



# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

14 June 2024

Dear Parents

### Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for week ending 7 June 2024.

Inf 1	94.0
Inf 2	90.0
Inf 3	93.8
Inf 4	94.6
Inf 5	98.8*
Inf 6	95.0
J1	90.3
J2	90.2
J3	81.3
J4	96.3*
J5	89.7
J6	91.9
J7	95.3
J8	92.4
<b>Total for whole school</b>	<b>92.4%</b>

Our whole school attendance target as set by the Department of Education is 96.7%.

\*The winners of the class attendance award this week were INF 5 and J4.

Well, done to INF 5, highlighted in green who met the target.

### Year 4 First Communion Celebration Day

The children in Year 4 have had a lovely day today to celebrate making their First Holy Communion earlier this term. Although we were unable to celebrate mass together at church this morning as the weather let us down, Father Philip kindly came up to school to share a lovely service with the children, staff and Mrs Kelly and Mrs Lakey from church. The service was followed by a pizza lunch and a party/games day. The children had a ball, quoted by one young man as "the best day ever in school!". A well deserved treat Y4, we are glad you enjoyed it.

### Year 5 Pony Day at Aintree Racecourse

This week, year 5 were fortunate enough to spend the day at Aintree Racecourse, where they learned all about how to care for a horse or pony, were allowed to visit the changing rooms in the Weighing Room and learned all about how the jockeys prepare for their races. They also got to use their Maths skills to estimate their weight, before weighing themselves (there were extra biscuits for great estimations!) and were able to groom and ride a pony too. They had a fabulous day.

### Art Bytes Competition

Earlier this year all children in year 5 were invited to take part in a Liverpool City Region art competition called Dot Art which I referenced in the bulletin last week. As part of this competition our entries were put forward to a national competition with Art Bytes. The children's images of kingfishers were displayed on the Art Bytes website in our school portfolio and a panel of art professionals shortlisted the top three artworks from each school. The winners from our school were, 1st Gabrielle (J5), 2nd Pippa (J5) and 3rd Alex (J6). On Thursday afternoon the girls were invited to a celebration event at the Whitworth Art gallery in Manchester to receive their awards. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this award ceremony, as was Alex, however Gabrielle and Pippa, who attended with their families were beaming with pride when they told me about it and rightly so! Well done girls, we are very proud of you and everyone

in Y5 who took part. If you would like to view the girl's work you can find it on the virtual gallery section of the Art Bytes website.

### **Cathedral Choir**

You may recall, from a newsletter back in April, that I shared an opportunity from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, who asked all school leaders to share information for the recruitment of boy and girl choristers for the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool for a September 2024 start. I have been delighted to hear that one of our Year 5 girls, Sadie (J5) auditioned earlier this week and has been called back for a second audition this weekend. Well done Sadie and the best of luck, we are very proud of you whatever the outcome!

### **Messages/School Office**

Our office phones are manned from 8.30 am onwards and lines are very busy as this time. Please be assured that if you leave a message, it will be picked up once a member of the office team is available to do so and it is perfectly acceptable to leave messages about pupils' absence rather than having to keep trying to speak to a member of staff.

### **2024 Children's Parliament Debate**

We are very proud of our student council representatives who stayed after school on Thursday to take part in the national online Children's Parliament debate: Does democracy really matter? They listened to speakers, participated in an online vote and shared their views on threats to democracy, voting ages, why we need rules and whether it is important to protect democracy in the UK. The children showed great maturity and are going to share what they have learned from this experience in a KS2 assembly before the General Election.

### **Cyber Security Masterclass**

On Wednesday, children in Year 4, 5 and 6 participated in a virtual masterclass with Merseyside Police. The masterclass focused on online safety, social media, digital footprints, and how children can better protect themselves online. The children were surprised at how easily passwords can be cracked and how this can lead to getting hacked online. The children were told about [passwordmonster.com](https://passwordmonster.com). This is a website which gives advice and information about password best practices, cyber risks and the most common mistakes people make when creating passwords. It gives tips and tricks for creating strong passwords and checks how secure your passwords are and how long it would take to crack them. The masterclass focused on platforms such as Fortnite, Snapchat, and TikTok and how important it is not to be too trusting online as people may not be who they appear to be. The session also addressed things for the children to consider who are using mobile phones for the first time. It gave the important message that once you send or post something, even if it is deleted, it can still be seen and how children should always be kind online and only ever send or say things which they would be happy for an adult to see or hear. They were reminded that adults check their devices regularly to help keep them safe.

### **Sefton Parent Carer Forum**

Please see the attached event and come and chat information from the Sefton Parent Carer Forum, further information about the event is available via the link below:

[Sefton Parent Carer Forum Craft Cafe & Summer in Sefton on Saturday 15th June 2024 at 11.00am until 3pm | The Sefton Directory](#)

### **Holy Rosary Parish Newsletter**

Please see the attached link which takes you directly to the Holy Rosary Parish website, where you can view the most recent Parish Newsletters. By accessing this link [holynosarychurch.co.uk](https://holynosarychurch.co.uk) you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the archdiocese, and the wider community.

## **M STEVENSON**

### **Diary for w/c 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Monday	Year 2 – Gymnastics – Beth Tweddle – 4:15pm finish. Years 3 & 4 – Dodgeball – ASC – 4:15pm finish. Years 5 & 6 – Boys Football Invited – 4:15pm finish. Years 5 & 6 – Girls Football Invited – 4:15pm finish.
Tuesday	Inf 6 – Swimming Year 5 & 6 – Netball Invited – 4:15pm finish.

KS2 Dance – Mr Stavers GLS Dance – 4:15pm finish.

Wednesday Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – J2 Class Assembly – 9.10am in the school hall, J2 parents invited  
 Year 5 & 6 – Netball Invited – 4:15pm finish.

Thursday Year 3 – Multi Sports – ASC – 4:15pm finish (starting 1<sup>st</sup> May)  
 Years 4, 5 & 6 – Choir – Mrs Cook – 4:00pm finish.  
 Year 4 – Whack it ball – IP Presents – 4:15pm finish.  
 Year 5 & 6 – Girls Football – ASC – 4:15pm finish.  
 Year 6 – Athletics – Maricourt – 4:15pm finish.  
 Y6 Charity Champions – Mrs Oldfield – 3:45pm finish.

Friday Year 5 – Tag Rugby – Mr Woodward – 4:15pm finish.  
 Year 5 & 6 – Basketball – ASC – 4:15pm finish.

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – J1 Class Assembly – 9.10am in the school hall, J1 parents invited

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Family Fun Run (weather permitting) – Times TBC – Parents invited

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y1-Y6 Sports Day (weather permitting) – 1.30pm Parents invited

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Mass – 2.00pm at church – Parents invited

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Disco Day – own clothes

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Disco – Time TBC

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly – Time TBC – school hall – Parents invited

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – END OF TERM – 2:15pm Finish**