



HOLY ROOD

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 1

Welcome back

It has been lovely to welcome back our pupils and families this week. I would like to give a very special welcome to our new families who have joined us. We hope that they will be very happy here at Holy Rood. Thank you for all of your kind words too, I am really happy to be back here full time.

The children have settled back really well and are ready to learn; they all look so smart in their new school uniforms and shiny new shoes! We are all ready for the start of another exciting school year and cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us! We thank you in advance for the support that you give to us and we look forward to working with you and getting to know our families more throughout the academic year.

Newsletters

Whole school newsletters will now be sent out monthly. Class teachers will be placing notices and reminders on their class pages on Seesaw so please ensure that you have downloaded the app and you have been able to log in. If you need a new code then please ask at the school office. ***If you have not completed the Seesaw permissions that was shared before the Summer then please do so as soon as possible.***

Free School Meals

Are you in receipt of Universal Credit? If so, do you know that you will be eligible for Free School Meals for your child? Please complete the form using this link <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>

Ordering School Meals

From Monday, please can you ensure that you order your child's school meal through the gateway app? Even if your child is packed lunch, please select this so that we know they do not require a lunch from school. We will no longer be ordering meals in the classroom. Thank you

Parent Governor

We are looking for a parent to join our Governing Body. If this is something that you are interested in then please speak to Mrs Dobson to find out more details. We will then complete all of the relevant paperwork and carry out an election.

School Gateway app

If you need assistance gaining access to the school gateway app, please come to the school office where we will assist you.

Homework

Your child will bring their homework home on a Friday and it needs to be returned for the following Thursday. If your child struggles with a piece of homework, please don't worry, speak to their class teacher so that they can help.

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.

F2	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday

Y6 residential to Newby Whiske Parent Meeting

Our half term ends with our Y6 residential on Wednesday 21st October to Friday 23rd October. We are holding a parent meeting in the year 6 classroom on Monday 14th September at 3:30pm to give parents all of the information they require for the trip.

Please ensure that before this meeting, you have completed the Microsoft Forms that has been sent to you regarding the medical and dietary information we need to send prior to the visit.

Accident Reporting Tool

We have an online accident reporting tool to log all of our accidents in school. This will help us to ensure that accidents are reported in a timely manner and it also gives us the ability to identify areas in school that are hazards. If you child has an accident in school you will receive an email to notify you of this. We will still be contacting parents via telephone if we feel that we need to you collect your child or we need parental advice.

Please ensure you notify the school office if you do change your email address so we can ensure that you receive these emails.

Important Dates and Events

Wednesday 9 September 2026 – Swimming begins for Y4 (all Y4 to attend)

Thursday 10 September 2026 – Horizon to visit Y6 parents and pupils – 3.30pm in Y6 classroom

Monday 14 September 2026 - 3.30pm Newby Whiske Meeting for Y6 parents and pupils

Wednesday 23 September 2026 – 10am Welcome Back Mass at Holy Rood Church, Y6 to lead

Wednesday 23 September 2026 – 4.30pm First Holy Communion meeting at Holy Rood Church

Wednesday 23 September 2026 – 2.45pm F2 Parents Phonics Meeting in the school hall

Friday 25 September 2026 - Macmillan Bake Sale at 3.30pm

Friday 25 September 2026 – Trinity Academy to administer Fair Banding Assessment in school

Friday 25 September 2026 – Y3 whole class orienteering on school field

Friday 2 October 2026 – CAFOD Family Fast Day – donations are welcome

Monday 5 October 2026 – 2.15pm Grandparents Afternoon

Friday 9 October 2026 – KS2 Cross Country at Horizon 12.30pm

Monday 19 October 2026 – Y6 to the theatre in Wakefield

Wednesday 21 October – Friday 23 October 2026 - Y6 to Newby Whiske

Friday 23 October 2026 – School closes for half term at 3.30pm

Tuesday 3 November 2026 – School reopens for children

Important Dates – Advanced Notice

Tuesday 17 November 2026 – School Photographs

Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 December 2026 – Parents Evening

Monday 7 December 2026 – 2.45pm Y3 to lead Christingle

Wednesday 9 December 2026 – 2pm Christmas Mass in school – Y5 to lead

Friday 11 December 2026 – 2pm Christmas Fair

Monday 14 December 2026 – EYFS and KS1 to Panto at Lamproom 12.30pm

Tuesday 15 December 2026 – 9.30am KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 15 December 2026 – KS2 to Panto at Lamproom 12.30pm

Wednesday 16 December 2026 – 9.30am EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 16 December 2026 – 2pm KS2 Carol Concert in Church

Thursday 17 December 2026 – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Friday 18 December 2026 – Christmas Parties – please wear party clothes or Christmas Jumpers

Monday 22 and Wednesday 24 March 2027 – Parents Evening

Tuesday 18 May 2027 – Class Photos

Thursday 27 May 2027 – Sports Day

Friday 9 July 2027 – Summer Fair 2pm

Wednesday 14 July 2027 – Y5/6 Production

Monday 19 July 2027 – Leavers Mass at 10am

Wednesday 21 July 2027 – 2pm Leavers Assembly