



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Spring Term, Issue 4 — Friday 11 April 2025

The theme of our prayers:

*I can accept forgiveness from others*

## Important Dates and Events

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – 2:45pm Palm Sunday Liturgy in the school hall led by Year 2 – **Parents welcome**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – 10am Last Supper Liturgy at Holy Rood Church led by Year 4 – **Parents welcome**

**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

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – HEPP DT in Year 3

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Trinity Academy St Edwards to see Y6 children

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Y4 whole class kick rounders event

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Horizon to see Y6 children

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 Bikeability – more information to follow

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – VE Day – Celebrations in school for the children

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – SATS Week for Y6 begins

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Mastering Number Parent Project 3:45pm – 4:30pm – **parents encouraged to attend**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – 10:30am Nursery Stay and Play

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Class Photos

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – 2pm Tiny Tots Stay and Play

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – Parent Craft Afternoon – more details to follow

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Sports Day – more details to follow

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – School closes at 3:30pm for May Half Term

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – School Reopens

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Compass Be Workshop with Y6

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – 2:15pm Father's Day Challenge – more details to follow

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 1 Trip to the Butterfly House – more details to follow

## Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
<b>Foundation 2</b>	<b>85.0%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>96.0%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>94.5%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	<b>94.4%</b>

***Year 5 are the winners with attendance at 99.7% - Brilliant! Well done Y5!***

## 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

## School Holidays 2025/2026

*Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September 2025 – Inset Days*

*October Half Term – Monday 27 October 2025 – Friday 31 October 2025*

*Christmas Holidays – Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026*

*February Half Term – Monday 16 February 2026 – Friday 20 February 2026*

*Monday 23 February 2026 – Inset Day*

## 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**, see below for details

Year 4 children warmly invite you to join them for a special Maundy Thursday liturgy and drama on **Thursday, 17th April, at 10:00 AM at Holy Rood Church**. Through prayer and performance, they will bring to life the events of the Last Supper. The rest of the school will attend and support with their beautiful singing and we extend this invite to parents and the school community as we prepare for the Easter Triduum.

## **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.

## **Mastering Number Parent Project- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 3:45pm-4:30pm**

**Parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2** are warmly invited to our **Mastering Number event**, where you'll get a closer look at how we are helping children to develop a strong foundation in early number skills.

Join us after school at **3:45pm** to learn more about Mastering Number, take part in activities alongside your child and collect a pack of activities to continue the learning at home over the next 5 weeks.

This is a great opportunity to see the strategies we use in school, ask questions and support your child's mathematical journey. **Please inform the office if you are able to attend**. We hope to see you there!

## **Staffing update**

We have appointed two new teaching assistants who will begin after Easter. Miss Brownlie will work in F2 and Mrs Azeez will work in Y1.

Miss Szutka has also requested to reduce her working days therefore after Easter, Mrs Gau will teach F2 on a Monday and Tuesday and Miss Szutka on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

## **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

## **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)