

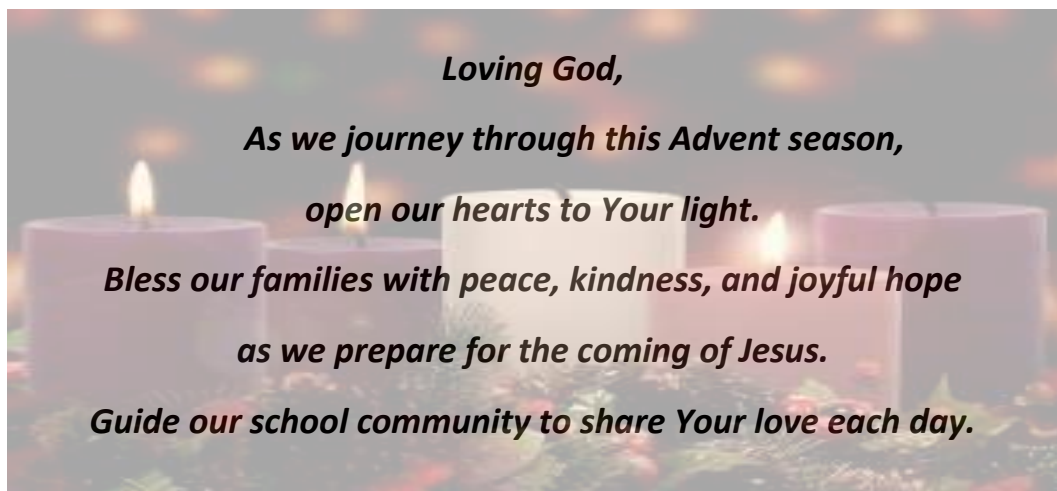


Our values this term:



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School Newsletter

17th December 2025



Loving God,

As we journey through this Advent season,

open our hearts to Your light.

Bless our families with peace, kindness, and joyful hope

as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Guide our school community to share Your love each day.

Spare Uniform



If your child comes home in a change of clothes provided by the school, we kindly ask that you wash and return these items at your earliest convenience. We have recently had to replace several sets, which can be costly for the school, and your help in keeping our supply stocked is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Last Day of Term

A reminder that the children will be finishing early on **Friday 19th December 2025**.

Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 and Year 6 will finish at 1pm.

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 will finish at 1:10pm. Thank you.



School premises reminder:



A gentle reminder that smoking, including e-cigarettes, and the use of mobile phones are strictly prohibited anywhere on the school premises. We also kindly ask that parents refrain from smoking in the turning circle.

For everyone's safety, please ensure that you use the designated path when walking down the driveway and avoid walking in the road. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all members of our school community.



Year 5 Trip to Williams Racing

Year 5 experienced a brilliant trip to Williams Racing this term. They learnt all about the skills and qualities needed to be involved in Formula 1 and had a go at creating and testing their own nose cones using specific materials and a limited budget. As well as this, they also got to look around the incredible museum of Formula 1 cars before testing out the cars on the racetrack in their esports simulators! Year 5 were well behaved throughout the trip and showed all of our Holy Rood values – they even came away with a goody bag!



Year 3 Wiltshire Museum

Year 3 enjoyed a local community field trip to a place of historic interest in Wiltshire as part of our Holy Rood 42 activities. They explored Wiltshire Museum in Devizes linking to their history and geography learning. During the visit, the children had the opportunity to handle Stone Age and Iron Age artefacts and create their own prehistoric jewellery!



PTFA Christmas events

It's been a busy December with PTFA Christmas events!

We've had the KS1 and KS2 Christmas film nights, where over 270 children across two nights were treated to a Christmas film with their friends - which included a tasty snack of popcorn! A big thank you to our 9 parent helpers who came along to support these events.

We have also held our Christmas Fayre for the second year running. It was a lovely afternoon filled with Christmas games, stalls and the Holy Rood Choir singing some songs to help get us in the festive spirit. A big thank you to everyone who made donations, came and helped on the afternoon and attended. It was such a nice opportunity to come together as a community for this special time of year.

Thank you for all of your support with the PTFA events; a combined amount of **£2000** has been raised for the school from these events.





Year 1 Trip to the Wyvern Theatre

Our Year 1 children visited the Wyvern Theatre last week to watch this year's pantomime, 'Sleeping Beauty'. They loved watching the singing and dancing and joined in with all the panto traditions! Well done to Year 1 for representing our school so well. 😊



A Christmas message from our school governors

Dear Parents and Carers - This is to say a big "thank you", on behalf of the school governors, for your support of the school over the last year. Despite constant new challenges, the school continues to achieve high standards while our pupils develop as caring, committed individuals. Please pray for us as we continue in our mission. May we wish you and your families a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

(You can find out about what we do at the diocesan schools website:
<https://schools.cliftdiocese.com/governance.>)"



Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th December 2025 – Last day of Term 2 – Children finish early on this day

Monday 5th January 2026 – Staff Development Day – School is closed to children on this day

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Children return to school for term 3

Wednesday 7th January 2026 – Leopards Class Swimming

Wednesday 14th January 2026 – Pumas Class Swimming

We would like to wish all of our families a happy and peaceful Christmas.





ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CHRISTMAS CAMPS

2 DAY FOOTBALL

BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15
22nd & 23rd DECEMBER 2025
9am to 3pm

1 DAY:
£20
2 DAYS:
£38

GIRLS FOOTBALL

GIRLS - 4 TO 15
22nd & 23rd DECEMBER 2025
9am to 3pm

1 DAY:
£20
2 DAYS:
£38

GOALKEEPER DAYS

BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15
22nd & 23rd DECEMBER 2025
9am to 3pm

1 DAY:
£20
2 DAYS:
£38

2 DAY MULTI SPORTS

BOYS & GIRLS - 4 TO 15
22nd & 23rd DECEMBER 2025
9am to 3pm

1 DAY:
£20
2 DAYS:
£38

NETBALL

BOYS & GIRLS - 5 TO 11
23rd DECEMBER 2025
9am to 3pm

1 DAY:
£20

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FACILITY

3G PITCH & SPORTS HALL, MOULDED STUD FOOTBALL BOOTS,
TRAINERS FOR THOSE ON MULTI SPORTS & NETBALL,
PACKED LUNCH, DRINKS & SPARE CLOTHES

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