



Our values this term:



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School Newsletter

17th September 2026



Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and parents. It has been so lovely to see all of the children, hear the buzz of excitement and see their lovely big smiles. We would also like to extend a big welcome to all of our new Reception children and their parents. We look forward to a happy and successful year for us all.

A gentle reminder to please ensure that all items of uniform, coats, water bottles and lunchboxes are clearly labelled with your child's name. This helps staff to ensure correct items are going home with the correct child and lost property remains at a minimum.



Road Safety Reminder



Road Safety remains an important priority at our school and we would like to start the new academic year by asking for your support in helping our children develop safe road crossing habits.

When walking to and from school, please use the designated crossings and encourage your children to do the same. We ask that families use **the Pedestrian crossing by the church on Groundwell Road** and the **Zebra Crossing on Upham Road**. Please do not cross between or behind stationary vehicles, as this can be extremely dangerous and makes it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians. By modelling safe road-crossing behaviour, we can help our children develop good habits for the future.

Immanuel Church has very kindly made its car park available for parents to use. We strongly urge families to use this facility where possible. Please do not drop off or park along Upham Road, and please ensure that residents' driveways or access points are not blocked.



At Groundwell Road, please remember that the car park next to Holy Rood Church is for **school staff access only during term time**. Please do not park in this area or block access to the car park.

We greatly value our relationship with our neighbours and the wider school community.

Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe and for being considerate of those who live and work around our school.



School Admissions



Applications for September 2027 Year 7 places at secondary school, must be submitted by **midnight on 31st October 2026** via Swindon Borough Council. The website can be found [HERE](#).

If you are applying for a baptised child to attend a Catholic school, you will also need to complete their Supplementary Information Form (available on their school's website) and provide the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate by the **31st October 2026**.

Please note that all applicants **must** complete the Local Authority form – not just the school's supplementary form, and baptism certificates **must** be provided to the secondary school.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 and are requiring a place for Reception in September 2027, you can apply [HERE](#). Applications for Reception places at Holy Rood must be submitted by **midnight on 15th January 2027**.



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.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Children will be administered the nasal flu vaccination in school on **Wednesday 30th September 2026**. The vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. **If you wish for your child to receive the vaccination, you must complete the consent form which can be found by clicking on this link:** www.bswschoolagedimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

The school code for **Upham Road** children is: **WT137074**

The school code for **Groundwell Road** children is: **WT137074A**



The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless nasal spray. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year to stay protected. If you have any questions regarding this or require any assistance with completing the form, please contact the school immunisation team on 0300 247 0082 or email vcl.immunisations@nhs.net. Thank you



The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will be visiting Holy Rood Church on the 3rd and 4th October 2026. This is a very special event, and it will be a great opportunity for families to visit the church and pray before Our Lady's statue, which has been brought to the UK from Fatima to visit churches in the UK.



Dates for your Diary



Friday 18th September 2026 – Year 6 national height and weight measurements

Monday 21st September 2026 – Year 2 parent welcome meeting

Monday 21st September 2026 - Year 3 parent welcome meeting

Tuesday 22nd September 2026 – Year 5 parent welcome meeting

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – EYFS parent welcome meeting

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – Year 1 parent welcome meeting

Wednesday 23rd September 2026 – Year 4 parent welcome meeting

Thursday 24th September 2026 – European Day of Languages

Thursday 24th September 2026 – Year 6 parent welcome meeting

Wednesday 30th September 2026 – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Friday 2nd October 2026 – CAFOD non-uniform day

Monday 5th October 2026 – Year 6 parents residential information meeting

Monday 12th October 2026 – EYFS, KS1 and Hawks class parents evening

Tuesday 13th October 2026 – KS2 parents evening

Wednesday 14th October 2026 – EYFS and KS1 parents evening

Thursday 15th October 2026 – KS2 parents evening

Tuesday 20th October 2026 – Last day of term 1