

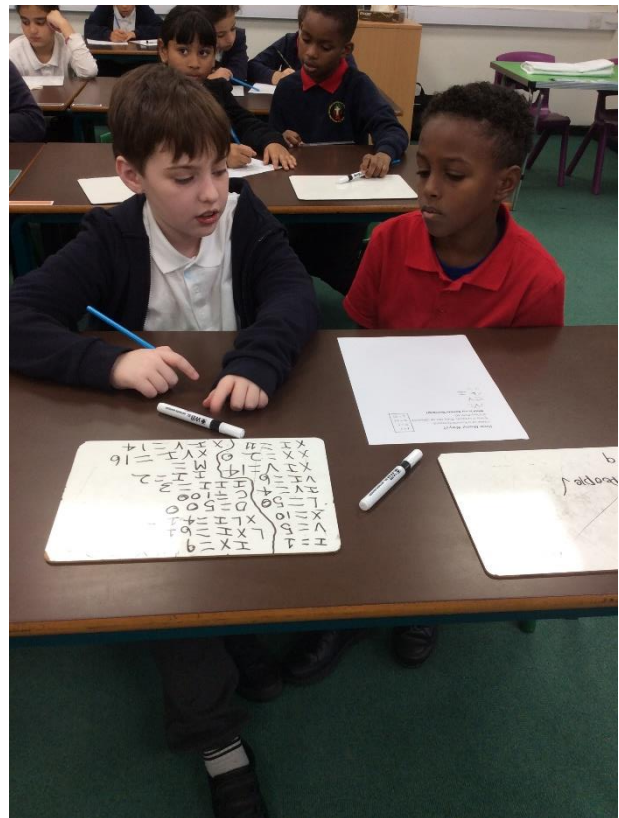


Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 6/9/2024

This week:

We would like to welcome you all back to a new academic year. It has been lovely to hear all of the children's stories of the lovely activities they took part in throughout the Summer. Also, we would like to welcome the new students and families who have started with us this week. The children have had an amazing start to the year, settling in to their new classes with their new teachers. We are very proud of them.



Admissions:

Admission for our Reception class for next September will open on Bristol City Council's website on 12th September. If you are going to apply, please speak to Miss Sims about completing our supplementary form.

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.



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

Welcome BBQ and Arts Trail:

On Sunday 15th September, we will be open as part of the Arts Trail and will be holding our annual Welcome BBQ. The children's art work will be on display for everyone to see. Everyone is welcome.



HOLY CROSS
WELCOME BBQ

Sunday 15th of
September

11 AM - 4 PM
FREE ENTRANCE

JOIN US TO MEET
OTHER PARENTS
AND CELEBRATE
THE SOUTH
BRISTOL ARTS
TRAIL

DEAN LANE, BEDMINSTER, BS3 1DB

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		100%	0
Year 1		81.3%	1
Year 2		98.7%	2
Year 3		95.3%	3
Year 4		98.4%	1
Year 5		91.5%	5
Year 6		97.8%	1
Total		94.7%	13



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 1**

Wednesday 11 th September	Meet the teacher meeting 3.30pm for Years 1 - 6
Friday 13 th September	Holy Cross Feast Day – Mass 9.15am
Sunday 15 th September	Welcome BBQ and Arts Trail – 11am – 4pm
Monday 16 th September	Y5/6 Bikeability (children who signed up) Year 1 trip to toy shop
Tuesday 17 th September	AM - Y5/6 Bikeability (children who signed up) PM – Y4 Bikeability (children who signed up) Year 1 farm trip
Friday 20 th September	Year 6 class assembly 9.10am
Friday 27 th September	Macmillian coffee morning 9.10am
Wednesday 2 nd October	Flu immunisations
Friday 4 th October	Year 5 class assembly 9.10am
Wednesday 9 th October	SEND Coffee morning 9.10am Year 5 trip to S S Great Britain
Thursday 8 th October	Year 4 Banksy walk
Friday 11 th October	Year 4 class assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 15 th October	Parents evening
Wednesday October	Parents evening
Thursday 17 th October	Individual photos Year 6 trip to We The Curious
Friday 18 th October	Year 3 class assembly 9.10am
Friday 25 th October	End of term 1

Term Dates:

Inset days:

Monday 2nd SeptemberMonday 4th NovemberMonday 6th JanuaryMonday 21st JulyTuesday 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 – Thursday 4th April

Term 5:

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

Term 6:

Monday 2nd June – Friday 22nd July

South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhoods: Have your say!

Bristol City Council needs your help to design safer and quieter streets. If you live work, visit, study or play in the BS3 area including Bedminster, Southville or Windmill Hill, have your say at: www.bristol.gov.uk/sbln-engagement.

If you have any questions or concerns about the South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood and how it could affect the area around the school, BCC council officers will be running a **drop-in session** held **outside the school gates** at school pick up time from **2:30-4pm** on **Monday 9th September**.

After School Club

We not offer after school club until £6. This is an addition to our second session which ends at 5.30pm. If you wish to extend your after-school club care until 6pm, please book the session 3 slot which will cost an extra £1. This is available on the school app.



South Bristol Arts Trail

Join us for a weekend celebrating local creativity across Southville, Bedminster and Ashton
14 & 15 September 2024 11am - 5pm

Download your Arts Trail Map online or collect one from The Southville Centre or Glass Designs on North Street.

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FREE

The poster features a green background with a white pencil graphic. Below the text are four small images: a colorful abstract painting, a landscape painting, a detailed drawing of a nest, and a colorful cross-stitch pattern.



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 SIPC 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 SIPC 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

The poster includes a logo for 'Support for Inter-Parental Communication' and a QR code. It features images of people interacting in a supportive environment.



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Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow! **Shop. Scan. We donate!**

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