



# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

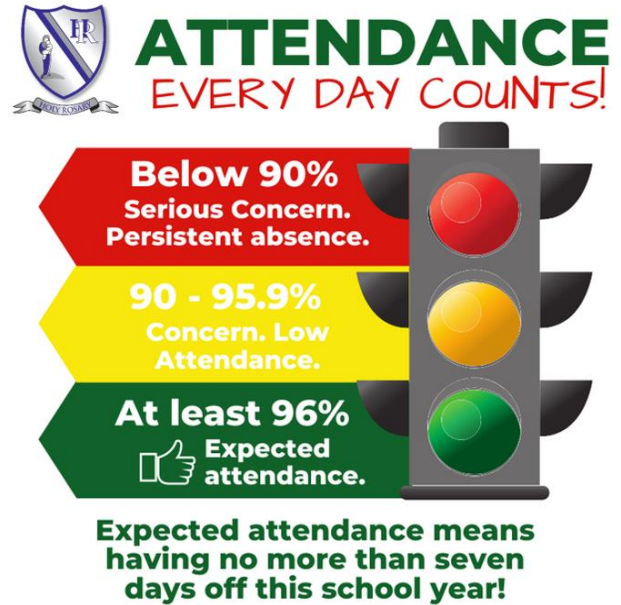
6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear parents

### Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for our school this week:

Inf 1	91%
Inf 2	92%
Inf 3	97%
Inf 4	94%
Inf 5	94%
Inf 6	93%
J1	98%
J2	95%
J3	96%
J4	97%
J5	94%
J6	96%
J7	94%
J8	93%
<b>Total for whole school</b>	<b>95%</b>



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!

### Mufti Day

The children looked fabulous today in their own clothes. Thank you so much for your support with all the chocolate treats and bottles, the Friends of Holy Rosary were overwhelmed by the generosity shown today.

### Advent Service

On Monday afternoon. the lower junior children treated us to a very traditional reflection in Church to recognise the start of the season of Advent. The readers reminded us of the meanings behind each candle on the Advent wreath and what they represent: hope, love, joy, the Angels' candle and finally the white 'Christ's candle'. The traditional carols with beautiful duets, dance and readings. all presented in a calm and reverent atmosphere, gave everyone the opportunity to be still for a moment and reflect on this special time of year. Well done Y3 and Y4.

### Y5 Futsal

On Tuesday some of our Year 5 boys took part in a Futsal competition with 11 other schools from MADCOS (Maghull and District Community of Schools). They finished 3rd and showed great determination and effort throughout the tournament. Thomas was our top scorer with 9 goals overall, scoring 5 in one game! Fantastic work boys well done!

### **Bikeability**

We have had Sefton Bikeability in school all week this week, supporting our Y5 pupils with safety on their bikes on the roads. The children who have taken part have thoroughly enjoyed the programme and the instructors have commented on how hard they have worked and how well behaved they have been. The weather was not kind to some of the groups, but they showed great resilience. Well done children.

### **Y1 Local Walk**

Our Y1 children ventured out on a local walk on Monday morning, linked to their current Geography topic 'Where do I Live?'. They had a great time spotting local landmarks and shops. Their teachers were very proud of their behaviour and enthusiasm too. Good work Y1.

### **FOHR Christmas Event**

You should have received a Parentmail earlier today outlining the arrangements for the Christmas event next Thursday. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day. For those unable to attend, don't forget a small donation for the collection buckets next Thursday, every penny will go back to our children during the coming year.

### **CAFOD World Gifts**

World gifts are a fantastic way for children to learn about the joy of giving, put Catholic Social Teaching into action and help transform the lives of people experiencing poverty. Our team of Charity Champions are asking children across the school from N-Y6 to design a Christmas stocking in order to raise money for CAFOD. The competition costs 50p to enter and there will be a winner selected from each class who will receive a chocolate treat! All proceeds will then go to CAFOD World Gifts. Please send your entries into school by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Good luck children!

### **Christmas Dinner Day- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

A final reminder that anybody wishing to have a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, who is not normally on school dinners MUST inform the office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Early Years Advice and Helpline**

Sefton SEN and Inclusion Service are offering half hour advice and support sessions for parents of children aged 0-5 in early years settings. Please see the attached flyer for further information and details on how to book.

### **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](http://www.holyrosarychurch.co.uk) you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the Archdiocese and the wider community.

### **NATIVITY PERFORMANCES**

We have a number of performances next week. Please note that doors will only open 15 minutes before the performance starts. Only two tickets are allocated per child. This is for Health & Safety reasons, and we are therefore very strict on entry. Staff will be on the door and will not allow anyone without a ticket into the hall. Our children's safety, and yours is paramount. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (EXCEPT MRS KING'S CHOIR) ARE NOW FINISHED UNTIL JANUARY!**

### **Diary for w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Monday	Reception Nativity in the school hall – 2.30pm – <b>Hall doors open 2.15pm</b> KS2 Choir – Mrs King - Invited pupils – ends 4.15pm
Tuesday	J4 Swimming
Wednesday	Y1 Nativity in the school hall – 2.30pm – <b>Hall doors open 2.15pm</b>
Thursday	Christmas Jumper Day – Christmas jumpers/outfits/accessories can be worn Nursery Sing-Along in nursery – 2.00pm – <b>Nursery doors open 1.45pm</b> FOHR Christmas Event After School
Friday	Y2 Nativity in the school hall – 2.30pm – <b>Hall doors open 2.15pm</b>

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day & Christmas Dinner Day – Own clothes  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – UKS2 (Y5 and Y6) Christmas Service in church – 2pm – **Parents invited**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – END OF AUTUMN TERM – 2.15PM FINISH**