



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 28/03/2024

This week:

Today we held our annual Egghmobile races. Well done to all the winners and every child who took part. Each class took part in an Easter egg hunt and had a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

This morning our Year 3 and 3 classes performed the Easter Passion Play. They all acted well and sang beautifully.

On Tuesday, Year one enjoyed their second trip to the farm this year. They hunted for minibeasts, went pond dipping, fed all the animals and even checked up on the bean plants they planted on their last visit. Thank you, as always, to the parents who assisted on the trip. We are looking forward to going back again in the summer term.

Some of our nurture group children visited the Watercress Farm rewilding project on Tuesday. They had a great time exploring the woods and riverside farmland. Along the way the children met Red Ruby Devon cattle, Tamworth pigs and Dartmoor ponies. In the afternoon they collected wild garlic from the woodlands and made their own garlic flatbreads on the camp fire. We can't wait to go back and visit again next term!



Admissions:

Admission for our Reception class for next September is now closed. If you have applied, 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. 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

Message from our Mental Health Support Team

Hello, my name is Sam Hodge and I work as part of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). I am an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP Trainee) at Holy Cross and work in school on Monday mornings. I will be giving weekly suggestions that you may have tried or not - the idea being to keep actively thinking about ways we can support the mental health of young people!

This week's tip:

2. Check in with them – creating a safe space for your child to share their worries and anxieties and letting them tell you how they are without interruption.



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. 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. If you need to request time off for exceptional circumstance, please ask Miss Sims for a request of absence form. 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.

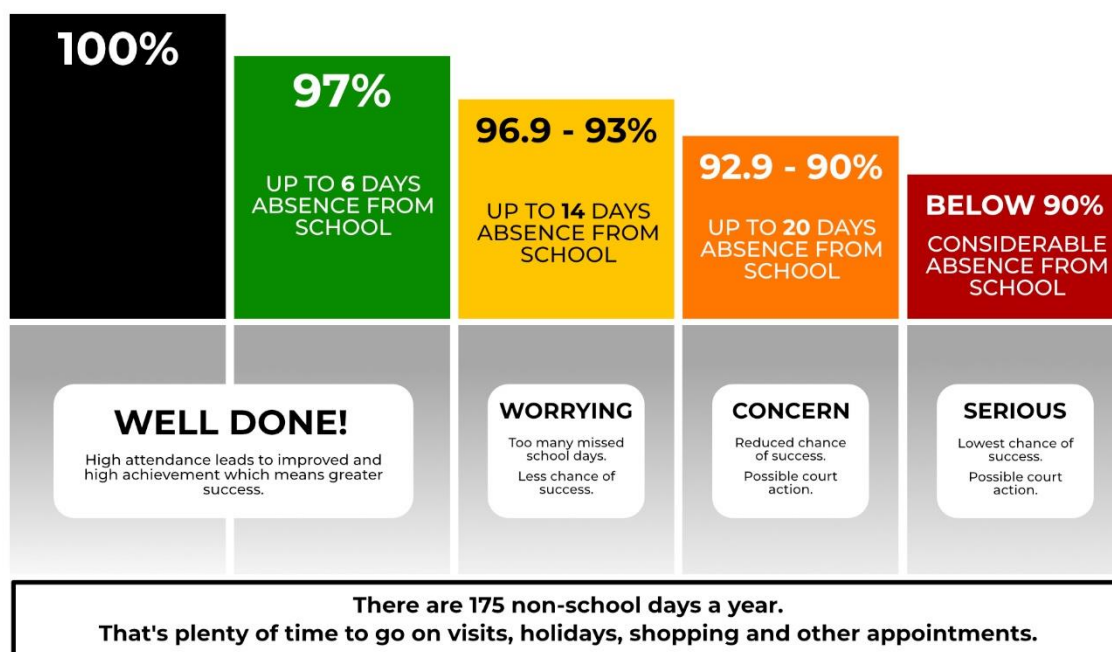
Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	92.1%	93.0%	7
Year 1	93.5%	93.3%	3
Year 2	94.0%	89.1%	1
Year 3	93.7%	92.9%	8
Year 4	90.2%	91.1%	8
Year 5	93.6%	97.6%	1
Year 6	95.3%	98.0%	3
Total	93.2%	93.7%	31

Thank you to those who attend regularly. 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. Please see this link for when your child may be too unwell to attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> As a rule of thumb, being too tired is not a reason to miss school unless it is linked to an illness.

