



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

13th December 2024

Dear parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for our school this week:

Inf 1	89%
Inf 2	91%
Inf 3	98%
Inf 4	99%
Inf 5	99%
Inf 6	93%
J1	95%
J2	95%
J3	94%
J4	98%
J5	92%
J6	86%
J7	96%
J8	98%
Total for whole school	94.5%

ATTENDANCE
EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Below 90%
Serious Concern.
Persistent absence.

90 - 95.9%
Concern. Low
Attendance.

At least 96%
Expected
attendance.

**Expected attendance means
having no more than seven
days off this school year!**

Expected attendance as set by the Department of Education is 96.7%.

Well done to the classes highlighted in green who met or exceeded this expectation this week!

FOHR Christmas Event

On behalf of myself, the FOHR and all the staff I would like to extend a massive thank you for the overwhelming support offered to the school this week, both through the hugely generous bottle and chocolate donations and the attendance at the event last night. There was a wonderful atmosphere, and it was lovely to see the whole school community coming together. It was the first time that we have held one of these events and there will obviously be a few tweaks next year to try and help ease the flow of events but thank you for bearing with us. We were touched by the positivity and generosity of you all throughout. The takings have yet to be confirmed as there are a number of receipts to settle but I will let you know the final figure next week. A heartfelt thank You to everyone who supported us, families, staff and the new FOHR committee, I am sure that you will agree they did a great job, and we look forward to the next one!

The FOHR are having one last push to raise more funds with a Christmas Raffle, tickets came home with your child tonight. The prizes are fantastic! Please support them if you are able. Many thanks.

Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 Concerts

The Reception, Yr 1 and Y2 Christmas Nativity plays have all taken place this week. They were all wonderful. They were enjoyed by everyone and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. What talented children and staff we have here in Holy Rosary School. Thank you to everyone who was able to come to support them.

Nursery Sing-Along

Parents of our nursery children were invited into school to share in our Christmas sing-along. The children looked fabulous wearing their Christmas clothes and, together with the adults, sang a number of well-known Christmas songs. There were mince pies and refreshments, and everyone enjoyed the lovely Christmas atmosphere.

Charity Champions

Our team of Charity Champions had a very busy day today. They delivered handmade Christmas cards to our local elderly, sick and housebound parishioners this morning. They sang Christmas carols and chatted to the pensioners, one of the ladies told them they had "made her day!".

In the afternoon they served a Christmas lunch with Father Philip in the Parish Club. The children were given so many compliments about their manners and were told what a credit to the school they were. Well done and thank you for representing us all so beautifully today, Eve, Pippa, Gabrielle, Isla, Amelia, Bea, Abe, Katie and Ruby!

Nut allergies

Can we please remind you that we have children in our school who suffer from nut allergies. This can cause a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. Therefore, we respectfully remind all parents and carers NOT TO SEND IN NUT PRODUCTS for children's birthdays or in their packed lunches, this includes Kinder chocolate products and Nutella. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Performances

Here is a reminder of the date for our final Christmas performance:

Thursday 19th December Yr. 5 & Yr. 6 Christmas Service in Church 2:00pm

The UKS2 performance will take place in Church at 2pm. Father will live stream the service and the recording will be available to view for 30 days via the link on the parish website. If you intend to come, we ask you to stick to 2 family members per child. Thank you.

Parking

Can I please remind parents/carers to be considerate of our neighbours when parking outside school at drop off or pick up times please. An elderly gentleman fell over attempting to navigate between cars parked on the pavement earlier this week and another neighbour was late for work when someone from our school community parked across her driveway and she was unable to get out.

Admission to Reception and Nursery – September 2025

The governors of Holy Rosary School will meet in the New Year to consider applications for places in Reception and Nursery for September 2025. If you have a child who is due to start in either Nursery or Reception, please ensure you have completed the appropriate forms.

Please note that if you are applying for a place in Reception you must apply for a place for your child by completing your Local Authority's Common Admission Form – **the closing date for receipt of applications is 15 January 2025.** Please note that baptisms must have taken place prior to the closing date of 15 January 2025.

I must remind you that it cannot be assumed younger siblings have an automatic right of admission, and parents should be aware that admission to Nursery does not guarantee a place in school.

The Nursery and the School admission criteria are available to view on the school website.

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 www.holyrosarychurch.co.uk you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the Archdiocese and the wider community.

PLEASE NOTE ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE NOW FINISHED UNTIL JANUARY!

Diary for w/c 16th December 2024

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday Christmas Party Day & Christmas Dinner Day – **Own clothes**

Thursday UKS2 (Y5 and Y6) Christmas Service in church – 2pm – **Parents invited**

Friday **END OF AUTUMN TERM – 2.15PM FINISH**

Christmas Services at Holy Rosary Church

Masses in Holy Rosary Church as follows: -

Tuesday 24th December **Mass at 5.00pm - come in your pyjamas - and bring a musical instrument!**
Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday 25th December: **Mass at 10.30am.**

Thursday 26th December: **Mass at 10.00am.**