



Holy Cross RC Primary School

Newsletter – 22/03/2024

This week: This week Year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to take part in an African Afro Caribbean dance workshop. The children learnt how to count the beat and move their bodies in this dance style. On Wednesday Y1 and Y2 went to Dance Fest at St Bernadette's. Y2 performed a dance about friendship and Y1 performed a dance about a rainbow. They both performed beautifully and everyone said how well they danced and behaved during the festival. On Thursday Year 4 enjoyed visiting the Wildlife photography exhibition at the Bristol Museum where we saw some amazing photos of different animals from spiders to polar bears and we learnt about the impact that humans have on their natural habitats. We then finished off the afternoon with an incredible concert at the Bristol Beacon where we watched a professional orchestra perform! This morning our Reception class presented their assembly on Spring and new life which has been their topic this term. They did amazingly for their first ever class assembly. We are so proud of them.



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.

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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: holycrossp@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:

1. Positive praise goes a long way – try to tell your child you are proud of them as much as you can. Praising their effort (however small!) and focussing less upon the outcome can help build their confidence.



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.

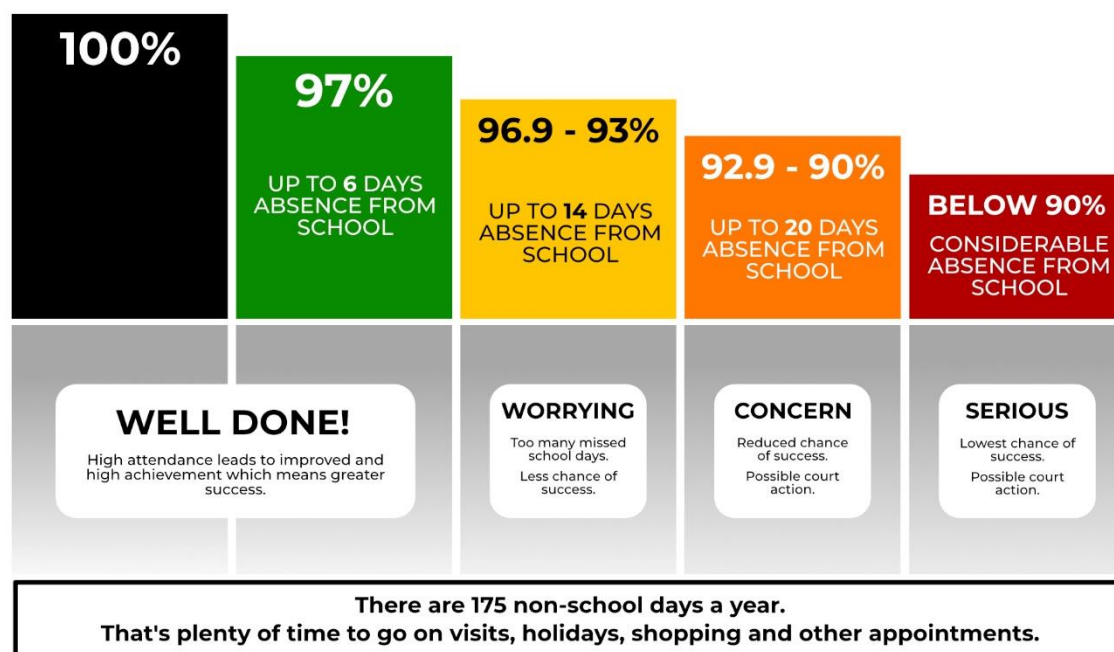
Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	92.0%	89.5%	3
Year 1	93.5%	98.9%	1
Year 2	94.2%	94.8%	1
Year 3	93.7%	91.7%	3
Year 4	90.2%	92.6%	2
Year 5	93.4%	94.6%	0
Year 6	95.2%	95.0%	0
Total	93.2%	93.6%	10

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 4

Monday 25 th March	End of term assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 1 farm trip
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term 4 Years 3 and 4 production 9.15am (Year 6 sell refreshments) Egg mobile races Year 6 Cake sale 3.15pm

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

Your Holiday Hub is ready and waiting to open its doors this spring.

Your Holiday Hub is all set for another egg-ceptional school holiday filled with fully funded, fun activities across Bristol from 2-12 April.

Over 50 providers will open their doors to children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM) with sessions including cooking, sports, music and arts as well as great opportunities to make friends and try new activities. Each session includes a healthy meal and snacks, using fresh ingredients and different tastes for children to try.

Councillor Asher Craig, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet lead for Children's Services, Education and Equalities welcomed the programme back for 2024. She said: "I'm delighted to see Your Holiday Hub back again for the third year running, it provides much needed support for families during the school holidays, giving children and young people entertainment and a healthy nutritious meal during the day. With nearly 19,000 in receipt of free school meals in Bristol, we have made sure to provide hundreds of citywide activities to choose from so that everyone can find something that interests them."

Food is a key part of the Your Holiday Hub programme, it connects families, communities, and cultures and this year, the holidays coincide with the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Children and young people who are observing Ramadan during the holidays can join in with less strenuous activities, if desired, and take food home to enjoy later.

Children and young people in receipt of FSM who have an education, health and care plan (EHCP) or on the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) register are also welcome to book YHH sessions. All providers take part in training led by [WECIL](#), a user led organisation that supports Disabled people, to continue improving accessibility to all sessions. Parents should contact providers directly to discuss any individual needs for their child.

After School Club Servery:

Please complete the following survey from Bristol City Council which asks parents their needs for after school care. The deadline to submit is Friday 8th March -

<https://forms.office.com/e/Nuv0CftB6i>

Lent Fundraising:

This Lent we will be raising money in different ways for charity. All classes will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for CAFOD. The aim is for us to walk 200km during Lent. The children will be taking part in this each day after lunch and you can view our progress on the fundraising page below. Please donate what you can to raise money for CAFOD and support our efforts.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/holy-cross-primary-cafod-fundraiser>

Science Week:

It is Science week at the moment and the theme is Time! Each class will be conducting an investigation around this theme and there is also an opportunity to submit a poster related to Time with some fab prizes up for grabs! Details can be found on this website and the closing date is March 28th -

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

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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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Taking place in:

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Open to children from any school

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Cricket Fundays

& more!



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 **Gympanzees**

Easter Pop Up

April 1st - 12th

Pop Up fun and fitness for children and young people with disabilities!



Venturers Academy, Hareclive Road,
Withywood, BS13 9JW

Gympanzees sessions are for children and young people (0-25 years) with sensory, physical, learning difficulties, SEN and any mild to profound disability.

You do not need a diagnosis to use Gympanzees.



Visit gympanzees.org to book

Or scan the QR code



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Gardening

Mondays 5-6pm

Everyone Welcome



Dame Emily Park Project

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