



HOLY ROOD

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2026 • NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 2

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am so proud of how the children have settled back into school. We have had a great first month of the academic year and the children have been very keen to share their learning. Our new Reception children have completed their Reception Baseline assessments and our Y1 children read beautifully in their Harvest assembly today. We enjoyed a lovely themed lunch for census day yesterday and it was so lovely to hear our children saying they want to try more different meals! Thank you to our parents and families for their continued support to help our children be the best that they can be!

HARVEST FAMILY FAST DAY



A huge thank you to all of our families for their kind donations of tins, packets and dried food. We will donate this to the foodbank to ensure we continue to support our local community.

ATTENDANCE

24 Sept - 1 Oct

Y1	93.0%
Y2	91.3%
Y3	96.0%
Y4	95.3%
Y5	97.9%
Y6	98.0%

DR BIKE • MONDAY 5 OCTOBER • FROM 9:30AM

Children can bring their bike in for a free safety/maintenance check. Mechanics can make minor repairs and adjustments including brakes, gears, punctures, wheel adjustments and general tweaks. Where appropriate, they may use suitable refurbished parts they already have available. They will identify more substantial repairs and advise parents to visit a cycle shop. This is not a full servicing/rebuild service and they do not source new parts or undertake major repairs.

SCHOOL NEWS & REMINDERS

KS2 CROSS COUNTRY

Our KS2 children will take part in a Cross-Country event at Horizon Community College on Friday 9 October at 12.45pm. It is great to engage with our School Games Organiser and other primary schools within our town centre cluster.

NEWSLETTERS

Whole school newsletters will now be sent out monthly. Class teachers will place notices and reminders on their class pages on Seesaw, so please ensure you have downloaded the app and can log in. If you need a new code, please ask at the school office.

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 the Barnsley Council Free School Meals link.

ORDERING SCHOOL MEALS

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

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. Please ensure children have the correct PE kit and clothes suitable for outdoors 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

Monday 5 October 2026 - Dr Bike in school

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

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 4 January 2027 - INSET day - school closed to pupils and staff

Tuesday 5 January 2027 - School reopens for children

ADVANCED NOTICE

22 & 24 March 2027 - Parents Evening

18 May 2027 - Class Photos

27 May 2027 - Sports Day

9 July 2027 - Summer Fair, 2pm

14 July 2027 - Y5/6 Production

19 July 2027 - Leavers Mass, 10am

21 July 2027 - Leavers Assembly, 2pm

ASSESSMENT DATES

10-13 May 2027

Year 6 SATs

7-18 June 2027

Year 4 Multiplication Check

14-18 June 2027

Year 1 Phonics