



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 6 — Friday 1 December 2023

The theme of our prayers:

I have self-control and act calmly even when things are difficult

Important Dates and Events

Monday 4 December 2023 – Nursery stay and play
Tuesday 5 December 2023 – Y6 to Crucial Crew
Tuesday 5 December 2023 – 2pm Tiny Tots Stay and Play
Wednesday 6 December 2023 – Emergency Services Museum to visit Nursery/F2/Y1 and Y2 in school
Thursday 7 December 2023 – Y2 to Joseph Locke for a Rudolph Run
Thursday 7 December 2023 – 2pm Christmas Fair
Friday 8 December 2023 – Some children to visit MOTO as part of our fundraising campaign
Monday 11 December 2023 – Y1 to Penny Pie Park
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, Christmas Dinner and Elf Run
Friday 15 December 2023 – Y2 Rugby at RITC
Monday 18 December 2023 – 10am Christmas Mass at Holy Rood Church, led by Y5. Parents are welcome
Tuesday 19 December 2023 – EYFS and KS1 to panto at 1pm
Tuesday 19 December 2023 – 4pm Carols around the tree for staff, children and families
Wednesday 20 December 2023 – 9.15am FS Nativity
Wednesday 20 December 2023 – 12.30pm KS2 to panto
Thursday 21 December 2023 - - 9.15 am KS2 Carol Concert
Thursday 21 December 2023 – Christmas Parties
Friday 22 December 2023 – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Monday 8 January 2024 – School re-opens
Wednesday 10 January 2024 – 3.30pm Y6 SATs meeting in Y6 classroom

Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	91.2 %
Year 1	94.2 %
Year 2	97.3 %
Year 3	92.3 %
Year 4	98.9 %
Year 5	97.2 %
Year 6	98.9 %
SCHOOL TOTAL	95.6 %

***We have joint winners again this week
– well done to Year 4 and Year 6***

School Holidays 2023/2024

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

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

Thursday 7 December 2023

We invite our children and staff to wear Christmas Jumpers and Non Uniform on Thursday 7 December 2023 for our Christmas Fair Day.

Christmas Dinner – Thursday 14th December

There has been some confusion by CYPAD about when our Christmas Dinner is.

It will be on Thursday 14th December not the 15th. CYPAD are working to put the dates back correctly.

Horizon car park – advanced notice

Please note that on Tuesday 16th January 2024, parking at the Horizon Car Park **in the morning** will be limited/restricted due to an event taking place. Any parent/carer dropping off will need to move their cars quickly so they are not locked in.

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.

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. Remember low attendance can affect your child's learning.

F1/F2

Please remember that our F1 (Nursery) provision starts at 8:45am prompt.

F2 (Reception) class children should arrive at the side entrance at 8:45am so they can settle into class and complete important letter formation activities before their RWI lessons start at 9:00am.

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.

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

School Crossing – advanced notice

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

9th February 2024

24th May 2024

22nd July 2024

Christmas Dates – Advance notice

Thursday 7 December 2023 – 2pm Christmas Fair in the school hall – non-uniform/wear your Christmas Jumper

Wednesday 13 December 2023 – 2.45pm Y3 to lead our Christingle Service

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

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

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