



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Spring Term, Issue 2 — Friday 24 January 2025

The theme of our prayers:

*I spend time with God in moments of quiet and prayer.*

## Important Dates and Events

**Week Commencing 27.01.25** – Y6 Assessment week

**Wednesday 29.01.25** – 9.00am to 10.30am - Coffee morning in the hall to meet our new Pupil and Family Support Worker – Louise Hill

**Friday 31 January 2025**– Y3/4 Girl's football – small group of children to attend – details to follow

**Week commencing Monday 3 February 2025** – Children's Mental Health Week

**Monday 3 February 2025** – Animal Club visiting F1/F2/Y1/Y2 – see separate letter

**Monday 3 February 2025** - Year 2 Virtual Author Event

**Thursday 6 February 2025** – KS1/KS2 will join the World Sing-a-long in school

**Monday 10 February 2025** – 10.30am Nursery Stay and Play

**Tuesday 11 February 2025** – 9.15am Year 5 & Year 6 Parents internet safety workshop in the hall – Y5/6 Parents welcome

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

**Wednesday 12 February 2025** – First confession at Holy Rood Church – 6.30pm

**Thursday 13 February 2025** – Holy Rood choir members to Young Voices

**Friday 14 February 2025** – School closes at 3.30pm for February half term.

**Monday 24 February 2025** – School reopens

**Monday 24 February 2025** – HEPP DT in Year 4 all day

**Tuesday 4 March 2025** – Scholastic book fair in school

**Wednesday 5 March 2025** – Book fair in school

**Wednesday 5 March 2025** – Ash Wednesday

**Thursday 6 March 2025** – Scholastic book fair in school

**Thursday 6 March 2025** – World Book Day – dress as a word

**Thursday 6 March 2025** – Year 1 to visit Library

**Thursday 27 March** – Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 2:30pm – information on booking in to follow

## Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
<b>Foundation 2</b>	93.1%
<b>Year 1</b>	95.3%
<b>Year 2</b>	90.5%
<b>Year 3</b>	97.6%
<b>Year 4</b>	92.9%
<b>Year 5</b>	94.8%
<b>Year 6</b>	98.3%
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	94.7%

**Year 6 are the winners with attendance at 97.6% - Well done Y6!**

## School Holidays 2024/2025

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**

### **Uniform/clothing**

Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name as we have quite a number of lost property items in school that have no names in. Children are often unsure if the item belongs to them which results in items not being claimed.

### **Winter weather**

Please can you ensure that all children are dressed appropriately for the weather and have a school jumper or cardigan on each day as there are areas of school that can become colder when the temperature drops low and children will be outdoors for break and lunchtime where possible.

### **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 (e.g. winter vomiting bug/norovirus etc). Absences will be marked as O (Unauthorised) if we are not sure what is wrong.

### **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 – and nasal sprays/vapour inhaler nasal sticks.**

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Please let the office know if you plan 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.

### **After School Clubs**

Please remember letters for the next term after school clubs are sent out before the end of the current half term. Once letters are sent, payment options are then opened up on the Gateway App.

As you are aware, many of our clubs have limited places and are therefore on a first come first served basis. If the payment option disappears, this is usually because the club is full.

We do not offer refunds if your child changes their mind about attending a club – this is clearly stated in our letters; please ask your child before signing up and paying.

Also, for clarification, pupils who are in receipt of free school meals are entitled to attend ONE after school club per term at no cost. These places are also limited and need to be reserved as soon as you get the letters of notification and the consent opens on the Gateway App. Reserving more than ONE space could result in cancellation of all of the spaces and the places being offered to other pupils.

Finally, please make a note of which after school clubs you have paid for as it can be very difficult for the office staff to check every club for your child each day. Ensure your child is aware that they are attending a club to avoid confusion at the end of the day. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **PE Days**

We seem to have a rising number of pupils not bringing their PE kits to school. Just a reminder below of PE days :

- F2 Monday (no change)
- Year 1 Tuesday and Friday
- Year 2 Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 3 Thursday and Friday (No change)
- Year 4 Wednesday and Thursday (No change)
- Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday (No change)
- Year 6 Wednesday and Thursday (No change)

PE is part of the curriculum and PE kit must be brought on these days. Please remember to pack a warm jumper and jogging bottoms for outdoor PE sessions as well as indoor PE kit.

### **After school care**

There is availability for after school care with a registered child minder who also works in school. For further information please email [Helenjones958@yahoo.com](mailto:Helenjones958@yahoo.com)