

# HOLY ROOD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



**New Parent Presentation  
2025-2026**



# Opening Prayer:

Thank you God, for your spirit growing in our children,  
Thank you for their curiosity and creativity,  
for their energy and imagination,  
for their ability to make friends and work and play with  
others.

Help us to trust that you will always be close to them.  
Keep them safe.  
Stretch their spirit,  
And feed their mind  
With everything that is wise and good and holy,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen





# School Vision:



**Belong:** At Holy Rood Catholic Primary School we aim to provide a **nurturing** and **inclusive** environment enthused by the Spirit of Christ to enable everyone to make a **positive contribution**, both to the school and the wider community. We will show **love, compassion** and **respect** for others.

**Learn:** We resolve to develop a sense of **awe and wonder** at God's creation for our children - where **creativity flourishes** and everyone is **inspired to learn**, demonstrating a curiosity about the world around them.

**Achieve:** By fully engaging in all aspects of school, children will have had the opportunity to go on to become **ambitious and competent** individuals, always striving to **achieve their full potential** and positively participating in **God's world**.



# CHILDREN'S MISSION STATEMENT:

**Holy Rood Catholic Primary School**

  
**Mission Statement**

We try to follow Jesus by praising and giving  
 thanks to God,   
enjoying and caring for his world,   
loving and forgiving others and always trying  
 our best! 



# Teachers: SEPTEMBER 2025



**Miss Warren**  
**BADGERS**



**Mrs Evans**  
**OTTERS**



# The first Term

Dates	Timings and information
<b>Week 1</b> Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September:	Home visit - Your child's class teacher and teaching assistant will visit your home to meet you and your child. Families will be allocated a date and either a morning or afternoon slot.
<b>Week 2</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Children will attend either a morning or afternoon session. 9:00am - 11:00pm 1:00pm – 3:00pm
<b>Week 3</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Children will attend every morning and stay for lunch. 8:30am - 1:15pm
<b>Week 4</b> Monday 22nd September onwards:	Children will attend full time. 8:30am-3:00pm

**School uniform must be worn from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**



# Home Visits

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**



Home visits allow your child to meet their new class teachers in their home environment. Two members of staff will visit you and your child in your home. This will be an opportunity for us to make sure we have all the information we need to know about your child before they start school and also for you to ask any last minute questions.

You will receive an email before the end of the term informing you of your child's class teacher along with the date and time slot of your home visit.





# Pick-up and Drop-off



**Children come into school through the reception classroom entrances (via the reception garden) at their allocated drop-off time.**

**Children are then collected at their allocated pick-up time which will also be from the reception classrooms.**

**The children will be released one at a time so please be patient with us.**

**Please inform us if someone else will be collecting your child on the day.**



# Uniform:



- Pale blue polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
- Grey or black socks/tights
- Waterproof Coats

- Sensible shoes – velcro shoes are recommended until children are able to tie laces for themselves. (No heels or open-toed sandals please).

**Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name**



# Summer Uniform:



- Pale blue polo shirt
  - Grey shorts
  - Blue summer dress
  - White or grey socks
  - Don't forget to pack a sun hat when it is sunny!
- Sensible shoes – velcro shoes are recommended until children are able to tie laces for themselves. (No heels or open-toed sandals.)

**Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name**



# PE Kit:



- Dap bag
- Navy Blue shorts/ jogging bottoms
- White t-shirt
- Black daps

**Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name**



# Uniform:

Our School Uniform suppliers are :

**Famous School Brands**  
**Unit 1B Plaza 21**  
**Sanford Street**  
**Swindon**  
**SN1 1HE**

**Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name**



# Other things my child needs for school...



Water bottle – filled with cold water only



Backpack



Book bags can be purchased from the school uniform supplier



Wellies – to be kept in school



A complete set of spare clothes. These do not need to be school uniform.

**Please make sure everything is labelled with your child's name**

# The Road To School

This tracker helps you and your child prepare for school.





# Things to do over the summer to help:

**Here are some other ideas of things you could do to help your child feel school ready:**

- Ensure children can use the toilet and wash hands independently. Children should not be wearing nappies at school unless there is a medical need.
- Practise sitting at a table and using a fork at meal times. Children must be able to feed themselves.
- Practise getting dressed in their new uniform.
- Encourage your child to tidy away their toys.
- Practise following simple instructions.
- Encourage your child to use indoor voices and walk when at home.
- Practise recognising their name. This will help them find their peg and clothes labels at school.
- Encourage mark making. This could be with paint, chalks, crayons etc.



# Things to do over the summer to help:

**Here are some other ideas of things you could do to help your child feel school ready:**

- Play games together which practise turn taking or sharing.
- Give them some words/phrases to help them ask for help from an adult.
- Establish a good bedtime routine.
- Encourage lots of talk! If English is not your child's first language, talk in the language they are most confident using.
- Practice number rhymes and counting games.
- Share lots of story books with your child to encourage reading for pleasure.
- Look at the photos of our school on our website [here](#) .



