

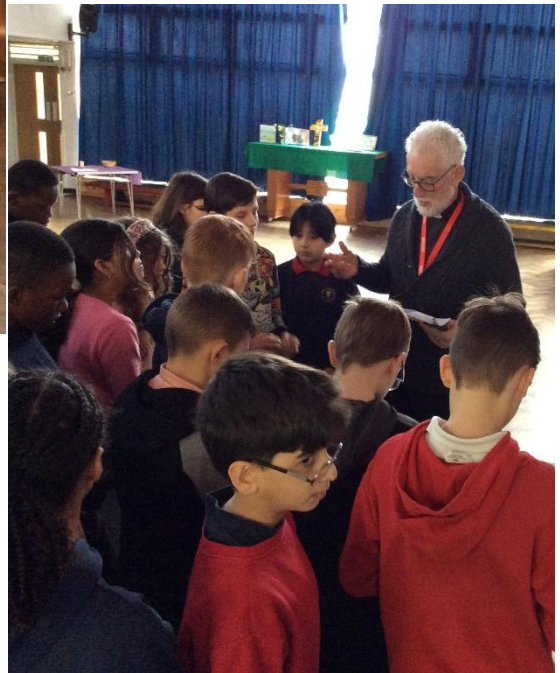


Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 31/01/2025

This week:

On Monday we launched the Jubilee, Year of Hope. We celebrated the launch with lots of activities, including a mini pilgrimage linked to being "pilgrims of hope." Many thanks to Deacon Paul for his guidance and opportunities for reflection today. We know that with little acts of kindness and change, the world will have a much brighter future. Today Year 5 performed their assembly on the history of theatre. We travelled back in time to Ancient Greece, Roman times and even met Shakespeare. They children were true performers and sang beautifully. What a fantastic way to start a Friday.



Admissions:

The deadline for submitting Reception class applications for next September is closed.

Please speak to Miss Sims if you need support in submitting a late application.

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: holycross@bristol-schools.uk

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

Next Friday – Numbers Day

It's NSPCC Numbers day on Friday 7th February. This provides us with a great opportunity to engage with Maths in a fun and creative way and to raise some money for a great cause at the same time.

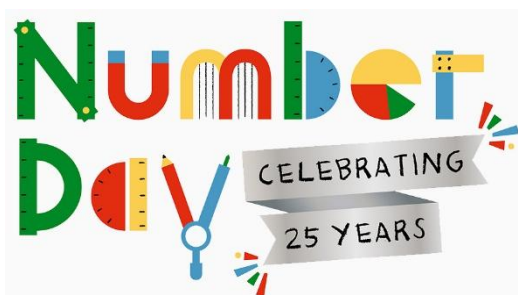
We will be doing the following:

1. **Dress up for digits** - wear clothing with a number on, or related to the theme of maths. Onesies can be worn and individual creations are welcome. (Please send in a suggested £1 donation for NSPCC).
2. **Guess how many sweets are in the jar** - 50p a go. Year 6 children will be on the KS1 playground for the week starting 3rd February for anyone who wants to take part. The child who guesses correctly (or gets the nearest) will win the jar of sweets. All money will be donated to NSPCC.
3. During the day, each class will be engaging in some fun maths activities related to their topic for the term. If the weather allows, Year 6 will also run some maths games for the younger children to participate in.

The day promises to be a lot of fun.

Thank you for all your support,

Miss Ormsby.



Attendance update:

Throughout this academic year, Mrs Kingston and Miss Sims will be working with parents to improve attendance and support any families who need it. Please speak to Miss Sims if you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss any worries you may have.

if you need to request a leave form, please speak to Miss Sims and she will support with this. All parents need to do this in advance of the leave and need to give as much detail as possible so we can code the absence correctly. If you have 10 sessions (5 day) of unauthorised leave within a 10-week period, you will receive a penalty notice. Please see the following page on the new law for attendance.

