – break up Friday 19 July 2024

Inset days 2024

Friday 7 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

School Holidays 2024/2025

October Half Term – Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2024

Christmas Holidays – Monday 23 December 2024 – Friday 3 January 2025

February Half Term – Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2025

Easter Holidays – Friday 18 March – Friday 25 April 2025

May Half Term – Monday 26 May 2025 – Friday 6 June 2025

Advanced notice of important assessment dates 2023/24

Y1 Phonics will take place from Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2024

Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place from Monday 10 June until Friday 14 June 2024

Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024

Tesco blue tokens

If you shop at Tesco Extra, Stairfoot please could you (and your family, friends, neighbours and whoever else you can ask) collect blue tokens and either drop them in our section in store or bring them to school and we will drop them off on your behalf? Voting for our Project will commence from Mid-January 2024 until the end of March 2024.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500, the second-place project £1,000 and the third-place project £500. We will use this money to purchase reading sheds for our playground to further enhance our reading culture.

Parents Evening – advanced notice

Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 19 March, 3.45pm – 5.45pm and Thursday 21 March 3.45pm – 7.15pm. Emails will be sent after February half term so that you can book your slot. Thank you

World Book Day/Book Fair

The book fair will be arriving on Wednesday 6th March. The children will get the opportunity, during school hours, to visit the Book Fair and make a wish list of books they are interested in. The last opportunity to purchase a book will be on Monday 11th March.

The book fair will be open for purchases on:

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| • Thursday 7 th March | 8.15 to 8.45am | and | 3.30pm |
| • Friday 8 th March | 8.15 to 8.45am | and | 3.30pm |
| • Monday 11 th March | 8.15 to 8.45am | and | 3.30pm |

On Thursday 7th March we will be dressing as a word to celebrate world book day and will also be having a separate themed menu!

School text /messages

We noticed yesterday that some parents said they were not receiving text messages. Please can you check that we have your up to date mobile number and that your App notifications are turned on? Thank you.

Leave of Absence

There are updates on changes to fines that the Local Authority issue for unauthorised holidays and/or absences during term time.

In line with Government and Local Authority Guidance, from January 2024, if a child takes leave of absence in term time, **both parents/carers** can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £60 each.

With immediate effect the following amendments have been made to the process, and will apply to any unauthorised absence from January 2024 onwards:

- Where a child(ren) is absent for 5 days or more, both parents/carers with parental responsibility may be issued separately with a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine), per child.
- If you go ahead with a leave of absence when unauthorised, you may receive a Penalty Notice issued by the Local Authority. This penalty will be £60 per child if paid within 21days; payment after this time but within 28 days is £120.
 - For example, if 2 children are absent for an unauthorised holiday, both parent/carers may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per child, therefore each parent receiving a fine of £120. A total penalty of £240 for the absence (if paid within 21 days), raising to £480 if paid within the 28 days.

- Failure to pay a Fixed Penalty Notice will render you liable to criminal proceedings in the Magistrates Court under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996.
- Where more than one holiday during term time is taken, a fine for each holiday may be issued.
- When a child is under a period of exclusion from school, a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued if your child is seen in a public place during the period of exclusion, during school hours.

Attendance/Appointments

If your child has an appointment, you should let the office have a copy of the letter/text/email as soon as possible **before** the appointment. We can then mark your child's absence accordingly. Without evidence of the appointment, an unauthorised absence mark will be given.

In addition, please remember that you should ring, text or email school to let us know if your child is going to be absent and why. We cannot accept 'unwell' or 'feeling ill' as we need to know if there is an outbreak of a particular illness within a class that may need reporting to Public Health.

Medication in School

Just a reminder that we cannot give any medicines to a child which has not been prescribed. We need to see evidence of the prescription (eg label on either the box or the bottle or the prescription itself).

If medication has been prescribed 4 times per day, a yellow medical form must also be completed before the medicine is administered by school.

We **will not** give medication to pupils that is only prescribed for 3 times per day.

School Crossing – advanced notice

Please note that there will be no school crossing patrol on Racecommon Road on the following dates:

24th May 2024

22nd July 2024