



# Holy Cross RC Primary School

## Newsletter –26/05/2023

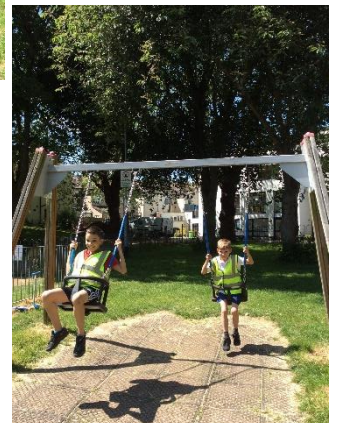
### This week:



## MAY HALF TERM

Thank you for all your support this term and we would like to say how proud we are of our year 2 and year 6 pupils who tried their very best during what has been a very busy term for them! I hope you all have a restful half term.

23 children across the school had their 100% attendance reward trip today to Dame Emily park. Next stop, Zaza!



# Admissions:

Admission for our Reception class for next September has closed. If you have applied, please speak to Miss Sims about completing our supplementary form.

Please spread the word about our school with your neighbours and friends! We have spaces in some classes if you know anyone who has moved into the area or looking for a new school. If you are able to put a flyer up in your window, please ask Miss Sims for one. Anyone is able to call the office and organise a visit.



**Holy Cross RC Primary School**  
At Holy Cross everyone is warmly welcome

Be part of our small, diverse, nurturing school with lots of outdoor space where the focus is on safe, happy children who are valued and make good progress.

If you are still deciding on the best school for your family, please visit Holy Cross RC Primary  
Rated **Good** by Ofsted  
Wrap-around care from 8.00am - 5.30pm

Please contact the school office for more information on  
**0117 377 2199**  
email: [holycrossp@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:holycrossp@bristol-schools.uk)

To see more of the school please visit [www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk)

## Social media:

From this year, we are having a social media presence with pages on Facebook and Instagram. This is so we can share more readily all the wonderful our children do in school. A permission slip went out this week, please complete the form and return it to Miss Sims asap.

Please can all parents add/follow our accounts:

<https://instagram.com/holycrossrcprimary?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Cross-RC-Primary-School-108722785310698/>

Twitter - @HolyCrossRCSch



### **Attendance update:**

We are working in partnership with parents, carers and Bristol City Council to ensure all of our pupils maximise their attendance. We would like to thank parents and carers for the work you have done in ensuring your children have received education over the last few challenging years due to the pandemic. The usual rules on school attendance continue to apply, including:

- parents' duty to send their child to school regularly where they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability of local authorities to use legal sanctions, including penalty notices and prosecution in court

If you are worried about your child attending school the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with us directly. Our staff who may be able to help, and all schools work closely with health and council teams who may also be able to help if needed. If you need to request time off for exceptional circumstance, please ask Miss Sims for a request of absence form. We would like to remind you that only requests for exceptional circumstances will be authorised. If your request is unauthorised, the absence will be looked at and if your child has more than 4 days off within a 10 week period, you could receive a penalty notice.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	92.1%	85.3%	5
Year 1	89.2%	85.9%	10
Year 2	93.9%	80.8%	10
Year 3	90.8%	88.6%	12
Year 4	94.5%	95.7%	3
Year 5	95.4%	92.7%	11
Year 6	95.2%	93.6%	7
Total	93.0%	89.0%	58

Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you.

Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:45am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. If we receive pupil premium funding for your child then breakfast club is free. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions. When your child is absent from school, please ensure you have contacted the school office rather than teachers or Mrs Kingston.

**If your child has low attendance and you would like to make an appointment and create an action plan for the rest of the year, please speak to Miss Sims. We hope that we can work with parents and support them to improve attendance.**

### **Parking around school:**

You may have noticed more cones outside school as a deterrent to park on the double yellow lines, especially on the bend. We ask again that you do not park illegally around school and that you use the available parking in the area. The children's safety is our main concern and they are reporting that they do not feel safe crossing the road when cars are parked on both sides. We also want to have a positive relationship with our neighbours and parking on the double yellows outside their properties leads to upset. We have attached a map of the area and have highlighted the roads where free parking is available around school. Parking services and the PCSO have also been asked to attend school at drop offs and collection times to ensure safety for everyone.

### **Job Opportunity**

We are looking for a SMSA (Lunch time assistant) for a Wednesday and Friday from 12pm – 1.30pm. If you would be interested in this opportunity, please speak with Mrs Kingston.

### **Messages from Mrs Hunt:**

Bristol Parent Carers Forum have developed a calendar for families in Bristol seeking inclusive events and activities for children with special educational needs or disabilities.

<https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/events/>

Our next SENDCo coffee morning will be held at **9am on Tuesday 13th June**. We'll be joined by our school nurse and the focus will be on toileting. They will provide advice and resources on areas including daytime/nighttime wetting, constipation and toilet anxiety. This event is open to all families within our school community.

### **Term Dates:**

- Term 5: Monday 17 April 2023 to Friday 26 May 2023
- Term 6: Monday 5 June 2023 to Friday 21 July 2023

### **Inset Days:**

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### **Next Year: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – **Inset day****

- Term 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Important Dates:

### Term 6

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 trip to Lifeskills Year 4 class assembly 9.10am Bingo night 6pm
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion at St Gerald's
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND coffee morning 9am New Reception class meeting 6pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Mass at cathedral Rags 2 riches
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion Mass
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 3 assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 farm trip
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	St Peter and Paul Mass 9.15am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 assembly 9.10am
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reception trip to Clevedon
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 4 and 6 trip to Synagogue
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 class assembly 9.10am New reception children visit PM
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 sports day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 sports day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Menu change
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception class assembly 9.10 Years 2 and 3 trip to Noah's Ark
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving up session PM
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 trip to Zaza
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 play 2.00pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	100% attendance treat to Zaza (selected children)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term Year 6 leavers assembly 9.10am