



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Spring Term, Issue 4 — Friday 14 March 2025

The theme of our prayers:

*I show my love for God by caring for others.*

## Important Dates and Events

**Tuesday 18 March 2025** – F2/Y1 Virtual Author Event

**Friday 21 March 2025** – Y3 (Selected pupils only) @ RITC for dodgeball

**Monday 24 March 2025** – Y6 to EIS Active Fusion Festival – letter to follow

**Wednesday 26 March 2025** – HEPP DT in Year 1

**Thursday 27 March 2025** – Mother's Day Afternoon Tea 2:30pm – tickets holders only

**Friday 28 March 2025** – Y4 (Selected pupils only) @BFC for multiskills.

**Friday 28 March 2025** – Non uniform day - £1 donation for CAFOD

**Friday 28 March 2025** – Y3 to Barnsley Table Tennis club

**Monday 31 March 2025** – HEPP DT in Year 2

**Tuesday 1 April 2025** – HEPP DT In Year 6

**Tuesday 1 April 2025** – Parents evening – 3.45pm to 5.45pm

**Thursday 3 April 2025** – Parents evening – 3.45pm to 7.15pm

**Friday 4 April 2025** – Non uniform day - £1 donation for CAFOD

**Friday 4 April 2025** – Y3 (Selected pupils only) @ BFC Multiskills

**Monday 7 April 2025** – F1 stay and play – 10:30am to 12pm

**Tuesday 8 April 2025** – Tiny Tots – 2.00pm to 3.15pm

**Wednesday 9 April 2025** – Parents Art Afternoon – ticket holders only

**Thursday 10 April 2025** – 2.45pm-3.30pm F2 Stay and play

**Friday 11 April 2025** – Non uniform day - bring chocolate for the Easter Tombola

**Friday 11 April 2025** – Reading Ambassadors to MOTO

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – Last day of Spring 2 Term

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – Easter holiday begins

**Tuesday 29 April 2025** – School opens

## Last fortnight's attendance

| Class               | % Attendance |
|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>Foundation 2</b> | <b>88.5%</b> |
| <b>Year 1</b>       | <b>94.1%</b> |
| <b>Year 2</b>       | <b>96.2%</b> |
| <b>Year 3</b>       | <b>99.1%</b> |
| <b>Year 4</b>       | <b>96.9%</b> |
| <b>Year 5</b>       | <b>99.1%</b> |
| <b>Year 6</b>       | <b>99.5%</b> |
| <b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b> | <b>96.5%</b> |

**Year 6 are the winners with attendance at 99.5% - Brilliant! Well done Y6!**

## School Holidays 2024/2025

**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**

### **Holy Week**

Please see below for information about our Holy Week events.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – 2:45pm Year 2 Palm Sunday Liturgy – Parents welcome

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Stations of the cross held in school – pupils only

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Y4 Last Supper Liturgy in Church – Parents welcome, more details to follow

### **School Meals**

After consultation with the governing body, and as a result of increased meal prices from Barnsley Council, the cost of a school meal will be **increasing to £2.75 after the Easter holidays – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. We as a school have subsidised this by 25p per meal in order to keep the cost lower for our families.

### **Staffing**

We wish to inform you that Miss Barnes, one of our teaching assistants in EYFS, will be leaving us at the beginning of April to start a new adventure. We thank Miss Barnes for everything that she has done for our pupils and families and we wish her every success as she starts this new chapter.

### **World Book Day**

The whole school enjoyed our World Book Day celebrations. The dress as a word for the day was successful and we saw some wonderful ideas! The children completed work around the book *The Fox and the Star* and some of this is on display in the school hall. Well done to everyone!

### **Book Fair**

Our annual book fair was a great success. We thank all of our families for their purchases. Each purchase made resulted in money back to school to buy beautiful books for our children.

### **PE Days**

F2 Monday

Year 1 Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3 Thursday and Friday

Year 4 Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 Wednesday and Thursday

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 for over 5's with a registered child minder who also works in school. For further information please email [Helenjones958@yahoo.com](mailto:Helenjones958@yahoo.com)