



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

25 October 2024

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

As mentioned in last week's bulletin we have a real focus on improving attendance across the school this year. Term time holidays, whilst unauthorised, obviously have an effect on our attendance figures each year. If you are starting to look at booking holidays for the summer months and looking for cheaper options, that fit in with our term dates, please remember that we have two INSET days either side of the May half term this year, Friday 23rd May 2025 and Monday 26th May 2025. This may assist you in securing a slightly cheaper option without the need for days off school.

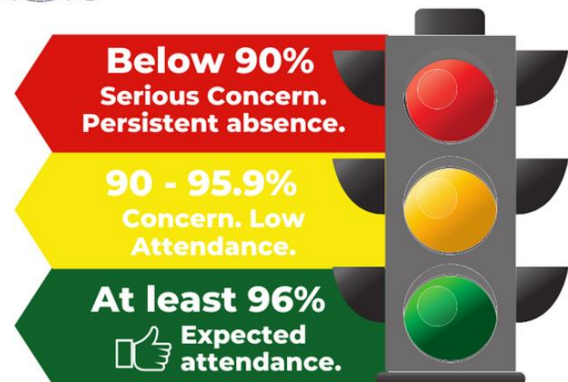
Here are the figures for our school this week, Monday - Thursday:

Inf 1	90%
Inf 2	91%
Inf 3	94%
Inf 4	93%
Inf 5	96%
Inf 6	96%
J1	97%
J2	98%
J3	99%
J4	95%
J5	95%
J6	97%
J7	100%
J8	98%
Total for whole school	95.5%



ATTENDANCE

EVERY DAY COUNTS!



**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%.

Unfortunately, we did not meet this expectation again this week.

Well done to those classes highlighted in green who did manage to meet or exceed expected attendance.

*INF 3 and J3 were the winners of the class attendance award this week, 2 weeks running for J3!

193 of our 456 pupils = 42.3% received recognition yesterday for having 100% attendance this half term.

They wore their stickers with pride. Well done to you all and keep it up!

Disco – Zoe's Place

We had a lovely day yesterday in school with disco events and treats for the children. They all looked fantastic in their own clothes and had a great time jumping about and showing off their moves in the disco. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the treats and sent in money for Zoe's Place, some of you were very generous! I will share the exact amount we raised after half term but it was in excess of £500. Well done everyone!

Netball

A group of our Y6 pupils went to Maricourt on Wednesday afternoon to represent our school in a MADCOS (Maghull And District Cluster Of Schools) Netball Tournament. Whilst we were not placed in the top positions our team played incredibly well, showing great team work and good spirits. Well done to everyone involved.

Friends of Holy Rosary Committee – Christmas Event 12th December

The Friends of Holy Rosary (FOHR) had a pause in service following the sad passing of our lovely Michelle McIntyre, who most of you will remember was instrumental in organising fundraising events for our school. They are now back up and running with the original committee members Lisa, Paul (Michelle's husband) and Roisin being joined by Natalie, Aisling, Laura and Laura. I had a very positive meeting with members of the new committee this week, they have some excellent ideas about how they can fundraise and help to provide enjoyable events for our children. I would like to thank them and others who have offered their time to help and look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Please keep Thursday 12th December, straight after school free in your diaries to support a new Christmas event. Further details to follow after half term.

Nut Allergy

We have a couple of children who have a nut allergy in school, and I regularly remind you not to send in items of food containing nuts into school, including Kinder and Nutella treats. However, we have had a further issue this week with some of our older pupils unknowingly bringing in body sprays that contained traces of almond and pistachio nut oils, that unfortunately triggered an allergic reaction. Can I ask you all to be cautious if your child uses similar sprays to check the ingredients before allowing them to wear them to school. Thank you for your understanding.

Admission to Secondary School – September 2025 – reminder

A FINAL REMINDER to anyone with a pupil currently in Y6 that all applications for secondary school MUST be submitted, on-line, by the national deadline which is 31 October 2024.

If you live in Knowsley or Liverpool, you may need to contact your local authority for further advice on the correct procedure to follow.

Please note that if you are applying for a place for your child in a Voluntary Aided School, i.e., Maricourt, you will need to contact the school directly to complete one of their Supplementary Information Forms.

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.

Diary for w/c 4th November 2024

Monday	RETURN TO SCHOOL – 8:45AM Yr. 3 Gymnastics – ends 4.15 pm. Yr. 5 & Yr.6 Girls Football – Invited pupils – ends 4.15pm
Tuesday	J4 Swimming Yr.5 and Yr. 6 Performing Arts - Mr Stavers ends 4:15pm Yr. 4 Netball – After School Club Company - ends 4.15pm
Wednesday	Yr. 4 Dodgeball – After School Club Company - ends 4.15pm
Thursday	Yr. 3 Circuit Training - After School Club Company – ends 4.15pm Yr. 6 – Basketball – Mr Beenham Maricourt – ends 4.15pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 12th November – School Photographs (for anyone absent on previous photograph day)

Wednesday 20th November – J5 Class Assembly – 9:10am – J5 parents invited

Wednesday 27th November – Friday 29th November – Y6 Residential

Friday 6th December – Own Clothes Day – bring items for FOHR Christmas Event

Thursday 12th December – FOHR Christmas Event After School