



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Together as a family, we love, learn and grow in the presence of God

2 October 2026

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for our school this week:

Inf 1	86.88%
Inf 2	91.89%
Inf 3	79.69%
Inf 4	92.41%
*Inf 5	96.13%
Inf 6	88.28%
J1	90%
J2	95%
J3	94.48%
*J4	95.93%
J5	94.33%
J6	90.32%
J7	92.67%
J8	88.13%
Total for whole school	91.1%



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

Unfortunately, we did not meet this expectation this week.

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

*INF 5 and J4 are the winners of the class attendance award, well done.

Everyday Counts!

As we head into the winter months, coughs, colds and seasonal bugs are inevitable. We understand that children will occasionally be unwell, but if they are fit enough, please do ensure they attend school. Every day of learning matters, and good attendance gives children the very best chance to thrive, make progress and enjoy all that school has to offer.

October – Month of the Rosary

October is traditionally known as the Month of the Rosary, a special time when Catholics throughout the world are encouraged to reflect on the life of Jesus and Mary through prayer. As a school proudly named Holy Rosary, this month holds particular significance for our community.

Throughout October, our children will have opportunities to learn more about the Rosary, pray together and deepen their relationship with God through the example of Mary. We encourage all families to take a few moments to pray together at home during this special month.

Our parish church is open each day until dusk and provides a wonderful opportunity for families to pop in after school during October. Whether offering a quiet prayer, spending a few moments in reflection, or lighting a candle for a loved one or a special intention, it is a simple but meaningful way to celebrate the Month of the Rosary and strengthen our connection with God and our parish community.

A suggested prayer to use at home:

*“Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Help us to follow your example of faith, kindness and love. Watch over our school and guide us in all we do. **Amen.**”*



Year one Local walk

As part of their Geography topic, "Where Do I Live?", Year 1 enjoyed a lovely morning exploring the local area of Aintree earlier this week. The children spotted lots of familiar landmarks and amenities, including the local shops, Aintree Rock, Aintree Racecourse, the canal, River Alt and the park. They had great fun choosing their dream homes from the estate agents' window and even pretending to be racehorses at the racecourse! It was wonderful to see Year 1 confidently using their Geography knowledge in the real world while making special memories with their friends. Well done children.

Journey In Love

As referenced in the Meet the Teacher sessions, Mrs Wall will be holding a parent workshop to explain how we teach Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) through the Journey in Love Programme, and how this reflects our Catholic ethos and values. The workshop will be particularly useful for Y5 and Y6 parents, providing an overview of what is taught and an opportunity to ask any questions. Further details will be sent next week via Parentmail.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that our Breakfast Club is available every school day from 8AM in the school hall. The cost is £2.50 per session. Where possible, we would be grateful if payments could be made via the ParentMail app, as this is our preferred method of payment. Paying through ParentMail helps reduce the amount of cash being brought into school and avoids the additional administration involved in handling and banking cash payments. Thank you.

Admission to Secondary School – September 2027

All parents of pupils in Year 6 have been sent a letter via Parentmail today regarding how to apply for a place in Secondary School for September 2027. Please note that all applications must be submitted, on-line, by the national deadline which is **31 October 2026**.

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.

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 5 October 2026

Monday	Y5 & Y6 Football – Invited pupils
Tuesday	Reception Welcome Assembly 9.10AM – School Hall – Reception parents/carers invited J4 Swimming
Thursday	Y4 Chess – Chess for Schools and communities & Mr Walker – ends 4.15pm Tennis/Basketball/Skills Club – Mr Beenham – ends 4.15pm Y5 & Y6 Dance Club – Miss Stephenson & Mrs Di – ends 4.15pm

FUTURE DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 7th October 2026 – Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday 7th October 2026 – School Mass **Y2-Y6 Pupils Only**
Friday 23rd October 2026 – **School closes for half term, 3:15pm finish**