



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

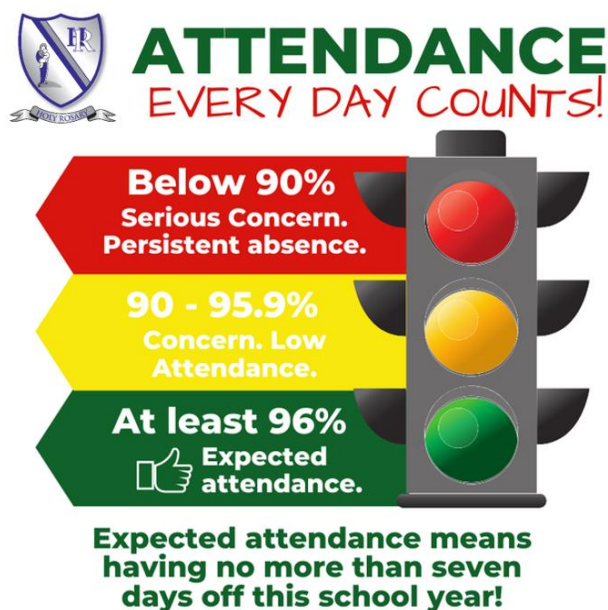
We would like to extend a warm welcome all the new families to Holy Rosary School Reception and Nursery. We are delighted that you have all become part of our school family. Every Friday, you will receive our weekly newsletter via Parentmail (once everyone is signed up). This will let you know everything that has been going on in school and details of any upcoming events.

Attendance Matters

Having good attendance at school improves children's life chances and sets them in good habits for the future. Being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development. It can be challenging for parents to understand attendance figures, as in all other circumstances a score of 90% and above would be deemed as an excellent achievement, though this is obviously not the case in terms of school attendance. Hopefully, the traffic light logo below will help to explain government expectations clearly. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised. If your child needs to be absent from school for any reason other than illness, an Application for Leave of Absence Form, which is available in the school office, must be completed. Thank you for your help in this very important matter.

Here are the figures for our school this week:

Inf 1	98.42%
Inf 2	97.2%
Inf 3	94.78%
Inf 4	94.81%
Inf 5	96.77%
*Inf 6	99.78%
*J1	97.5%
J2	95.83%
J3	97.41%
J4	91.44%
J5	97.29%
J6	97.18%
J7	92.08%
J8	95.7%
Total for whole school	96.23%



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

Unfortunately, we did not meet this expectation this week.

Well done to all classes highlighted in green who did manage to meet or exceed expected attendance this week, what a great start to the academic year.

*INF 6 and J1 were the winners of the class attendance award this week, well done.

Mary's Meals Assembly

On Monday morning, our Key Stage 2 children took part in a wonderful assembly led by a representative from Mary's Meals, the international charity that provides life-changing school meals to some of the world's poorest children. Pupils learned about the inspirational work of the charity, how a simple meal can encourage children to attend school, and the difference that generosity and compassion can make to communities around the world. The assembly was both thought-provoking and inspiring, helping our children to reflect on how they can support others in need. Anna,

our facilitator was incredibly complimentary of the behaviour and attention of our children and the warm atmosphere of our school, which is always lovely to hear.

The visit also provided a meaningful link to Mary, the patron saint of our school, as Tuesday marked the celebration of Mary's birthday. To honour this special occasion, our Infant children sang a heartfelt rendition of *Happy Birthday* to Mary, while our Junior children dedicated our school prayer to her:



Queen of the Holy Rosary, O Bless our school today
And offer us to Jesus in all our work and play
You are God's chosen mother, and you're our mother too
Help us dearest mother to become more like you. **AMEN**



To help mark this special day, every child and member of staff received a packet of Haribo. It was a lovely way to celebrate together as a school family while reflecting on Mary's example of kindness, faith and service to others.

Our Rosary Tree

Over the summer, we began work on making our school entrance and foyer an even more welcoming space. As part of this, we have installed a beautiful Rosary Tree, which is already becoming a wonderful focal point for our school. The tree is decorated with rosary beads purchased from different places around the world, and behind it sits a large world map showing where each set of beads originated. As a school dedicated to the Holy Rosary, this display is a lovely reflection of our Catholic identity while also providing valuable links to Geography, History and Religious Education. We would love this project to continue to grow! If you travel during holidays or visit places of worship, whether Catholic or from another faith tradition, please take a photograph and send it into school so that we can add it to our display map. Equally, if you have the opportunity to purchase rosary beads while you are away, we would be delighted if you could send them into school, along with a note explaining where they came from. We will then add them to our Rosary Tree and map, building it up over time to be something quite special.