We would like to remind parents that children are expected to attend school each day unless they are too unwell. Please use this link from the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Also, there are times when children will be absent from school for an exceptional circumstance. Parents need to inform the school prior to the absence and complete a leave of absence form which is available at the school office and on the school website. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent, do not use Class Dojo. 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 is later than 9.30am this is classed as an absence and will be unauthorised. Please see the next page for some more information on unauthorised absences.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	95.2%	93.3%	5
Year 1	94.0%	96.2%	5
Year 2	96.9%	98.3%	10
Year 3	94.0%	96.6%	7
Year 4	94.6%	95.0%	5
Year 5	93.6%	91.7%	8
Year 6	93.7%	93.2%	6
Total	94.1%	95.1%	46

As Year 2 have got the highest attendance they will receive a non-uniform day on Friday 7th February. Well done Year 2!

School Attendance: The law is changing

From 19th August 2024



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing

The government is introducing a new National Framework for Penalty Notices

5 days of unauthorised absence

Penalty Notice fines may be issued for any term-time absences that are unauthorised (for example, a 5-day term-time holiday) - whether these absences are taken consecutively or cumulatively over a rolling period of 10 school weeks

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any 10-week period

Penalty Notice fines will also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in any rolling period of 10 school weeks

**A school day has 2 sessions:
1 morning and 1 afternoon session per day**

A **school week** means any week in which there is at least one school session. The threshold can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 6 sessions of holiday plus 4 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).

What is a Penalty Notice?

A Penalty Notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 Penalty Notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3-year rolling period and any second Penalty Notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences may result in criminal prosecution.

The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold is met – in each individual case, the school **must** consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

Reduced to: **£80** per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (in a 3-year rolling period)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance to the **same parent** for the **same child** the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child (if paid within 28 days)

There is no reduction in the amount.

Third Offence or Any Further Offences (in a 3-year rolling period)

The third time an offence is committed for a Term-Time Leave of Absence or irregular attendance by the **same parent** for the **same child** (including those by other Local Authorities) a Penalty Notice will NOT be issued but will be referred to Bristol City Council's Education Welfare service for **Prosecution** which may result in fines of upto **£2,500** per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in a Magistrate's Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate.

Bristol City Council have the discretion to issue Penalty Notice fines before the above threshold is met in cases where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the threshold, or for repeated absences for birthdays or other family events.

Unchanged

Penalty Notice fines are issued **Per Parent, Per child**. This means that fines are issued to each parent, for each child who is absent. For example: If 2 siblings are absent for a term-time holiday this will result in each parent receiving 2 separate fines.

Important Dates:

Term 3

Tuesday 4 th February	Year 3 Museum trip
Friday 7 th February	Numbers day Year 4 class assembly 9.10am
Wednesday 12 th February	Y6 trip to Mshed and Air Raid Shelter
Thursday 13 th February	Year 5 Theatre trip AM
Friday 14 th February	End of term 3 Year 3 class assembly 9.10am

Term 4

Monday 24 th February	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 25 th February	Y1 farm trip
Monday 3 rd March	Secondary school offer day
Tuesday 4 th March	Parents evening
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday service 9.15am Parents evening
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Year 2 class assembly 9.10am
Monday 10 th March	Science week
Tuesday 11 th March	Y2 trip to Aerospace
Wednesday 19 th March	Y1 trip to Slilmbridge
Friday 21 st March	Year 1 class assembly 9.10am
Friday 28 th March	Reception class assembly 9.10am
Friday 4 th April	End of term 4

Term Dates:

Inset days:

Monday 2nd September
Monday 4th November
Monday 6th January
Monday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July

Term 1:

Monday 2nd September – Friday 25th October

Term 2:

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Term 3:

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

Term 4:

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Term 5:

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May (Bank holiday on Monday 5th May)

Term 6:

Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July

Avon Fire and Rescue Service Home Fire Safety Visits and free training Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV)

Avon Fire and Rescue Service offer **advice and guidance on how to reduce the risk of fire** within the home. Through our targeted prevention work we provide further support to the most **vulnerable members of our community**, i.e. those who may be more at risk of having a fire in their home and therefore need us most. In these cases, **we may carry out a free Home Fire Safety Visit**. This is a free pre-arranged visit to your home to carry out a fire safety assessment and provide you with advice on how to stay safe from fire, including: If we find they need smoke alarms fitting in the home or that existing faulty alarms need replacing, **we will do this free of charge during our visit**. There may also be other help we can offer specific to their circumstances, such as additional fire safety equipment or referring them (with consent) to an organisation or agency that may be able to offer you further support. To find out more, please go to our website.

