

## Newsletter No 10

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Friday 17 November 2023



This week was Kindness Week and we have been trying to show kindness in our thoughts, words and actions. This has also been a focus of our work in the classroom. Our Mission Statement clearly shows that it is Jesus' example we should all be following and the children have been trying hard to follow in Jesus' footsteps this week.

### Children in Need



Today was a great example of Holy Cross kindness; we have had a very spotty day today! Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity. We will let you know how much money is raised next week.

### School Dinners



Parents are reminded that to ensure an effective service and to prevent food wastage, half a term's notice is given if you would like to change your child's current School Dinner arrangements; children cannot swap from dinners to packed lunch midway through a half term. Please let the school office know by **Friday 17 November** if you would like your child to change their dinner arrangements in January 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Important Reminder - Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and their Holy Communion will be held on **Sunday 26 November at 10.30am in Church**.



This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children shall attend. Thank you for your support. If you have any issues, please contact Father Neil directly.



### St Andrew's Day

On **Wednesday 30 November** we will be celebrating St Andrew's Day. Children are to wear **normal school uniform** but with an element of blue e.g. socks, bow, blue tie etc. Thank you.

## Car Free Streets



Following our letter about Car Free Streets at the end of the last half term, we will be monitoring more closely the cars that are driving along the road outside our school. Here are three platforms to report any vehicles which are not following the Car Free Streets guidance:

Birmingham City Council

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report\\_an\\_illegally\\_parked\\_vehicle](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle)

This is for dangerous driving:

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/campaigns/operation-triton#>

Local police for complaints:

[https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/team-postcodes-search?field\\_post\\_code\\_areas\\_value=B76+2sp](https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/team-postcodes-search?field_post_code_areas_value=B76+2sp)

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## Reception Admissions 2024

The application process to apply for EYFS (Reception) places at Holy Cross Catholic Primary



School has **two** phases and must be completed by 15 January 2024.

This is because we are a Catholic School. Below is a brief summary of the process.

**All of the detailed information can be found on our website.**

### Summary of the process

- Apply online - Birmingham City Council Website naming Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.
- Complete Supplementary Information Form for Holy Cross

## Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Attentive & Discerning.' As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



### Angel of the Week

Each week we recognise those children who have made that extra special effort to follow Jesus' example and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **EYFS:** Alexander **Year 1:** Sam **Year 2:** Freya **Year 3:** Abigail  
**Year 4:** Isabella **Year 5:** Amelie **Year 6:** Jack

## Recommendations:



**EYFS:** George W & Tessa **Year 1:** Zach T & Dolly **Year 2:** Rebecca & Ewan  
**Year 3:** James & Maisie **Year 4:** Joshua & Max **Year 5:** Kaiden & Ava  
**Year 6:** Madison & Isabella S



**Attendance** - Our school strives for 100% attendance. This year one of our school priorities is to improve attendance further and we will be assessing attendance as the number of days absent rather than as an attendance %.

**This week the Attendance Award was won by: Year 2** with 1 day absent.

**This week the Punctuality Award was won by: EYFS** with 0 late marks.

Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". This means that a child has missed 19 days or 38 sessions of school. This equates to your child missing half a day every week; four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:**

**EYFS:** Elsie **Y3:** Louis **Y5:** Julia



### Letters sent home:

Cinema Trip Lunches (Y5/6) via ParentMail, NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe.



### Dates for Diary - November

Monday 20 November	AM	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 21 November	11am - 2pm	Year 5 Odeon Trip
Wednesday 22 November	11am - 2pm	Year 6 Odeon Trip
Friday 24 November	All Day	Universal Children's Takeover Day
Sunday 26 November	10:30am	Y3 & Y6 Mass of Commitment
Thursday 30 November	AM	EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

### Dates for Diary - December

Monday 4 December	9:00am	Whole School Advent Service
Monday 11 December	2:00pm	EYFS & KS1 Advent Service
Tuesday 12 December	9:00am	EYFS & KS1 Advent Service
Thursday 14 December	12 - 1pm	Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 December	2:00pm	KS2 Carol Service
Tuesday 19 December	9:00 am	KS2 Carol Service



**Holy Cross**  
Catholic Primary School

*We share in Christ's life so He can guide our thoughts, words and actions.*

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Have a lovely weekend

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SPREAD LOVE  
EVERYWHERE YOU GO  
LET NO ONE EVER COME  
TO YOU WITHOUT  
LEAVING HAPPIER  
- MOTHER TERESA

