



Our values this term:



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School Newsletter

26th June 2026



Loving God,

Thank You for the gift of our children and the privilege of guiding them each day.
Grant us wisdom in our decisions, patience in our challenges, and love in all that we do.

Help us to be examples of faith, kindness, and compassion in our homes.

Bless our families with peace and unity.

May we grow closer to You and to one another, trusting in Your guidance and care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Samuel Partnership Rosary



Our KS2 Chaplains and Y6 Head Boy and Head Girl recently attended a 'Rosary for Peace' prayer event at Holy Rood Church with other schools from the Samuel Partnership, led by Steve Riedlinger from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

All of the children were fabulous representatives of Holy Rood and we were very proud of them.

Year 6 SATs

We would like to say a BIG congratulations and well done to all of our Year 6 children for working so hard on their SATs. We are incredibly proud of all of you for persevering, staying focused and trying your best. Well done!



Transitions

In the coming weeks, all of our Year 6 children will begin to attend their transition days at their new secondary schools. We have good links with all of the schools and will be working with them directly over the next term to help ensure the transition goes smoothly. However, if you have any questions or concerns about your child moving to secondary school, please do get in touch with either Jo Beard (SENDCo) or Liz Galvin (Pastoral Lead).



Our move up day for all other children will be taking place on Wednesday 1st July, where the children will be informed of their new class teacher and will spend the morning with them in their new environment in preparation for September.



Screen Time Guidance for Under 5's



Digital devices are now a regular part of family life, but it's important to help young children develop healthy screen habits. For children under 5, the focus should be on balancing screen time with plenty of opportunities for active play, social interaction, reading, and sleep. We encourage parents and carers to explore the latest advice and practical tips on managing screen time by visiting the UK government's Best Start for Life guidance: [Best Start for Life – Screen Time for Under 5s](#)

Swimming Programme

This year, our Year 3 and Year 4 children have attended swimming lessons at the Highworth Recreation pool. All of the children made excellent progress and grew in confidence in the water. We are really proud of their achievements. Well done Year 3 and Year 4!

Swimming is an important life skill, and although the children attend lessons within school time, we do recommend that children are enrolled for further lessons to help keep themselves safe in and around water. If you would like to enquire about swimming lessons, please visit the Better website by clicking [HERE](#).



All-Stars After School Club – exciting opportunity!

As you are aware, we offer our **All-Stars Wraparound Care** every day after school until 5:00pm, with a variety of fun and engaging activities for children to enjoy. Did you know that your child doesn't need to attend every day or stay until 5pm to enjoy the clubs?

We are pleased to offer a range of themed after-school clubs as part of our All-Stars provision, running until **4:15pm** each day:

Mindfulness Club

Every Monday - Relaxation activities, calm games, and outdoor play.

Art Club

Every Tuesday - Creative arts and crafts activities.

Gardening Club

Every Wednesday - Hands-on gardening and nature-based activities.

Imagination Club

Every Thursday - Storytelling, role play, and creative thinking activities.

Feel Good Friday Club

Every Friday - Fun activities designed to promote wellbeing, confidence, and enjoyment.



These clubs can now be booked as **stand-alone sessions**, meaning your child does not need to be booked into All Stars until 5:00pm in order to attend.

Bookings can be made through your **Arbor account** under the **Clubs** section. Sessions are available to book individually, week by week, or for the entire term. **Cost: £5.00 per session**. We look forward to welcoming your child to one of our exciting after-school clubs! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.



Year 6 – Residential to Morfa Bay

Year 6 had a wonderful time on their residential trip to Morfa Bay in Wales. Throughout the week, all of the children challenged themselves, taking part in abseiling, ziplining, archery and sea activities. Each evening, we were also able to enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Welsh coastline before heading back for marshmallows and hot chocolate. We had a wonderful week together and are so proud of how the children challenged themselves, developed new skills and embraced new sporting activities!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th June - Year 2 transition parent meeting at Upham Road
– 3.30pm

Wednesday 1st July – Whole school move up day

Wednesday 1st July – Reception 2026 parent meeting – 10am

Tuesday 7th July – Year 5 team building day

Wednesday 8th July – EYFS and KS1 sports day

Friday 10th July – KS2 sports day

Friday 10th July – Year 2 Parent dine session

Wednesday 15th July – Year 2 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Thursday 16th July – End of year whole school Mass

Thursday 16th July – EYFS trip to Roves Farm

Tuesday 21st July – BBQ lunch

Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Production

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day of term – Half day finish.