



# Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 8 — Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The theme of our prayers: *Joy*  
 Our Mission is: *Think of something you can do for someone else to bring them joy.*

## Important Dates and Events

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Whole School Wellbeing Day – more information on the next page  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – 3:30pm Y6 SATs Parent Meeting in Y6 classroom  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – F2 Wise Owl visit in school  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – Y6 First Aid with the Red Cross  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** - PE Disco for selected children at Joseph Locke Primary – selected children – more information to follow  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Y2 Enterprise Day in school – DATE CHANGE  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – Y5 Enterprise Day in school – DATE CHANGE  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – 6:30pm First Confession in Church  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Y3 Multiskills – selected children @BFC

## Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
<b>Foundation 2</b>	87.6%
<b>Year 1</b>	87.5%
<b>Year 2</b>	88.9%
<b>Year 3</b>	93.3%
<b>Year 4</b>	88.8%
<b>Year 5</b>	93.3%
<b>Year 6</b>	96.5%
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	91.1%

***Y6 are the winners with attendance at 96.5% - Well done Y6!***

## School Holidays 2025/2026

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

*Monday 23 February 2026 – Inset Day*

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 – Good Friday*

*Easter Holidays – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – May Bank Holiday*

*May Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

## Advanced notice of important assessment dates 2025/26

**Y1 Phonics will take place from Monday 8 June to Friday 12 June 2026**

**Y2 SATs will take place in June 2026**

**Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place from Monday 8 June to Friday 12 June 2026**

**Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May 2026**

## **Thank You**

As we end our first term of this academic year, we would like to say a big thank you to all of our parents, children and families for their continued support, cards, gifts and well wishes. We are truly appreciative of the wonderful community that we are a part of and we wish you a happy and Holy Christmas with your loved ones. God Bless You All.

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## **Whole School Wellbeing Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

On the first day back in January, we will hold a whole school wellbeing day. Both staff and pupils will take part in various workshops and activities throughout the day and we hope this will be a successful day and a wonderful start to a new term.

Some of the activities we have for the children include: PSHE workshops with Barnsley Football Club, sport with Momentous Football Academy, sessions with Barnsley Library, art sessions with school staff and workshops with Compass Be as well as wellbeing activities in classrooms.

## **Uniform**

Please note that children are not to wear summer uniform from now until Easter. Please see the link below to our website where all information about our uniform can be found. This includes information about footwear, jewellery and hair accessories as these are the key areas where school uniform is not always followed. We thank you for your support in ensuring our children look smart and ready to learn each day.

<https://www.holyroodschool.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=106>

## **Winter Weather**

The weather is turning colder and we have had a small flurry of snow this week. Please ensure that children have appropriate coats and shoes with them if the forecast looks like this in the future – hats, scarves and gloves are welcome! Should poor weather disrupt the school day, parents will be notified via our text messaging system. **Please update your contact details should this be required and ensure that we have alternate contacts should we be unable to get in touch with you.**

## **PE Days**

Please ensure that children have their PE kit on their PE days. It is advised that PE kits are brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday to accommodate last minute changes in days.

**Please ensure children have the correct PE kit and have clothes suitable for outdoors with them as we strive to get children outside as much as possible. If the weather does not allow, we will complete PE lessons inside.**

F2 Wednesday

Year 1 Monday

Year 2 Monday and Thursday

Year 3 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 Wednesday and Thursday