



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 7 — Friday 13 December 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

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 Starts at 2pm Prompt

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

Wednesday 18 December 2024 – Y5 Trampolining at Horizon

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

Thursday 19 December 2024 – 2pm Christmas Fair

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

Friday 20 December 2024 – Last day of Term – school closes to pupils at 3.30pm

Monday 6 January 2025 – School re-opens at 9am

Friday 17 January 2025 – Y3 – Oakwell Stadium tour

Thursday 6 February 2025 – SEND review meetings

Monday 10 February 2025 – 10.30am Nursery Stay and Play

Tuesday 11 February 2025 – 9.15am Year 5 & Year 6 Parents internet safety workshop – Y5/6 parents welcome

Tuesday 11 February 2025 –2pm Tiny Tots Stay and Play

Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	96.7%
Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	98.9%
Year 6	96.7%
SCHOOL TOTAL	96.0%

Year 5 are the winners this fortnight with 98.9% - Well done!

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

Our Reading Den

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the opening of our Reading Den event. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who were able to attend and it was delightful to see our children engaging with authors, poets, the library service and enjoying time in the new Reading Den. A huge thank you to those authors, poets, library service, Tesco and school meal service for their time and donation of books and breakfast goodies. Without the fundraising and support from our parents, families and wider communities, we would not be able to have such a wonderful Reading Den. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Absence reporting

Please can we remind parents that when reporting a child absent due to illness, please let us know what is wrong with the child. "Illness" and "not well" is insufficient information – we need to check there is not an outbreak of something in the class (eg winter vomiting bug/norovirus etc). Absences will be marked as O (Unauthorised) if we are not sure what is wrong.

Christmas Fair

We are really looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fair on Thursday 19th December 2024. Please remember you can send in your raffle tickets and cash before the Fair if this is easier. Raffle tickets will be available on the day too. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday after the Fair and all winners must collect their prizes by the end of the school day on Friday 20th December. Please remember an adult must collect any prizes that contain alcohol. The Christmas Fair will be cash only too.

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.

Medicines in School

Can we remind parents that children should not be bringing any unprescribed medication into school – including throat lozenges such as strepsils - as the children need supervising when taking them to prevent incidents such as choking.

School meals

Please ensure that, if your child chooses packed lunch, they have one with them. Our lunch orders are taken to the kitchen by 10am and there is not always a spare meal available.

Internet Safety Workshop – Advanced Notice

On Tuesday 11th February at 9:15am, Year 5 and 6 will take part in a workshop with South Yorkshire Police on Internet Safety. Parents are invited to attend the workshop to enable them to hear the key messages that the children are receiving around being safe online. The session will last approximately 1 hour. We hope you will be able to attend.

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.

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.

Christmas Dates – Advance notice

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



We would politely ask that you arrive before the start time of the event so that we can begin promptly and we do not interrupt the children when they are performing, Admittance may not always be possible once the performance has started