



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Spring Term, Issue 3 — Friday 13th February 2026

The theme of our prayers: *Perseverance*

Our Mission is: *Spend some time in prayer asking God to help you persevere with a difficult challenge that you may face this week.*

Important Dates and Events

Monday 23rd February – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 25th February – Nurse to visit F2 and deliver a workshop
Tuesday 3rd March – Y5/6 Boy's Football Match Afterschool – selected children only
Wednesday 4th March – Book Fair in school – 8:30am and 3:30pm
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – Dress as a word – see information below
Thursday 5th March - Book Fair in school – 8:30am and 3:30pm
Friday 6th March - Book Fair in school – 8:30am
Monday 9th March - Book Fair in school – 8:30am
Tuesday 10th March – F2 hearing tests in school
Thursday 12th March – Y5/6 Boys Football vs Shawlands – selected children only
Friday 13th March – Y4 and Y6 author event in class
Friday 13th March – Y3/4 Boys Football Selected Children – more information to follow
Monday 16th March – 2pm – Mother's Day afternoon tea
Wednesday 18th March – F2 and Y5 heights and weights in school
Thursday 19th March – Boys football at Joseph Locke – more information to follow
Friday 20th March – Y5 Orienteering at Horizon
Tuesday 24th March – Parent's Evening – more information to follow
Thursday 26th March – Parent's Evening – more information to follow
Monday 30th March – 2:45pm Palm Sunday Liturgy Y2 to lead – parents welcome
Wednesday 1st April – Y6 to lead Stations of the Cross in school – children only
Thursday 2nd April – Y4 to lead Maundy Thursday Liturgy in school – parents welcome

Last fortnight's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	91.7%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	90.9%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	97.3%
SCHOOL TOTAL	94.9%

Y6 are the winners with attendance at 97.3% - Well done Year 6!!

School Holidays 2025/2026

February Half Term – Monday 16 February 2026 – Friday 20 February 2026
Monday 23 February 2026 – Inset Day
Friday 3rd April 2026 – Good Friday
Easter Holidays – Monday 6th April 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026
Monday 4th May 2026 – May Bank Holiday
May Half Term – Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 5th 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

Spring Parent's Evening

The dates for our spring parents evening are Tuesday 24th March and Thursday 26th March. More information and how to book will be sent out closer to the time. Please note: if your child is in year 3 or year 6, bookings must be made under the primary class teacher to avoid double bookings. This will be made clear when booking opens.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be in school on **Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th, Friday 6th and Monday 9th of March** – 8:30am opening on each of these days and 3:30pm opening on the Wednesday and Thursday.

We enjoy holding our book fair as it is such a wonderful opportunity to share and celebrate our love of reading in school. Every book purchased at our book fair contributes to book purchases for school so we are very grateful to all of our families for their support each year.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on the 5th of March and we will Dress as a Word as we have in previous years. This is an exciting day and we enjoy seeing what words all of our children and staff choose to dress up as. There will be lots of exciting activities during this day and week. Children are welcome to bring a favourite book in to share with their peers.

Staffing

I write to notify you that our caretaker, Mr Jepson, will be leaving us at the beginning of March to pursue other endeavours. We wish him all of the luck in the world as he moves on.

Attendance/Collections

Please ensure that if your child arrives late to school that an adult brings them to the office to sign them in with the staff and give the reason for being late. The gates open at 8:40am and classroom doors open at 8:50am. Registers close at 9:00am, if your child arrives after this time, they must report to the office with an adult.

Please can we ask that if there is a different adult collecting your child from school, that you notify reception and/or the class teacher. This can be via phone call during the school day.

Absence

Please ensure that if you are taking your child out of school, you complete a leave of absence form before the child is not in school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

A Polite Notice

At all times of the year, school life is incredibly busy for both staff and families. We want to take this opportunity to kindly remind everyone about the importance of supporting staff wellbeing at all times.

Please be mindful of the following:

Reasonable expectations: Staff will always do their best to respond to emails and phone calls promptly, but immediate responses may not always be possible. Our staff have many commitments in school so can't always be free immediately to deal with any issues outside of their day-to-day roles. Thank you for allowing reasonable time for replies.

Respect and kindness: Our staff work hard to provide the very best for your children and they are very good at what they do. Treating them with respect and recognising their professionalism helps maintain a positive and supportive school community. It is unacceptable to treat staff with disrespect and any instances of this will be dealt with in consultation with our governing body.

Social media: If you have any concerns or questions, please discuss these directly with us rather than sharing them on social media. This ensures we are aware of your concerns and we can address any issues quickly and constructively.

A shared commitment: We want to stress that behind every role in school are real people who care deeply about your children and families. Every member of staff puts their heart and energy into creating the best possible experiences for our pupils. We are all human, and our intentions are always rooted in kindness, care, the gospel values and doing what's best for the children. Working together with understanding and empathy makes a huge difference.

Thank you for your continued support in creating a respectful and caring environment for everyone in our school community. Together, we can make our school enjoyable and positive for all.

New School Catering Provider

We are pleased to inform you that from Tuesday 24th February, our school meals service will be provided by Chartwells, one of the UK's leading school catering companies. The School Gateway app will be unavailable to make school meals bookings on the 24th and 25th February. Children can book their school meal in the classroom.

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>

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