



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 3 — Friday 4 October 2024

The theme of our prayers:

I am grateful for all I have and praise God for all he has given me.

Important Dates and Events

Monday 7 October 2024 – Year 1 phonics meeting – 2.45pm
Monday 7 October 2024 - Year 2 Author Event in school
Wednesday 9 October 2024 – Selected Y6 pupils to Shaw Lane with Mrs Wood
Thursday 10 October 2024 – World Mental Health Day – non uniform wear a colour that makes you happy
Friday 11 October 2024 – Year 4 Author Event in school
Tuesday 15 October 2024 – Y5/6 boys football at Holy Rood – 3.30pm – parents welcome
Tuesday 15 October 2024 - Y5/6 Racism event at BFC – selected pupils
Wednesday 16 October 2024 – F2 Parents Evening 3.45pm
Thursday 17 October 2024 – Y4 to St Marie' Cathedral to celebrate Mass
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 – 10.30am to 12pm
Tuesday 22 October 2024 – Tiny Tots Stay and Play 2 to 3.15pm
Wednesday 23 October 2024 – 9.30am Y3 Fire Safety Talk
Friday 25 October 2024 – School closes for half term at 3.30pm
Monday 4 November 2024 – school reopens for children
Thursday 7 November 2024 – Remembrance service at Shaw Lane
Friday 8 November 2024 – Reading Ambassadors to MOTO
Friday 8 November 2024 – F2 to Y6 – Nasal flu vaccinations
Monday 11 November 2024 – F2 and Y6 – weights and measures
Monday 11 November 2024 – Anti Bullying Week in school
Tuesday 12 November 2024 – Wear Odd Socks Day with your school uniform
Tuesday 19 November 2024 – Individual School Photographs
Friday 22 November 2024 – Non-Uniform day – bring a bottle for the tombola

Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	93.6%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	95.7%
SCHOOL TOTAL	94.8%

Year 5 are the clear winners for this fortnight with 98.1% Well Done Y5!

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

PE Kit/Days

Due to children forgetting their school uniform, we will now be asking all children to come to school wearing their uniform and bring their PE kit to change into.

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	Thursday and Friday (Outdoor weather permitting)
Y4	Wednesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting)
Y5	Tuesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting)
Y6	Wednesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting)

Staff Update

It is with great sadness that Mrs Wood, our Parent Support Advisor and Pupil Wellbeing Officer will be leaving our school. Mrs Wood applied for a new job working for the Local Authority supporting families in Barnsley. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Wood for her hard work, support, dedication and commitment to our school, our children and their families. We will miss her dearly. Mrs Wood's last working day is Thursday 17 October 2024.

World Mental Health Day – Thursday 10 October 2024

Thursday 10 October 2024 is World Mental Health Day. We will celebrate by having a non-uniform day where children and staff can wear a colour that makes them happy.

Uniform

Please remember to put your child's name in all of their school uniform? We have a lot of navy jumpers and coats already that do not have names in. We will place the uniform outside Y3 classroom after school this week for you to take a look. Can you also ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform including no jewellery and plain black shoes not trainers?

Grandparents Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended our grandparent's afternoon and to Mrs Wood for organising.

Harvest Donations

Thank you for your kind donations of packets and tins. We will be sending our donations to Barnsley Foodbank in the next week or so. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Parents Evening – advanced notice

F2 Parents Evening – Wednesday 16 October 2024

Y1 – Y6 Parents Evening – Tuesday 26 November 2024 3.45pm – 5.45pm and Thursday 28 November 2024 3.45pm – 7.15pm

Medications

If your child has asthma or any allergies that require prescribed inhalers/medicines, please remember to bring their new in date inhaler to the school office and complete a medication form.

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.

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.

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.

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 wish list. 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 follow the link <https://amzn.eu/gW01ELw>

Christmas Dates – Advance notice

Friday 29 November 2024 – Non-Uniform day – bring a bottle for the tombola

Friday 6 December 2024 – Y2 Reindeer Run at Joseph Locke – wear Christmas Jumpers

Friday 6 December 2024 – Non-Uniform day – bring a chocolate item for the tombola

Wednesday 11 December 2024 – 2.45pm Y3 to lead our Christingle Service

Thursday 12 December 2024 – Non-Uniform – Elf Run, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Friday 13 December 2024 – 10am Christmas Mass at Holy Rood Church, led by Y5

Monday 16 December 2024 - 12.30pm F2, Y1 and Y2 to the Lamproom Theatre to see Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

Monday 16 December 2024 – 3.45pm-4.30pm Carols around the tree for staff, children and families

Tuesday 17 December 2024 – 12.30pm Y3, 4, 5 and 6 to the Lamproom Theatre to see Cinderella Pantomime

Tuesday 17 December 2024 – 2pm Y1 and Y2 Nativity

Wednesday 18 December 2024 – 9.30am Nursery and F2 Nativity

Thursday 19 December 2024 - 9.15am KS2 Carol Concert

Thursday 19 December 2024 – 2pm Christmas Fair in the school hall

Friday 20 December 2024 – Non-Uniform – Christmas Jumper/Christmas Party clothes and Christmas Parties in the afternoon

