



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. I hope you all enjoyed some quality time with your families and friends. The children have settled well back into the school routine and have enjoyed playing outside with their friends in the fine weather this week.

This week in school:

On Monday, we received training from the Diocese on the new RE curriculum, which we will start to work on next year.

Fr Michael celebrated a back to school mass with us this morning. He was so pleased with how the children participated and especially their singing. It was a wonderful way to start the term. A special thanks to the pupils from Year 6 who read and those from Year 5 who acted out the Gospel as the apostles.

PTFA News:

PTFA BBQ tonight at 5.30pm. £1 per adult entrance. Music food and stalls. Food will be Indian food and burgers. Please come along to support the school and to meet other parents.

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](https://www.nhs.uk/nationalbooking-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, attended school last week to check safety around school at drop off and pick up times.

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. Celebration Assembly will take place on Thursday next week.

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 whose 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	89.1%	89.1%	9
Year 1	97.3%	97.3%	10
Year 2	90.2%	90.2%	14
Year 3	98.6%	98.6%	13
Year 4	95.0%	95.0%	4
Year 5	87.5%	87.5%	12
Year 6	86.3%	86.3%	4
Total	92.1%	92.1%	66

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:

I hope you have a lovely bank holiday with your families and friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkBtrPWSKM8>

Take care,

J. Kingston

Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Term 5

Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 4 th May	Year 1 and Year 6 Trip
Friday 6 th May	Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
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
Wednesday 25 th May	Reception trip to Windmill Hill City Farm
Friday 27 th May	End of term Year 5 class assembly 9.15am

