

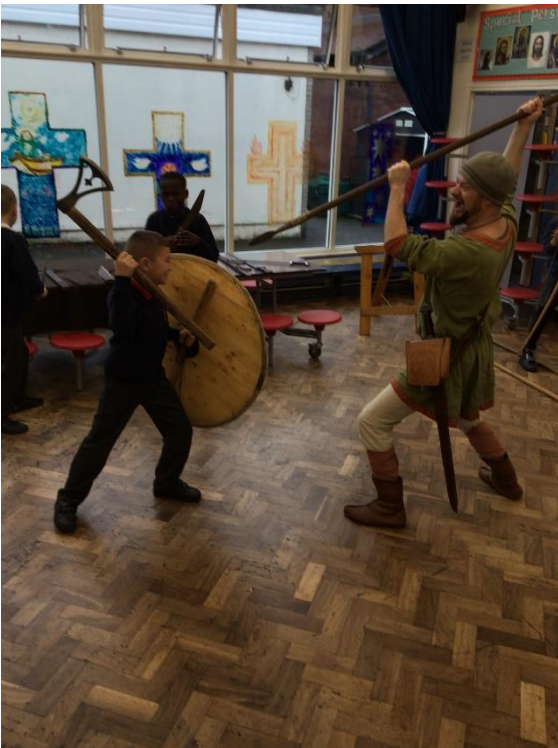


Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 6/1/2023

This week:

Happy new year! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and was able to spend quality time with your families.



On Thursday Year 4 immersed themselves in Viking life by taking part in a full day's workshop at school. They got to become archaeologists for the day, searching for Viking artefacts and even got to have a go at some archery! We learnt about day to day life as a Viking and also had an opportunity to play some fun Viking games.

What a great day!

September Intake:

Admission for our Reception class for next September is open. **The deadline to apply is Sunday 15th January.** Please spread the word amongst about our school with your neighbours and friends! 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

To see more of the school please visit www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk

Term Dates:

- Term 2: Monday 31 October 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022
- Term 3: Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 10 February 2023
- Term 4: Monday 20 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023
- 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 31st October
- Tuesday 3rd January
- Monday 4th June

First Holy Communion Information for St Gerard Majella Church

First Holy Communion 2023 will be celebrated on Sunday 11th June 2023. Parents of children in Year 3 (or above) who want to prepare for their First Holy Communion can now apply to Fr George in person before the 6th January 2023. Please include the details below in your application: Full contact details for parents/guardians including names, address, email address, telephone numbers, full name and date of birth of child/children, details of the Mass you attend and frequency of attendance, a brief statement regarding why you would like your child/children to make their First Confession and First Holy Communion, details of your child's/children's baptism including a copy of their certificate, If you attend another parish for Mass please state where, and your reason for requesting St Gerard Majella. To help prepare your child for these important Sacraments it is essential that you attend Mass weekly with them and that your child also attends the preparation meetings which will most likely be held after the 10am Sunday Mass. Further details will follow in January 2023 once finalised.

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/>



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	93.2%	100%	7
Year 1	85.8%	82.7%	8
Year 2	94.5%	96.8%	18
Year 3	90.4%	85.6%	13
Year 4	93.7%	97.9%	7
Year 5	96.1%	97.8%	8
Year 6	94.1%	89.4%	8
Total	92.5%	92.6%	69

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 understand that it is only the start of Term 2 and a few absences does amount to more percentage missed but we have a duty to inform you when your child has low attendance throughout the academic year. We hope that we can work with parents and support them to improve attendance.

Important Dates:

Term 3:

Tuesday 10 th January	Year 5 start swimming lessons
Tuesday 17 th January	Year 2 trip AM
Thursday 19 th January	Year 6 M-Shed trip
Thursday 26 th January	Reception and Year 1 Aquarium trip
Saturday 28 th January	Lantern parade
Tuesday 31 st January	SEND coffee morning 9-10.30
Friday 3 rd February	Year 5 Trip to Bristol Hippodrome Numbers day
Wednesday 8 th February	Rags 2 Riches collection
Thursday 9 th February	Year 3 museum trip
Friday 10 th February	End of term Year 5 performance 9.15am Cake sale after school



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Help for Households

To help with the cost of living crisis the government has launched a website detail a range of support for households. This is available from the link below:

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)

Local Crisis and Prevention Fund - Bristol

The Local Crisis and Prevention Fund can provide financial support to families facing an immediate financial crisis by

- giving an emergency payment for essentials like food and clothing
- supplying household goods if they cannot afford basic furniture or white goods, like a fridge or a cooker

For further details please visit

[Emergency payments - local crisis and prevention fund - bristol.gov.uk](#)



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FOOTBALL FOR GIRLS

WEDNESDAY 4-5PM
AT WINDMILL HILL FARM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Starting on 10th August, our football sessions are open to girls aged between 6-11 years old.

Our sessions are free to take part in. For more information and to get involved please contact **Grace** at grace.phillips@bcfc.co.uk









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Our webinars last between 30 and 45 minutes, with the opportunity to ask questions throughout. They're suitable for parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.



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