



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school:

Year 1 performed their assembly today showcasing their learning on our topic of bridges so far this term. They were amazing as this was the first time they had ever performed to the whole school, they were confident and sang beautifully.

On Wednesday, Years 1 and 6 took part in a bridge making workshop hosted by Bristol Suspension Bridge. The challenge was to design a bridge that could hold a 1kg weight. The children showed great innovation and creativity when designing their bridges and used their learning to help them in their designs.

On Tuesday, 2 parent governors visited school for the afternoon for a monitoring visit on the breadth and diversity of our curriculum. They conducted a learning walk through all the classes, did a scrutiny of the children's books and spoke to the children about their learning.

Next Week:

From Monday, next week our Year 6 children will sit their SATS tests. Breakfast will be available for the whole class each morning from 8am, and on Friday the Year 6 parents are invited in for a celebration breakfast from 8:15am. If your child is in Year 6, please encourage them to get lots of rest this weekend and to spend time in the fresh air and relaxing. They have worked so hard and we are very proud of them.

Thank yous:

Thank you to all those who helped make last week's BBQ such a success. I was unable to attend but was told everyone who was there enjoyed it very much. If you are able to help with any future PTFA events, please let Miss Sims know and she can send your details to the PTFA chairs: Guada and Chas.

I would also like to say a big thank you to all those parents who have been helping out in school since restrictions have lifted. It is lovely to be able to welcome you all back in. Special thanks go to Maxwell's Dad who has been doing some invaluable gardening, Borek's Dad who came in to build bird boxes, Judith's Mum who came in to do planting with the Reception children and Isaac, Esme and Ada's Dad who came in to lead a forest school session with our ELSA group. Thank you also to all parents who have helped us with the walk to swimming each week, and Tyler, Jacob and Harley's Mum who has been



helping in Year 1 with Art and Craft activities. If you are able to offer some time to come in and work with the children, please let Miss Sims know.

COVID-19 vaccinations for 5 - 11 year olds now available:

We have been asked by BCC to share this information with you.

The NHS is now offering COVID-19 vaccines to children aged 5 to 11 years. Appointments are being held in dedicated children's clinics across our area and can be booked online via the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119. Some walk-in clinics are also available and details of these, along with information about all the vaccination options in our area, can be found at www.grabajab.net.

Children's clinics are being run by GPs, community pharmacies and the Vaccination Centre @ UWE Bristol, where themed child-friendly pods have been created to make the Centre feel welcoming for young children. Younger children receive a lower (paediatric) vaccine dose. More information about the vaccination and the effects of COVID-19 in young children can be found [here](#).

Snacks:

Please remember children are not given a government provided snack for playtime in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). Please provide your child with a healthy snack if you wish. A polite reminder that crisps and chocolate bars do not count as a healthy snack!

Road safety and parking:

Thank you to all those who continue to park safely around school. Remember, corners, zig zags and double yellow lines need to be kept free for safety. Unfortunately, some residents are unable to gain access to their own garages due to parents parking illegally on the double yellow lines on Dean Kane opposite the Southbank Club. Please do not park illegally around school so as to help us get on well with our neighbours. Ben, our PCSO, has asked us to let you know that they will be issuing tickets from next week for those cars parked dangerously or illegally.

Assemblies/Visitors:

Class assemblies and other events for this term have been added to the calendar. If you are able to help in your child's class with reading or other activities, please let your child's teacher know via tapestry or class dojo. Please continue to join us for stay and play/read/count sessions every Thursday from 8:40 – 9:10am. Please also join us for Celebration Assembly every Monday and all parents are welcome to all class Assemblies every Friday. We will endeavour to inform you if your child is to receive an award at Celebration Assembly.

Nut free school:

Please remember that we have a number of children with nut allergies: some airborne. This means that we need to **insist that all products sent into schools are nut free**. There are some food items you would not think contained nuts so please can all parents check labelling when making packed lunches.

Please check if all treats are nut free if you are sending them in for your child's birthday. Even cakes that say may contain nuts can be dangerous for some of our children. We are unable to give them out if this is the case.



Attendance update:

From this term, we will be working closely with our school EWO to improve attendance as the legal duty for isolation has now lapsed. There are a number of pupils who attendance is a real concern and we want to work closely with parents to improve the situation so pupils are in school as much as possible. The target for all pupils is set at 96.1% and any figure below is a concern. If your child's attendance falls below 90 %, you will be invited in for a meeting so we can plan how to improve for the rest of the year.

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	90.2%	91.4%	10
Year 1	89.7%	93.1%	8
Year 2	89.4%	90.6%	12
Year 3	92.5%	96.8%	6
Year 4	93.9%	90.8%	4
Year 5	91.0%	94.2%	9
Year 6	88.4%	98.6%	3
Total	90.8%	93.6%	52

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.

Finally:

Tomorrow is forecast to be a warm, sunny day. I hope you get to have a lovely day with your friends. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnZ0xdMU4yY>

Take care,

J. Kingston

Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:



Term 5

Monday 9 th May	Year 6 SATS week: breakfast for pupils from 8am
Friday 13 th May	Year 6 parent breakfast: 8:15am
Friday 13 th May	Reception class assembly 9.15am
Monday 16 th May	Year 5 Trip to Bristol Zoo
Tuesday 17 th May	Year 3 trip to Caerleon
Thursday 19 th May	Year 4 Trip to Museum
Friday 20 th May	Year 6 class assembly 9.15am
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 3 start swimming
Wednesday 25 th May	Reception trip to Windmill Hill City Farm
Friday 27 th May	End of term Year 5 class assembly 9.15am

