



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 4 — Friday 27 October 2023

The theme of our prayers:

As the seasons change, gods beauty is everywhere

Important Dates and Events

Friday 27 October 2023 – School closes for half term at 3.30pm

Monday 6 November 2023 – school reopens for children

Wednesday 8 November 2023 – 3.45pm Girls Football v JLPS – parents are welcome to watch

Wednesday 8 November 2023 – deadline for Christmas Card orders

Thursday 9 November 2023 – Y6 Height and Weight

Thursday 9 November 2023 – 2.45pm Phonics meeting for parents of Y2 children upwards who are still on RWI

Friday 10 November 2023 – Flu Vaccinations in school

Friday 10 November 2023 – Y3 Orienteering on the school field

Monday 13 November 2023 – Anti – Bullying Week – Wear odd socks to school with your school uniform

Friday 17 November 2023 – Non-Uniform day – bring an item of chocolate for the tombola

Tuesday 21 November 2023 – Individual School Photographs from 8.30am

Tuesday 21 November 2023 – Parents Evening 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Thursday 23 November 2023 – Parents Evening 3.45pm – 7.15pm

Friday 24 November 2023 – Non-Uniform day – bring a bottle for the tombola

Wednesday 29 November 2023 – Y1/2 Author Event in school

Friday 1 December 2023 – Non-Uniform – £1 donation for Bethlehem Hospice and Care Trust

Friday 1 December 2023 – Y5/6 Athletics at RITC – 1.15pm

Tuesday 5 December 2023 – Y6 to Crucial Crew

Thursday 7 December 2023 – 2pm Christmas Fair

Friday 8 December 2023 – Some children to visit MOTO as part of our fundraising campaign

Tuesday 12 December 2023 – Emergency Services Museum to visit Nursery/F2/Y1 and Y2 in school

Wednesday 13 December 2023 – 2.45pm Christingle Service led by Y3 in the school hall. Parents are welcome.

Thursday 14 December 2023 – Non-Uniform - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Monday 18 December 2023 – 10am Christmas Mass at Holy Rood Church, led by Y5. Parents are welcome

Tuesday 19 December 2023 – 4pm Carols around the tree for staff, children and families

Last week's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	95.0
Year 1	94.8
Year 2	94.4
Year 3	90.4
Year 4	97.3
Year 5	96.9
Year 6	99.1
SCHOOL TOTAL	95.3

Congratulations Year 4, this week's winners as they were in school!

Inset days 2022/2023

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 July 2023

School Holidays 2023/2024

October Half Term – Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November 2023

Christmas Holidays – Friday 22 December 2023 – Friday 5 January 2024

February Half Term – Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 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 2023/2024

Monday 4 September 2023

Tuesday 5 September 2023

Friday 22 December 2023

Friday 7 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

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

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Mr McInerney and his wife Emma, who have welcomed their son Oliver into the world this week. Mummy and baby Oliver are doing well and we look forward to meeting him soon and welcoming him to the Holy Rood family.

Year 6 Height and Weight

The School Nursing Team will be in school to complete the Height and Weight measurements of our Y6 children on Thursday 9 November.

School Uniform

Please remember after the October half term that Summer uniform can no longer be worn. It's time to get the winter uniform out!

Flu Vaccinations – Please note change of date!

Nasal flu vaccinations will be offered to all children at school from Reception to Year 6 on 10th November 2023. Please complete a **Flu consent form** as soon as possible using the link below and the school code. Vaccines will not be given without the consent of parent or legal guardian. **If you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please still complete the form and say NO.**

www.barnsleysais.co.uk and School code: **BN106632**

Attendance/Appointments

If your child has an appointment, you should let the office have a copy of the letter/text/email 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.

Supervision of your children

We are seeing an increasing number of children being dropped off at the school gate and then proceeding to run around before the doors to the classroom open. Please note that Nursery and Reception doors open at 8.45am and the rest of school open their doors at 8.50am. Thank you

Football Kit – Sponsorship

We are in need of new football kits for our teams, we would like to see if any families or local businesses would like to sponsor our team. The kit would show the business name on both our home and away kits. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Mrs Cook in the school office.

School Crossing – advanced notice

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

27th October 2023

9th February 2024

24th May 2024

22nd July 2024

Parents Evening F2 - Y6

Please see the dates on the first page of the Parents Evening for F2 – Y6. You will receive an email with the link to book your appointment after half term. We will assume that you would like a face-to-face appointment unless you request a telephone appointment.

Amazon Wishlist

Due to a leak in our school library, some of our books have been damaged and therefore we have added a few more to our Amazon wishlist. There is no expectation for a contribution but if you would like to purchase a book on our behalf, we would be very grateful.

Please see below for the link

<https://amzn.eu/gW01ELw>

F1/F2

Please remember that our F1 (Nursery) provision starts at 0845 prompt.

F2 (Reception) class children should arrive at the side entrance at 0845 so they can settle into class and complete important letter formation activities before their RWI lessons start at 0900.

Non Uniform Days – Friday 17 November, Friday 24 November and Friday 1 December

On Friday 17 and 24 November, we will be asking for donations of chocolate items and then bottles for our Christmas Tombola.

On Friday 1 December, we will be asking for £1 donation as we will be supporting the Bethlehem Hospice and Care Trust, a hospice in Sheffield that the whole of the Hallam Diocese will be fundraising for throughout Advent.

SMSA Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for a new SMSA to start in November. All of the information is on the school website. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01226 281219.

Poppies will be on sale from Monday 6th November

Poppies and other items such as rulers/wrist bands and poppies will be on sale in each class from Monday 6th November. If your child would like a poppy or any other item, please send cash with them as items will be purchased in class only.

Zip Tag – 50p, Ruler - £1, Reflective Poppy – 50p, Wrist Bands - £1, Poppies – any donation suggested.

Christmas Dates – Advance notice

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Tuesday 19 December 2023 - 12.30pm F2, Y1 and Y2 to the Lamproom Theatre to see Cinderella Pantomime

Tuesday 19 December 2023 – 4pm Carols around the tree for staff, children and families

Wednesday 20 December 2023 - 9.15am Nursery and F2 Nativity

Wednesday 20 December 2023 – 12.30pm Y3, 4, 5 and 6 to the Lamproom Theatre to see Cinderella Pantomime

Wednesday 20 December 2023 – 2pm Y1 and Y2 Nativity

Thursday 21 December 2023 - 9.15am KS2 Carol Concert

Thursday 21 December 2023 - Christmas Parties

Friday 22 December 2023 – INSET day – school closed to pupils

