



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 1 — Friday 6 September 2024

The theme of our prayers:
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Important Dates and Events

Wednesday 11 September 2023 – Swimming begins for Y4

Thursday 12 September 2024 – Horizon to visit Y6 parents and pupils – 3.30pm in Y6 classroom

Friday 13 September 2024 – Y3 Orienteering on our school field 9.30am

Monday 16 September 2024 - 3.30pm Beaumanor Hall Meeting for Y6 parents and pupils

Wednesday 18 September 2024 – 4.30pm First Holy Communion meeting at Holy Rood Church

Friday 20 September 2024 – 10am Welcome Back Mass at Holy Rood Church, Y6 to lead

Friday 20 September 2024 – 2.45pm F2 Parents Phonics Meeting in the school hall

Saturday 21 September 2024 – Y6 open day at Horizon Community College

Thursday 26 September 2024 - Languages day in school

Friday 27 September 2024 – Trinity Academy St Edwards to administer Fair Banding Assessment

Friday 27 September 2024 – KS2 Cross Country at Horizon 12.30pm

Monday 30 September 2024 - Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9.15am

Tuesday 1 October 2024 – 2.30pm Grandparents Afternoon

Friday 4 October 2024 – CAFOD Family Fast Day

Wednesday 16 October 2024 – F2 Parents Evening

Friday 18 October 2024 – 1.15pm Y5/6 Boys Football at RITC

Monday 21 October 2024 – Friday 25 October 2024 - Y6 to Beaumanor Hall

Monday 21 October 2024 – Nursery Stay and Play

Tuesday 22 October 2024 – Tiny Tots Stay and Play 2pm

Wednesday 23 October 2024 – 9.30am Y3 Fire Safety Talk

Attendance/Holiday requests and fines

Government legislation has changed from 19 August 2024 and we are now expected to report our attendance to the LA and also the Department for Education on a daily basis. A separate letter will be sent to update you on all of the changes.

Holidays will not be authorised and any holiday of 5 days or more will result in a fine. Fines are currently £80 per child per parent. The money does not come to school. Failure to pay the fine on time will result in court proceedings. Please do not take this personally.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to make our school be the best that it can be!

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 April – Monday 28 April 2025

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

Summer Holidays – break up Friday 18 July 2025

Inset days 2025

Monday 28 April 2025

Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 July 2025

Advanced notice of important assessment dates 2024/25

Y1 Phonics will take place from Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June 2025

Y2 SATs will take place in June 2025

Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place from Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June 2025

Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025

I hope that you have all had a good summer. A huge thank you from the staff and I for your very generous cards, gifts, thanks and good wishes at the end of the Summer Term; they are much appreciated.

I would like to give a very special welcome to our new families who have joined us. We hope that they will be very happy here at Holy Rood. I would also like to welcome our children who were with us before the summer - it is wonderful to see everyone back!

The children have settled back really well and are ready to learn; they all look so smart in their new school uniforms and shiny new shoes! A huge thank you to you for your support. We are all ready for the start of another exciting school year and cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us!

We thank you in advance for the support that you give to us and we look forward to working with you and getting to know our families more throughout the academic year.

*Mrs Dobson
Headteacher*

Staff Updates

Welcome to Mrs Jones, our new teaching assistant in Year 1. We hope you have had a great first week at Holy Rood.

Dinner Money

School Meals are £2.50 per day/£12.50 per week. Menu choices are available on the School Gateway app or children can select their option in the classroom. Please pay via Schoolcomms. Thank you.

Welcome back Mass

On Friday 20 September, Y2 – Y6 will be attending our Welcome Back Mass at Holy Rood Church at 10am where Y6 will lead. Parents are welcome to join us.

Reading

We have been extremely lucky to purchase new 'Reading for Pleasure' books. These will replace the historic Big Cat Collins/Home Reading books. We really want our children to have a love of reading and enjoy the books they take home.

Please take care of these books and any other books that your child brings home from school as we have invested a lot of money into this and want all children to be able to enjoy these books for years to come.

Y6 Trinity Academy Assessment

Trinity Academy St Edward's will come into school on Friday 27 September at 10.30am to administer their selection assessment.

Jewellery

Please could the children only wear **stud** earrings to school and if they wish, a watch – no smart watches. All other jewellery should be kept safe at home, thank you. Please note earrings should be taken out at home on PE days as we cannot allow tape/plasters over them for health and safety reasons.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will begin WB 9 September. Letters have gone out this week. Thank you

School Calendar

Remember that you can sync the school calendar to your phone. If you do not wish to do this then please visit our website to see the updates/information about the range of events.

Grandparents Afternoon

Please join us on Tuesday 1 October at 2.30pm for our Grandparents afternoon. Further details will be sent in a separate letter.

Seesaw

The Seesaw app will be used for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2. Please see the staff members if you need help with logging in.

PE Kit/Days

Please ensure that your child/ren has their PE kit on the following days:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Days PE kit needed</u>
F2	Monday
Y1	Wednesday and Friday (Outdoor weather permitting)
Y2	Tuesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting)
Y3	Monday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting)
Y4	Wednesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting)
Y5	Tuesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting)
Y6	Wednesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting)