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Issue 9

Lateness and Why Being on Time Matters!

All children need time to settle and the morning routine is so important. Please do your best to make sure your child is on the playground by 8:55am every morning.

8:55am - All children begin to make their way into school

- Cloakroom - coats bags etc
- Register
- Choosing Lunch

9:10am - Formal lessons begin from EYFS to Y6: Phonics, Reading, Spelling.

If your child is arriving at the school playground after 8:55am: they are late! Please give your child time to be ready to learn.

IMPORTANT - Pupil Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office is notified in writing of any changes to your child's contact details and telephone numbers.

Thank you.

Odd Socks day - Monday 16th November

Anti-Bullying Week will take place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November with the theme: Break the Silence. The week will kick off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November**, with children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Robinwood

Good luck to Year 6 who head off on their residential next week to the Robinwood centre in Wales. Three days of adventure and team building with a group of very brave staff generously giving up their time.

Drop off: **Playworld car park at 8:30am Monday 9th November**

Parish Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th November 12-2:30pm in the Irish Centre on Fitzwilliam St.

How can you help make it a success?

By donating items for our stalls - Bottles, new Christmas themed items and children's gifts which can be left at the back of each of the churches. Please make sure any donations left are in date.

Donations of cakes, mince pies and other baked goods can be dropped off at the Irish Centre from 10am on Saturday 7th November.

By donating your time - if you can help on the day please contact Helen on 07786748 244

By buying raffle tickets - on sale at each of the churches after weekend masses. The draw being made at the end of the Fair itself.

Coming to the fair - we'd love to see you there! All funds raised go to the Parish restoration fund.

Virtues

This week's virtue is: **Prayer**

Matthew 6:6
"When you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen."

Little task for home: **Prayer Space** Create a small prayer space at home with a candle (electric), cross, picture, or favourite prayer book. Spend a few quiet moments there each day talking and listening to God.

Support the Royal British Legion: Poppies Now on Sale

Remembrance season is approaching, and we are proud to support the Royal British Legion once again.

Poppies, reflective poppies, and a selection of other accessories are now available to purchase from outside the school office. Every contribution helps support veterans, service personnel, and their families. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

POPPY APPEAL

Next FOS Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend our FOS AGM on **Monday 16th November at 7pm** in school.

We hope you can make it.

Free Coats for Children

The Uniform Exchange is offering free winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves to children this winter. If you would like to order one, please let the office know what size you need and we can arrange that for you. There is so much help available to families and we are always happy to help!

The last order date for Christmas delivery, will be **Wednesday 9th December**. Please don't leave it too late.

Any donations of coats would also be most welcome, please put them in the uniform exchange box outside the office.

Celebrating Sister Kosi!

We opened our doors to a party on Saturday 24th October! Music, dancing, food and most importantly love! Thankyou to everyone who made the event such a success- check out our Facebook page - you won't recognise the hall!









FOS School Updates

FOS Christmas Cards and Gifts

The children have been busy designing festive themed pictures. These will soon be shared with families so they can be transformed into cards, cups, tea towels etc. all money raised from the project comes back to school and provides extra experiences for the children.

Secret Shop Coming soon - FOS are very pleased to announce the return of the 'Secret Shop'. For our newer families, FOS organise a 'Christmas Shop' in school each year, in time for the children to buy a present for two of their family members at home. These gifts are chosen by the children themselves from a selection; wrapped by the adult volunteers and then each child brings home the present to surprise their family with at Christmas.





Gospel Choir Performance in Sangam
Friday 13th November

Last half term, we ran an after-school Gospel Choir Club, where children had the opportunity to learn and practise a selection of gospel songs.
We are delighted to share that the children who attended the club will be performing during **Sangam on Friday 13th November at 2:45pm**.
We look forward to seeing them showcase their wonderful singing and share their hard work with everyone!



Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th November - RG Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Sunday 8th November - Choir singing at Remembrance Day Sunday Mass.

Monday 9th November - Wednesday 11th November - Y6 children at Robinwood.

Monday 9th November - Y3W Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Friday 13th November - RS Celebration of the Word event @ 9:30am. Parents invited.

Monday 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Sock Day.

Monday 16th November - FOS AGM Meeting at 7pm in school.

Thursday 19th November - Flu Vaccination Day in school.

Monday 23rd November - Y6 National Child Measurement Programme.

Tuesday 24th November - Sacrament of Confirmation @ English Martyrs at 7pm.

Friday 27th November - Year 3 Advent Liturgy @ 9:30am . Parents Invited.

Tuesday 1st December - Secret Shop for EYFS & Y6 - morning only.

Tuesday 1st December- Whole School Advent Mass @ 2pm. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 2nd December - Secret Shop - Morning (Y1 & Y5) & Afternoon (Y3 & Y4).

Thursday 3rd December - Year 4 Advent Liturgy @ 9:30am . Parents Invited.

Friday 4th December - Secret Shop - Morning (Y2) & Afternoon (Extra Gifts).

Tuesday 8th December - Y1R & Y2B Nativity @ 2pm. Parents Invited.

Wednesday 9th December - Y1A & Y2A Nativity @ 2pm. Parents Invited.

Friday 11th December - Year 5 Advent Liturgy @ 9:30am . Parents Invited.

Tuesday 15th December - EYFS Nativity @ 2pm. Parents Invited.

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day.

Friday 18th December - Year 6 Advent Liturgy @ 9:30am . Parents Invited.

Friday 18th December - Carols around the Crib @ 2:30pm. Parents Invited.

Friday 18th December - School Closes at the end of the afternoon session for our Christmas Holiday.

