



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

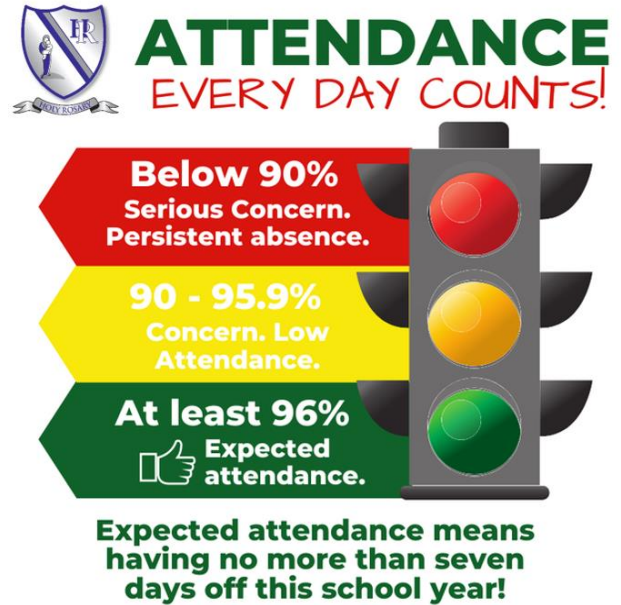
20th December 2024

Dear parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for our school this week:

Inf 1	88%
Inf 2	96%
Inf 3	96%
Inf 4	98%
Inf 5	93%
Inf 6	89%
J1	91%
J2	93%
J3	98%
J4	91%
J5	91%
J6	88%
J7	98%
J8	94%



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!

Attendance Awards

Attendance awards were presented to all pupils with 100% attendance for excellent attendance this term. Pupils who met the 96.7% attendance figure were also awarded with a sticker for Good Attendance. Hopefully we will be able to present more of these awards at the end of the spring term when we are through all the winter bugs.

Good Citizen Award – In honour of Mrs Michelle McIntyre

This morning, during our final assembly of 2024 we presented 'The Good Citizen Award'. You may recall that this award was introduced last year in memory of Mrs McIntyre, our lovely teaching Assistant and previous lead of the FOHR committee who sadly passed away last school year. Mrs McIntyre always went above and beyond for our school, raising money, offering her time and was a true friend to all. These were the qualities that staff looked for when nominating a pupil to be our winner this year. I am delighted to share that Aimee from Y6 won the award and was presented with a beautiful glass trophy and a £50 voucher for the ODEON cinema to treat her family. Lovely recognition for being such a pleasure to have around school Aimee, a very deserved winner!

Year 5 and 6 Advent Service

Our final Christmas service took place in church yesterday afternoon. Our Y5 and Y6 pupils presented the story of The First Christmas through word and song. The singing was beautiful and the readings clear and

confident. There is no better way to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas than through the voices of the children, well done Y5 and Y6. An extra well done to Sadie from Y6 for the fantastic solo too. Father Philip kindly recorded the service which is available to watch for the next 30 days by following the link on the church website.

FOHR Christmas Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the FOHR Raffle. The main winners have been contacted already and all other winners can be viewed on their Facebook page 'Friends of Holy Rosary Group'.

I am delighted to share with you that the FOHR have made a profit of £2374.38 across the Christmas Event and the Raffle. We have all been blown away by your generosity these last few weeks. Thank you so much for your support. Also, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who have formed the new FOHR committee. I am sure that you will all agree they have had a fantastic start. We are already looking forward to the next event!

Christmas Treat Day

The children enjoyed their treat day on Wednesday with Christmas films in the juniors and some old-fashioned party games and dancing for the infants. The children were provided with treats during the day and a selection box each to take home, this was all provided by the FOHR, thank you.

Fire Drill

We had a routine fire drill practice earlier today. I am always impressed by how timely and orderly our children evacuate the building, and this was the case again today, even on the last day of a busy term. All 421 children and staff were out of the building within 1 minute and 52 seconds! Well done everyone!

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.

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.

As this is the last bulletin of 2024, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support this term. We have had another incredibly happy and successful term. Holy Rosary truly is a wonderful community to be a part of and this is due to the lovely staff and families, and of course our fabulous children. On behalf of myself, the school governors and all the staff I wish you and your loved ones a happy and holy Christmas. See you all in 2025.

M Stevenson

Return to school Monday 6th January 2025