Arbor:

All parents have been sent an email to sign up for Arbor. It is essential that all parents have the app as this is how we will be sending out messages, booking clubs and paying for trips etc. If you do not have the app you will not receive the messages. If you need support with downloading it please speak to Miss Sims.

Hall hire:

The School Hall is available for hire for parties and events during the weekend. If you are interested in hiring our School Hall, please contact the Office and request a copy of our Lettings policy.



BRISTOL Flyers COMMUNITY

TAKE YOUR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL

THE FLYERS COMMUNITY HUBS ARE OPEN TO BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, AND ARE A GREAT WAY FOR ASPIRING BASKETBALL PLAYERS TO PLAY MORE BASKETBALL AND TAKE THEIR GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF OUR TEAM OF QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED COACHES.

DATE	THURS. FEBRUARY 27TH - APRIL 3RD 2025
LOCATION	ST BERNADETTE'S, CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, BS14 9LS
SESSION	YEARS 7-11 4.30PM - 5.30PM YEARS 3-6 5.30PM - 6.30PM
PRICE	£6.50 PER SESSION £37.50 FOR 6 WEEK TERM

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Girls age 10-14

You can be creative!

You can make friends and have adventures

You can be active

You can make a change

Do you want to learn new skills?

118th Guides at Victoria Park Baptist Church, Sylvia Ave, BS3 5DA

Register your interest by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or you can ring Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901

Text Donella on: 07837 601037

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT



Support for Inter-Parental Communication



FREE support
available
for one or
both parents

- Do you have a child or children aged between 8 and 14?
- Do you find it hard to get on with your partner or your ex?
- Do you argue or shout at each other?
- Or have you stopped talking to each other because it's too difficult?

If so, then this SIPCo project could help.

Support is available for either one or both parents. The help on offer will either be relationship therapy (delivered by the couple therapy charity Tavistock Relationships) or a local practitioner will help you access online resources which can be used at your own pace. If English is not your first language, translators can be provided.

Please contact Gina Pazienza:

relationships@bristol.gov.uk

07721 635376

Visit the SIPCo page at www.bristol.gov.uk

When you apply, your details will not be shared with anyone else.
After applying online, if you do not see our response email, please check your junk/spam folder, then mark relationships@bristol.gov.uk as a trusted sender.

Scan QR code to find out more



Free support sessions



Bristol Parent
Carer Forum
Shaping the Future Together

Join us for free information and support sessions covering a variety of topics both in person and online. Or pop along to a peers support session (children welcome!) to find hints and tips on how best to support your family. No diagnosis is needed to access these sessions.

For more info visit: www.bit.ly/Getbookednow

Peer support sessions

Greenway Centre
Inns Court

ADHD, a conversation,
with Jacob Kelly

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS
AND JACOB KELLY



Speech and Language
in Early years (0-5)

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS
AND SMALL TALK



An introduction to
Makaton

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS
AND ALI PENNINGTON



Transport-Home to
School travel update

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS
AND BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL



Legal responsibilities and
absence for SEND pupils.

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS
AND NEUROTEACHERS



How to be a strong
advocate for your child

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS
AND LISA BAKER-MURRAY



Epilepsy Peer
Support Session

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS
AND YOUNG EPILEPSY



We'd like to invite you to our

Supper Club



Come with your children and stay for the session for a warm welcome, a shared family meal and children's activities

Every Tuesday 5-7pm

The Café at Windmill Hill City Farm

Price: Free!

For more info or to book in, please contact
Nicky on nicky.orr@windmillhillcityfarm.org.uk

For more
support
information for
parents please
see our website:

<https://holy-cross-catholic-primary-school-bristol.secure-primariesite.net/support-information/>

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Transport-Home to School Travel Rights

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An introduction to Makaton

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Supporting your young carer

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS AND CARERS SUPPORT CENTRE



Transition to adulthood - Financial Planning

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS AND RHIANNON GOUGH



How to be a strong advocate for your child

WITH BRISTOL PARENT CARERS AND LISA BAKER-MURRAY



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