



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

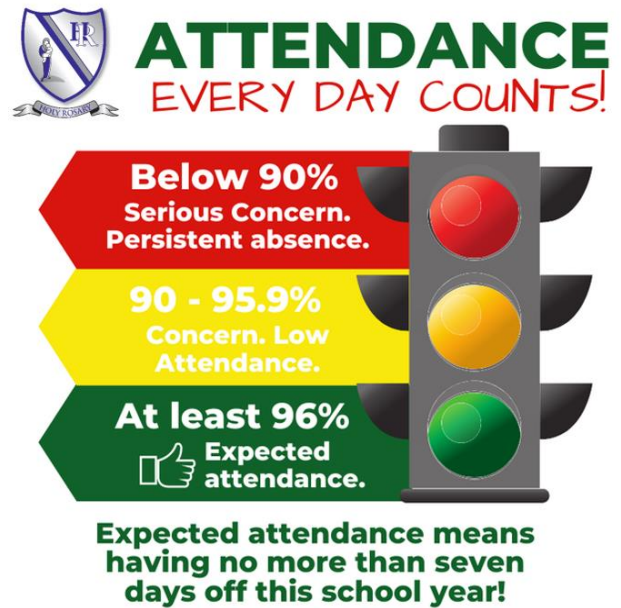
8th November 2024

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for our school this week:

Inf 1	98%
Inf 2	92%
Inf 3	95%
Inf 4	97%
Inf 5	96%
Inf 6	94%
J1	93%
J2	95%
J3	96%
J4	96%
J5	89%
J6	89%
J7	96%
J8	89%
Total for whole school	94%



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.

Welcome Back

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term. The children have settled well, and the half term has got off to a positive start. Thank you once again for starting the new half term with such high standards regarding school uniform, our children as always are immaculate. Can I just remind you as we go into the colder months that all footwear must be black and polishable (no trainers) and any boots must not go above the ankle as stated in our uniform policy. Thank you for your support.

Basketball

On Wednesday afternoon, we took a team of children from Year 5 and 6 to Maricourt High School to participate in an inter-schools basketball competition. The mixed teams of girls and boys played nine rounds in what was a close tournament. Many fantastic goals were scored and all children displayed great sportsmanship. Although we didn't win any medals, all children received a wristband and a certificate. We are very proud of both teams, they represented our school beautifully and had a great experience!

Oliver's Ascent for Charity

Last weekend, one of our Year 6 boys, Oliver (J7), climbed Mount Snowden to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. He made the ascent with his family who, like many of us, have experienced the benefit

of Macmillan's wonderful support. Oliver said, "It took us 3 hours up, 3 hours down and I needed a McDonalds at the end of it!" He raised approximately £570. Well done, Oliver-we are very proud of you!

Y3 Boys Charity Run for Zoe's Place

Four of our Y3 boys, Klay, Clay, Buddy and Zach, along with their dads and other members of their football team completed a charity run in aid of Zoe's Place during the half term. They ran 5 laps between Anfield and Goodison Park and managed to raise £1,200! Well done boys and to all involved.

School Trips and Visits

We have been very fortunate for a number of years now, to have had the luxury of being able to fund every trip, event and visitor to school from the school budget and not had to pass on any cost to yourselves. However, as you will know from the media, government funding for schools fluctuates. Unfortunately, the governors and I have had to consider where some savings can be made. Reluctantly, from February 2025 onwards (giving you a month's breather after Christmas) we will be asking for a voluntary contribution from parents for 50% of the cost of most of the out of school trips. We will continue to pay for events and visitors into school. No changes will be made before February 2025.

Dinner Money Arrears

We have a high number of parents who owe dinner money at the moment. If you have dinner money arrears, please ensure that you pop onto the Parentmail App and make a payment ASAP. Many thanks.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week takes place next week with the theme being 'Choose Respect'. During next week, the children will participate in activities about what respect looks like and how they can 'Choose Respect' in all aspects of life both online and offline. We will end the week with **Odd Socks Day** on **Friday 15th November**. We invite the children and staff on this day to come to school wearing odd socks to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.

Parents' Evening

Parents evenings will take place on Wednesday 20th November and Thursday 21st November. A Parentmail will be sent out next week detailing the arrangements this year.

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 11th November 2024

Monday Yr. 3 Gymnastics – ends 4.15 pm.
 Yr. 5 & Yr.6 Girls Football – Invited pupils – ends 4.15pm

Tuesday	School Photographs (for anyone absent on previous photograph day) 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 KS2 – Charity Champions – Mrs Oldfield – ends 3:45pm
Friday	Y1 Trip to Liverpool (odd socks optional) N-Y6 Odd Socks Friday

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 20th November – J5 Class Assembly – 9:10am – J5 parents invited
- Wednesday 20th November & Thursday 21st November – Parents’ Evening
- Wednesday 27th November – Reception Stay & Play – 2.15pm - Reception 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

Further dates for Christmas events will be confirmed on the bulletin next week.