Reception 2027

If your child is starting Primary School (Reception) in September 2027 (for children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023). You must apply online via the Kirklees website by 15th January 2027.You are asked to list three schools and it is important that all three schools are listed in order of preference.

If you apply late, your application will NOT be considered until all on time applicants have been allocated school places.

If you are applying for a place at a Catholic School you will also need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (obtainable from either the school's website or the school office).

Please apply as soon as possible on: https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions

St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy, Huddersfield 2026-2027

Academic Year 2026-2027											
AUTUMN TERM				SPRING TERM				SUMMER TERM			
37 Days		35 Days		30 Days		24 Days		32 Days		32 Days	
FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY		FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY		FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	
Thurs 3 Sept 2026	Mon 26 Oct 2026 to Fri 30 Oct 2026	**Fri 18 Dec 2026**	Christmas Holiday	**Mon 4 Jan 2027**	Mon 15 Feb 2027 to Fri 19 Feb 2027	**Thurs 25 March 2027**	Easter Holiday	**Tues 6 April 2027**	Mon 24 May 2027 to Fri 4 June 2027	**Tues 20 July 2027**	

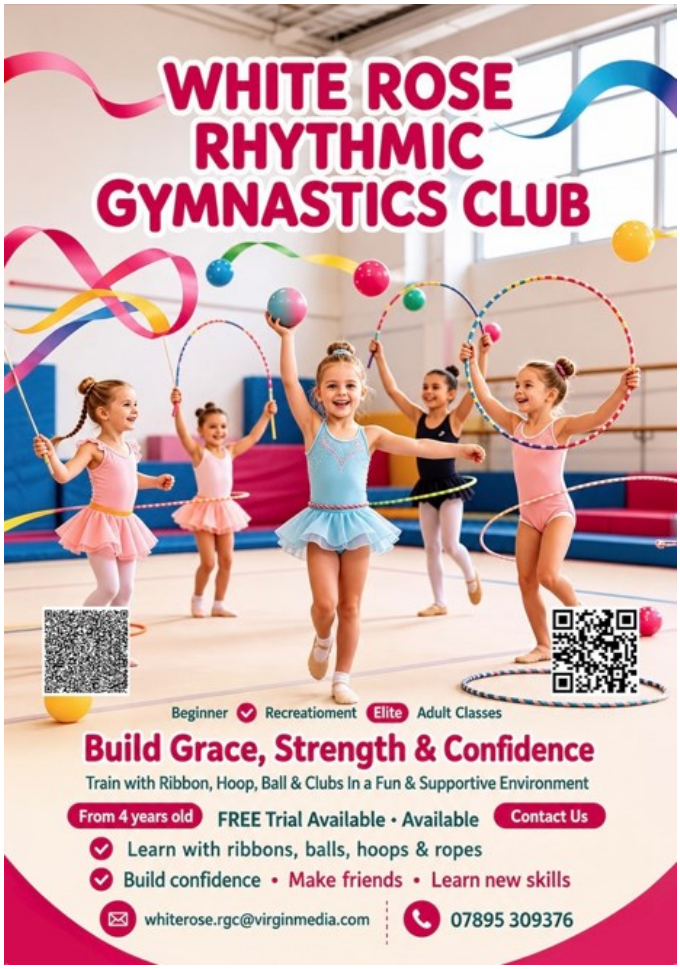
August Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August 2026	Good Friday	Friday 26 March 2027
Christmas Day	Friday 25 December 2026	Easter Monday	Monday 29 March 2027
Boxing Day	Monday 28 December 2026	**Inset Day/May Day School Closed**	**Friday 30 April & Monday 3 May 2027**
New Years Day	Friday 1 January 2027	Spring Bank	Monday 31 May 2027

ParentPay Accounts

Please regularly check your child's ParentPay account to ensure it is always in credit.

Thank you.





My child cries when I drop them off at school. What should I do?

If mornings are emotional – remember you are not alone!

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<td><u>First, know that separation is a process</u>.

Your child is learning “I can say goodbye to my parent and feel safe with another trusted adult”

It is not something which only impacts children in their first year of school!</td>
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<td><u>Keep goodbyes warm and predictable.</u>

A calm, confident goodbye can help your child with what comes next.

Try creating a simple goodbye that stays the same each day.

A hug.
A few reassuring words.
A confident goodbye.

Then let the teacher take over.</td>
<td><u>Try not to sneak away or say you are coming straight back.</u>

It can be tempting to leave while your child is distracted, but knowing that you will say goodbye helps build trust.

Even when they cry, they can learn:
“My grown-up tells me when they are leaving, and they always come back”</td>
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<td><u>Trust the adults welcoming your child.</u>

Your child may be upset when you leave, but will quickly settle in school.

Sometimes the most helpful thing a parent can do is to follow the school routines and leave with confidence.</td>
<td><u>You don’t have to fix the feeling</u>.

Crying isn’t necessarily a sign that something is wrong.

You can acknowledge the feeling without changing the boundary:
“I know you don’t want me to go. Saying good bye is hard. Your teacher is here to help you. I’ll see you after school”</td>
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<td><u>Remember connection doesn’t end at goodbye</u>.

The goal isn’t to teach your child that they shouldn’t miss you.

It is to help them discover that they can miss you and still participate, connect, explore and feel secure.

That is a meaningful step towards independence for all children, regardless of any age or additional needs.</td>
<td><u>A little consistency goes a long way</u>.

Same routine
Same as their peers
Same expectations
Same loving goodbye

Over time, those predictable experiences can help your child build confidence in their own ability to separate and reunite.</td>
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The Invisible String: https://youtu.be/xm7syTd9xSs