



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week:

On Tuesday, Year 1 and Year 6 had a wonderful day at the Suspension Bridge. All the children were wonderfully behaved, members of the public commented on how wonderful the children were and how they were a credit to our school. Year 6 had a fantastic experience in the vaults, all children were extremely brave and enjoyed the once in a lifetime experience. It was wonderfully cool and an amazing experience. Year 1 showed fantastic knowledge and understanding of the bridge and were amazed to see it up close. They were asking really good questions and able to answer all the questions Amy asked.

This morning Reception class presented their assembly on their learning this term. What a lovely way to end the class assemblies for the term. They entertained us with their beautiful singing and confident speaking.

Y3 had a lovely day at the Zoo on Thursday. We saw lots of amazing animals including lions, gorillas and seals. We really enjoyed seeing what all the animals got up to and particularly liked the red panda who was very active. We also took part in a rainforest workshop where we got to handle cockroaches and a snake! We listened carefully and loved hearing about these amazing animals.

Year 5 set sail on the Matthew on Thursday as part of some learning from our previous topic on John Cabot. They sailed down the river and around the harbour and then engaged well with the crew to find out more about maritime sailing.

On Wednesday Year 6 went to Zaza Bazaar for their end of term treat. They all came back happy and very full!

Staffing Update:

Governors have approved an extension to Mrs James' secondment as Head teacher at St Nicholas of Tolentine for an additional year. We wish her all the best as she continues her new role.

Mrs Edwards has decided to leave her role at Holy Cross to work nearer home in a part time position offering support and consultancy. We wish her good luck for the future and will miss her very much.



I am very pleased to inform you that Miss Ormsby is expecting her second baby due in October. She will be out of class in Term 1 next year until she starts her maternity leave.

Ms Lugg and Mr Ockwell have been appointed to teach from September. I will send out the new class lists on Friday in readiness for our moving up session on Monday 18th July.

Miss Mitchell and Miss Kukkonen will be leaving at the end of this term. We thank them for all of their hard work during their time at Holy Cross and wish them the very best of luck.

Mrs Hunt has returned to school after her maternity leave. She is currently working out of class supporting pupils with additional needs. From September she will take on the role of SENDCO.

On Monday, the children will spend the afternoon in their new classes with their new teacher. Please see the list for next year below:

	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Reception	Miss Stroud	Miss Merrifield
Year 1	Mr Ockwell	Ms Owen
Year 2	Miss Foster	Mrs Tamlin
Year 3	Miss Lugg	Mrs Davies
Year 4	Miss Fairbairn	Mr Smart
Year 5	Mr Toogood	To be appointed
Year 6	Ms Fitzgerald	Mr Evans

Next Week:

We have had parents asking if school will be closed next week due to hot weather. We are currently open but if the advice from Bristol City Council changes we will let you know over the weekend. If any children are not in school if we are open, this will be an unauthorised absence. Also, we are planning our moving up session on Monday where all the children meet their new teachers. Please feel free to send children into school in their PE kit if this makes them cooler.

Premiere Education After School Club:

We have been asked to let you know the sports that will be available for the club:

Monday – Tennis

Tuesday – Hockey

Wednesday – Basketball

Thursday – Football

Friday – Dodgeball

After School Clubs

We have sent out the link to book After School Clubs for September from Premiere Education who will be running our after-school club room sessions. Please book these sessions before the start of term to avoid disappointment. On Friday we sent out the club list for September. Everyone will need to book these clubs on the school app as we only have a certain number of children who can join. Miss Sims will not be able to book children on for you. This makes it fair and on a first come first served basis. If you need Miss Sims to show you how to book via the app, please ask for her help. You will also have to book breakfast club on the app.



Collecting Children Early:

We have had a lot of parents requesting to collect their children early recently. I would like to remind you that you can only collect your child early from school if they have an appointment or for an exceptional circumstance. From now on, we will require written evidence of the appointment.

Hot Weather:

Now that the hot weather is here, please make sure all children come in with sun cream on, a sun hat and has a water bottle with them.

Parking:

When parking outside school at drop off and collection times, please do not park on the double yellow lines outside or opposite the school. I do not want to receive any more emails of complaint from local residents!

Governors Competition:

The winners of the writing competition will be revealed in the end of term celebration assembly.

PTFA Events:

Our welcome BBQ will be held after school on Friday 16th September. Please put this date in your diary!

Free Holiday Activities:

Families can now find free and paid for school holiday activities via the new Your Holiday Hub (YHH) website: [Your Holiday Hub Bristol - Your Holiday Hub Bristol](#) The popular YHH programme is returning this summer offering children and young people hundreds of free, fun activities across Bristol over the six-week summer holiday. The new website means families can now search for school holiday activities - including free YHH places for children on free school meals (FSM) as well as paid for activities and clubs. The new website makes it easier for families in Bristol to find holiday activities, all in one place, by conveniently searching what's available by location, age, or activity. Organisations offering activities can also access resources on the website as well as input and update the activities and clubs they are providing over the school holidays. The website will be updated for each holiday to reflect which activities are available over the summer, winter, and Easter school holidays. YHH activities include cookery classes, sports, drama and learning about wildlife and the environment, and each four-hour holiday activity also includes a nutritious meal and food education.

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. Now that the circumstances have changed, it is vital for all children to return to schools and other settings to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. 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.

We have had a lot of request of absence forms handed in within the last few weeks. 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	89.0%	85.2%	13
Year 1	90.7%	91.5%	10
Year 2	89.8%	90.6%	15
Year 3	93.2%	91.5%	14
Year 4	94.1%	95.3%	7
Year 5	91.5%	93.6%	12
Year 6	90.1%	89.8%	12
Total	91.3%	92.3%	83

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.

However, please be aware of waiting 48 hours before your child returns to school if your child has had a tummy bug and if they have symptoms of covid, we advise for you to lateral flow test them before leaving for school.

Take care,



Mrs Kingston.



Important Dates:

Term 6

Tuesday 19 th July	Year 2 Zoo Trip
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 9.15am Year 6 Play 2pm
Thursday 21 st July	End of Term 6 Celebration assembly 9.15am

Term 1:

Thursday 1 st September	Inset day
Friday 2 nd September	Inset day
Monday 5 th September	Start of Term 1
Friday 16 th September	Welcome BBQ

