



Our values this term:



Courage



Compassion

Holy Rood Catholic Primary School Newsletter

21st November 2025



Loving God,

As we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope, thank you for filling our school, our families, and our world with the light of your love.

Help us to be children of hope— trusting in you when things are difficult, sharing kindness with others, and bringing joy wherever we go.

Guide our school community so that each day we grow in faith, friendship, and courage.

May your hope shine in our hearts and inspire us to make the world a brighter place.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reception 2026 admissions



Apply for school

If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 and are requiring a place for Reception in September 2026, you can apply [HERE](#). Applications for Reception places at Holy Rood must be submitted by **Midnight on 15th January 2026**.

Please also note that we have school spaces in some of our current year groups. If you know of anyone looking for a school place for their child, please ask them to contact the school office, who will be happy to help with this process.

Road Safety

Despite several reminders, we continue to receive complaints from residents about parents parking on the zig-zag lines by the Upham Road zebra crossing or blocking driveways along Upham Road.

We pride ourselves on maintaining a positive relationship with our local community. To support this, we ask all parents **not to park along Upham Road when dropping off or collecting children**.

Please use Immanuel Church car park, where parking is legal and safe, and walk the short distance to school. Parking near the zebra crossing is dangerous for children and causes unnecessary disruption for residents and traffic.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.





Christmas Celebrations

We are pleased to confirm the dates for our Christmas celebrations which will be held in Holy Rood Church this year. The children are already rehearsing and are excited to share their wonderful performances with you.



Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) – Monday 15th December 2025 at 1.30pm.



EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 1.30pm.

We will also be holding our Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 17th December 2025. Children should wear normal school uniform with a Christmas jumper instead of their usual jumper or cardigan.

Please note that the usual roast dinner on this day will be replaced with Roast Turkey, and the vegetarian option will be a Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry and Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath. A copy of the menu is attached.

Also a reminder that we will be holding our Christmas jumper swap shop on **Monday 1st December** at 3.15pm – Upham Road site.



*Has your child
outgrown their
Christmas jumper?*

*This year, we are holding a
Christmas Jumper Swap-Shop
to help cut the cost of Christmas for
families at our school.*

Here's what you can do:

- 1- You can **donate** outgrown Christmas jumpers. If you have any outgrown Christmas jumpers, please bring them to school during the week beginning **Monday 17th November 2025**. Jumpers must be clean and in good condition.*
- 2- You can **pick up a pre-loved Christmas jumper for free** by coming along to the Upham Road school hall on **Monday 1st December 2025** at 3.15pm.*

Reception Autumn Walk

On Thursday 13th November, Badgers and Otters classes visited Queen's Park. While they were there, they talked about what they noticed, looked for signs of autumn, collected leaves and sticks to explore back in their classrooms. They even played Stuck in the Mud! The children had a lovely time and behaved brilliantly. We would like to give a huge thank you to our parent helpers for their support on the day.





A message from Mrs Beard's about her Challenge for 2025

Dear parents,

As many of you know, I set myself the challenge to run a race - anything up to a half marathon - every month throughout 2025 to raise money for the Parent and Friend Association for the pupils at Holy Rood. I have now completed 11 of the 12 races, with the final one taking place in December.

Thank you so much to everyone who has sponsored me so far. I have raised **£830** towards my **£1,000** target. If you would like to donate or read more about the challenge, you can do so via the link below:

<https://gofund.me/b2212e50e>

Thank you for your support.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25th November 2025 – Year 3 and Year 4 - Mass in school

Thursday 27th November 2025 – School photos

Friday 28th November 2025 PFA non-uniform day

Monday 1st December 2025 – Christmas jumper swap shop – 3.15pm – Upham Road

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 – Year 1 and Year 2 – Mass in school

Thursday 4th December 2025– KS1 Film night – 3.15pm

Friday 5th December 2025– KS2 film night – 3.15pm

Tuesday 9th December 2025 – PTFA – Christmas Fayre – 3.15pm – Upham Road

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Year 3 trip to Wiltshire Museum

Thursday 11th December 2025 – Advent Mass in Church

Friday 12th December 2025 – Year 1 Wyvern theatre trip

Monday 15th December 2025 – KS2 Christmas performance – 1.30pm

Tuesday 16th December 2025 – EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance – 1.30pm

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December 2025 – Last day of term 2 – Half day finish