# Tips for starting school



[Starting school toolkit | PACEY](#)



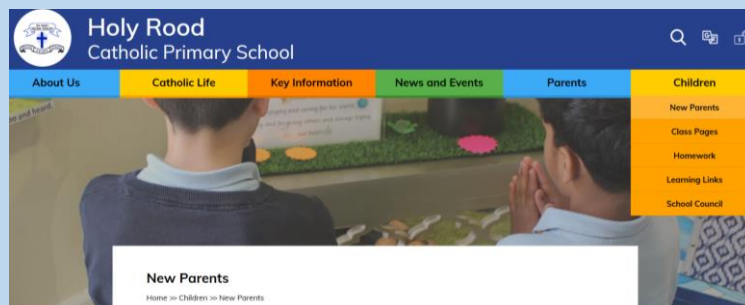
[10 Things Your Child Should Know Before Starting School \(readingeggs.co.uk\)](http://readingeggs.co.uk)



[Top-tips-for-starting-school-leaflet.pdf \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](http://wiltshire.gov.uk)



[Getting ready to start primary school - Oxford Owl](#)



[New Parents | Holy Rood Catholic Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](http://secure-primariesite.net)



# Medical Information

- Prescribed medicines – forms to be completed and handed in to the office.
- Inhalers – if your child needs an inhaler in school, you will need to let us know on the online information form. You must then send the inhaler into school with your child.
- Several of our pupils have severe allergies to nuts, and therefore we have a strict no-nut policy. This includes all products containing peanuts and tree nuts. We ask for your co-operation in making our school a safe environment by ensuring that no nut products are sent with your child, including in snacks and lunches.





# Cool Milk



- Children will receive free milk everyday until they are 5 years old. Please inform your child's class teacher if you **do not** want them to have milk. Milk is dealt with through a company called **Cool Milk**.
- If you wish you child to have milk after they are 5 years old, you will need to register for this online, click on the link below:

[Cool Milk](#)

- Children in Reception and KS1 will receive free fruit everyday for snack time.



# Money:



We use a system called Arbor for all school meals, after school clubs and any other school events. Parents will receive an activation email to set up their account, and you can download the app on any smartphone.

## **School Meals**

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals.
- Meals are provided by our caterers, Aspens.
- Orders must be made on Arbor by 7:30am on the day of the meal.



# The Pupil Premium Grant:

Free School Meals are available to all children in Reception and KS1. As a school, we may also get extra funding to help support your child further with their education through the Pupil Premium Grant, if your family is in receipt of financial support from the government, such as:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

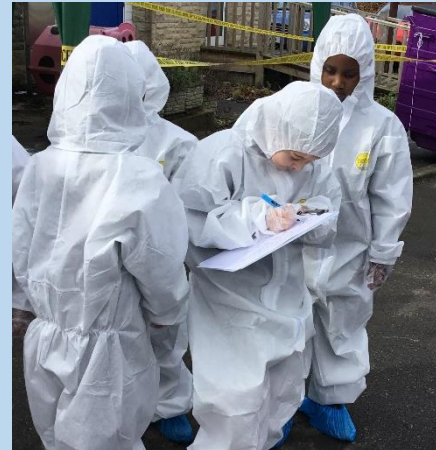
However, in order for this to happen, you must complete an application form through the Online Free School Meal Checker. If you have provided your details on the data collection form, the school will have completed the application on your behalf. The form is really quick and easy to complete and can be found here: [Meal Checker Form](#)

Please contact the school office if you require any support with this as it is an excellent way to help further your child's education and we strongly recommend you take the time to complete the online form.



# The Pupil Premium Grant:

We use the Pupil Premium Grant to enrich the curriculum for the children and to provide them with as many different learning experiences as we can...





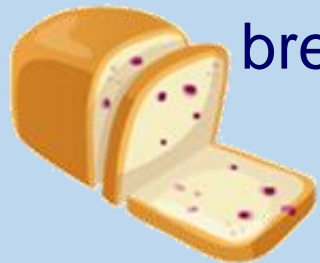
# Breakfast Club



The Breakfast Club is held at the **Upham road** site. It is available to all pupils and supervised by two members of school staff.

The club is based in the school hall from 7.30am until the start of the school day during term time only. Children from Reception and Key Stage 1 will join the walking bus and walk to the Groundwell Road site.

The club provides children with a healthy breakfast, including cereals, fruit, toast and a drink. More options may be made available at different times of the year. Play activities are available after the children have finished their breakfast.



The daily charge is **£5** from September.





# The Big A



Our after school provision is run by The Big A. The Big A are an independent company and offer after school care. The children participate in a range of indoor and outdoor activities including board games, ball games and arts and crafts. The activities are child led to meet the interests of the children. A light snack is also included.

There are two different after school care options:

**3:00pm – 4:00pm is £5.50**

**3:00pm – 6:00pm is £15.50**

To find out more about the Big A,  
click [here](#)





# Absence



- NO requests for holidays during term time
- The Education Welfare Officer is informed of all absences
- Fines and Court Action and loss of school places are possible
- Holidays should be taken when the school is closed

A school calendar for the academic year 2025/2026 can be found inside your pack along with other attendance information. This will inform you of when the school holidays and teacher training days are – these days are when your child is not required to be in school.



## **Illness:**

Notification of your child's absence needs to be received by telephone or email before 9.00am **each day** of your child's absence.



## And finally...

**If you do have any questions, concerns or worries  
then please contact us on:**

**Email: [admin@holyroodprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@holyroodprimary.co.uk)**

**or**

**Tel: 01793 523802**

**We are really looking forward to getting to  
know you and your children.**

