



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 6 — Friday 29 November 2024

The theme of our prayers:

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

Important Dates and Events

Thursday 5 December 2024 – Reading Den official opening 9am

Friday 6 December 2024 – Non uniform day – bring chocolate for tombola

Friday 6 December 2024 – Year 2 – Reindeer run at Joseph Locke Primary School

Monday 9 December 2024 – Nursery stay and play – 10:30am – 12 noon

Tuesday 10 December 2024 - Tiny Tots – 2.00pm

Wednesday 11 December 2024 – Christingle service in school– 2.45pm Year 3 to lead - Parents welcome

Thursday 12 December 2024 – Elf Run on the school field (weather dependant)

Thursday 12 December 2024 – Year 6 SATs meeting for parents – 3.30pm in Y6 classroom

Thursday 12 December 2024 –Christmas Dinner/Wear your Christmas Jumper

Friday 13 December 2024 – Christmas Mass at Holy Rood Church 10am – Year 5 to lead – parents welcome.

Friday 13 December 2024 – Y5/Y6 Athletics @ RITC

Monday 16 December 2024 - F2 and KS1 to Panto – Sleeping Beauty

Monday 16 December 2024 – 3.45–4:30pm Carol's around the tree – staff, children and families welcome

Tuesday 17 December 2024– KS2 to Panto – Sleeping Beauty

Tuesday 17 December 2024 - KS1 Nativity 2.00pm

Wednesday 18 December 2024 – Foundation stage nativity 9:15am

Wednesday 18 December 2024 – Y5 Trampolining at Horizon

Thursday 19 December 2024 – KS2 carol concert – 9:15am – parents welcome

Thursday 19 December 2024 – 2pm Christmas Fair

Friday 20 December 2024 - Non uniform day – wear party clothes or your Christmas jumper

Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	93.6
Year 1	95.2
Year 2	94.0
Year 3	99.7
Year 4	95.7
Year 5	98.6
Year 6	97.2
SCHOOL TOTAL	96.4

Year 3 are the winners again for this fortnight with 99.7% - even better than last time!

School Holidays 2024/2025

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

Drop off and collection of children

We have seen an increasing number of children being dropped off and left at school before the gates open. Please stay with your child until the gates open at 8:45am. Although they are on school premises, we cannot be held responsible for any accidents or incidents which may happen until the gates open at 8:45. Additionally, at the end of the day, please ensure you collect your child from their classroom at 3.30 prompt. Leaving children before and after school is a safeguarding issue and could result in Social Care being notified. We understand that there may be extreme emergencies which are beyond your control and we would be supportive in these rare instances.

Carols Around the Tree

We will be holding our Carols Around the Tree event on Monday 16 December 2024 – 3.45pm-4.30pm. All staff, children and their families are welcome to attend. We look forward to singing along with you.

Our Reading Den

We are delighted to invite you to the grand opening of Our Reading Den on Thursday 5th December from 9:00am. Joining us will be the owners of Read.Holmfirth bookstore who kindly organise all of our virtual author events - they will officially open the Den with Mrs Heald.

Following the opening, children and parents will have time to look at our new Reading Den before being invited into school for some reading themed activities in classrooms and shared areas.

The Lightbox Library will also attend to run a stall and activities with children and parents and the Barnsley Chronicle will be there to cover the event.

We will serve tea, coffee, juice and some sweet treats from our school catering service who will also run a stall to share information with parents about our school meals service.

We are delighted to be able to hold this event and we look forward to seeing you there. More information about the structure of the morning will be sent out over the next couple of weeks. **Please can you inform the office if you will be attending so that we know how many to cater for. Thank you**

Y6 SATs Meeting

A meeting will be held for Y6 parents to share information about the upcoming SATs assessments in May. The meeting will be held on Thursday 12 December at 3.30pm in the Y6 classroom. Thank you

Christmas Fair

If you would like a stall at the Christmas Fair then please contact the school office by Monday 2nd December 2024.

Christmas Elves

If you are able to help us with any wrapping for Christmas Fair items and other gifts then please let the office know when you are available. Thank you

Appointments

Please can we remind parents to let us know in **advance** of any pre-booked appointments. Ideally, let us have a copy of the appointment when you receive it. We can then have your child ready for collection from reception.

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. Can you also ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform including no jewellery and plain black shoes not trainers?

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 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 Sleeping Beauty 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