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 has low attendance and you would like to make an appointment and create an action plan for the rest of the year, please speak to Miss Sims. We hope that we can work with parents and support them to improve attendance.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



<u>Term Dates:</u>	Friday 1 st September
Inset days:	Tuesday 2 nd January Friday 28 th June Monday 22 nd July Tuesday 23 rd July
Term 1:	Monday 4 th September 2023 – Friday 20 th October 2023
Term 2:	Monday 30 th October 2023 – Friday 15 th December 2023
Term 3:	Wednesday 3 rd January – Friday 9 th February
Term 4:	Monday 19 th February – Thursday 28 th March
Term 5:	Monday 15 th April – Friday 24 th May (Bank holiday on Monday 6 th May)
Term 6:	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 19 th July

Important Dates:

Term 5

Monday 15 th April	Start of Term 5
Saturday 20 th April	Stages – dance club performance
Tuesday 23 rd April	St George's day – wear red
Friday 26 th April	Year 4 Museum trip Year 3 Caerleon trip
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday – no school
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 5 trip to the Matthew
Monday 13 th May	KS2 SATs week
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 3 and 5 trip to Hindu Temple
Friday 24 th May	End of term 5

Term 6

Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term 6
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 6 Lifeskills trip
Thursday 6 th June	Class photos
Tuesday 18 th June	Year 1 farm trip
Monday 24 th June	Year 4 Wildplace trip
Thursday 27 th June	Year 2 Noah's Ark trip
Friday 28 th June	Inset day – no school

Take part in the new Greville Smyth Park junior parkrun!

We are excited to announce that Greville Smyth Park junior parkrun launched on Sunday 24 March. It joins the Windmill Hill junior parkrun in Victoria Park where over 2,300 children have taken part in more than 360 events

Junior parkruns are free, fun and friendly. All children aged 4-14 years are welcome to walk, jog or run two kilometres along a marshalled route within a park at 9am every Sunday morning year-round, whatever the weather. It is a run, not a race! Those who wish to get a personal best can, and those who wish to chat to their friends are very welcome too. A tail walking adult will always be the last person to finish. You can attend any parkrun; how about trying both Greville Smyth and Windmill Hill?

All children and volunteers need to register once online before attending their first parkrun event to be issued with a barcode. If you have already registered for another event, you don't need to register again. Multiple runners can use the same email address to register and receive their results. There is no charge to take part. Wear anything that you are comfortable to move in.

Each event starts with a briefing and a warm up. At the finish, children collect a finish token which is scanned along with their own barcode (printed or shown on a phone) and their result time is emailed. Completing multiple parkruns gives the opportunity to earn wristbands in recognition of their achievement.

Volunteers are at the heart of parkrun and 15 are needed at each event every week. Many roles only take about 30 minutes. Volunteers are marshals, timekeepers, warm up leaders, barcode scanners, finish funnel managers, and more.

Job available:

Are you a self-employed building maintenance worker with public liability insurance? If you are, our school and some of our fellow Aquinas Partnership schools are interested in talking to you about small maintenance jobs across our schools at a reasonable price. These jobs could range from attaching door finger guards to shelving or fencing. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the school: 01173772373 or e mail Jason.franks@bristol-schools.uk

Gospel of the week:

Last Sunday, was the start of Holy Week. In this Sunday's Gospel, the people praised Jesus. There are many things for which we can praise God.

Help us to remember to praise the children in our care for all the times they make the right choices.

Dear God,

As we journey through Holy Week approaches, we thank and praise you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven.

Amen.



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SATURDAY 10:45 AM - 12.15 PM

YEAR 5 - YEAR 6

NORTH:

THE HUB, GAINSBOROUGH SQUARE, LOCKLEAZE, BRISTOL, BS7 9XA

SOUTH:

THE SOUTHBANK CLUB, DEAN LANE, BRISTOL, BS3 1DB

email rise.riseyouthdance@gmail.com to get involved



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FAMILY FUN EVENT

FAITH SPACE
REDCLIFFE METHODIST
CHURCH, PREWETT ST.
REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL BS1
6DB

MONDAY
8TH APRIL
1-3PM

Young parents and parents in general, come along with your children and meet people in your area, have fun, find out about local support, chat & discover.

Activities:

- * Forest school
- * Arts & Crafts
- * Planting
- * Music and more

Free nibbles & refreshments

TheHub

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

GRASSROOT COMMUNITIES



Party Peeps

EASTER

Eggstravaganza

Two hours of non stop family fun including disco, games, egg hunt, family rave and more!

REDCATCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
4TH APR 1.30-3.30

BOOK NOW AT [TICKETSOURCE.COM/PARTY-PEEPS](https://www.ticketsource.com/party-peeps)

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