A huge thank you must go to Violet K's mum (Year 4), who very generously provided and installed the tree. She even gave up a day of her school holiday to complete the work for us. The tree is absolutely beautiful, and we are incredibly grateful for her kindness, time and hard work.

If you are visiting our foyer over the coming weeks, you will see the display continuing to develop. We would kindly ask office visitors to ensure that younger children do not pull on the rosary beads so that we can keep the display looking its best for everyone to enjoy. We look forward to seeing how our Rosary Tree blossoms through the contributions of our school family and the wider Holy Rosary community beyond our gates.

Alongside the tree, you will also notice our Prayer Hearts. If you have any special intentions that you would like our school community to pray for, please write them on one of the prayer hearts available in the foyer and during their weekly Prayer and Liturgy sessions, our children will remember these intentions in their prayers, helping us to support one another through the power of prayer. We often say children's prayers seem to work best!

Bag Check Request

We would be grateful if parents could have a quick check of their child's school bag each morning before school. As you can imagine, a couple of unusual items have made their way into school over the years, we once had a valuable engagement ring being offered away in reception, a cute proposal but a panic for the poor mum who almost lost her ring!

To avoid precious belongings being lost, broken or causing distractions, or unsuitable items coming in at all, we ask that children only bring items from home when specifically requested by their class teacher. Unfortunately, we cannot accept responsibility for personal items brought into school. Thank you for helping us keep school bags full of the essentials and not unexpected treasures!

Allergies

We have a number of children in school with severe allergies, some of which can be life-threatening. We kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care when preparing packed lunches. Please check all food packaging and do not send any nut products into school, including items containing nuts such as Nutella, Kinder products and peanut butter.

If sending a treat in to school for the whole class to help celebrate your child's birthday then these must be individually wrapped items that do not contain nuts e.g. packets of sweets/Haribo. Staff will not be able to share out trays of donuts or cakes so please do not send them in. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all of our children safe.

Class Dojo

This is our chosen platform for homeschool communication with your child's class teacher regarding class work and day to day school life. If you are new to the school, you should have received a link to sign up. If you have not received the link, please inform your child's class teacher who will be able to assist you. If you were already a member of the Class Dojo community last academic year, your account will be moved up to the new class shortly (some classes may have the wrong staff member on initially whilst the information updates so please bear with us).

Please note any messages sent to the staff via Class Dojo after 5.30 pm i.e., out of school working hours, will not be answered until 8.30 am at the earliest the following day. If your message is of a more urgent nature, then please contact the school office.

Meet the Teacher for children in Years 1 to 6

We will host our Meet the Teacher sessions this year week commencing 21 September 2026. These sessions provide a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and learn about class routines etc. A separate ParentMail will be sent on Monday containing all the details.

Reception – Welcome Assembly

The Reception Welcome Assembly for Reception parents will take place week commencing 28 September. A separate ParentMail will be sent on Monday containing all the details.

Health & Medical Information Form

You will receive a form via the ParentMail app early next week to complete regarding your child's health and any medical needs that they may have. Please ensure this is filled in as soon as possible so we have the most up-to-date information to support your child safely and effectively. Thank you for your cooperation.

PE Kits

A gentle reminder to please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day. For indoor PE, a plain white T-shirt, black or navy shorts, and pumps and as the weather gets colder, please also include a black or navy tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE. As ever, please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, so nothing goes missing. Thank you for your support.

Staff Car Parks

Please do not park in the staff car parks at any time. These spaces are needed for school staff and emergency access. Many thanks.

After School Clubs

Our timetable of after-school clubs and activities will be shared via the ParentMail app next week. It will include all the details you will need, along with how to request a place for your child.

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.

The Week Ahead

We really have had a lovely start to the new school year these past two weeks — it's been wonderful to see the children settling back into routines so well and with such enthusiasm. A little warning though, that we often find these next two weeks can sometimes feel a little tougher for the children, as the novelty of returning wears off and those darker autumn evenings begin to creep in. Please be mindful of how your child might be feeling and help keep things positive and encouraging at home. We are here to support them every step of the way!

Diary for w/c 14 September 2026

Tuesday J4 Swimming

FUTURE DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 7th October 2026 – Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday 23rd October 2026 – **School closes for half term, normal 3:15pm finish**