

# Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential

# 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Holy Cross Boys' Primary School, Belfast

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## HCB Term 1 Winners for Attendance, Reading and Numeracy

**1Q R2:** Ollie Dunning, Ruadhan McKinney & Brandon Adams. **1T R3:** Ebon Olagunju, Brandon Fegan & Conan Anderson. **2F R4:** Adam Mooney, Cillian Cosgrove & Dylan Lean. **2M R5:** Sean O'Neill, Luke Halliday Reid & Aaron O'Neill. **3Mc R10:** Jude Quigley, Caleb Donaghy & Leon Mailey. **3Mo R13:** Theo Hughes, Caleb Davidson & Luca Maguire. **4W R12:** Leon McGivern, Leo Cosgrove & Lucas Saunders. **4M R11:** Jack Frame, Gerard Frame & Finn Murphy. **5W R14:** Tomás Cosgrove, Cain Duffy & Donal Lindsay. **5C R15:** Conan McNeill, Jake Rosborough Barnes & Rio Cooke Faulkner. **6M R19:** Jack Hamilton, Ryan Reilly & Caoimhin Catney. **6EJ R21:** Kaelen Madden, Sean McAuley-McConnell & Fionn Johnston. **7L R18:** Corey Smith, Christopher Gormley & Josh Lyttle. **7HR20:** Alfie O'Hare, Daniel Ferris & Oisín Brennan.

**Year 1 pupil entry in September 2024:** The application procedure opens on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12noon (GMT)** and an application submitted by the closing date of **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12noon (GMT)** will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and up to 4pm on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 will be treated as a late application, this is also the last date and time for processing a change of preference in exceptional circumstances. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide> Verification documents may be emailed to the school using the email address, [holycrossboys@hotmail.com](mailto:holycrossboys@hotmail.com). These may include, birth certificate, two 'proof of address' dated within three months of the date of application.

**Religion: The Service of Commitment & Light** will take place this **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 24** in the school hall @10.00am and **Confirmation** for the Primary 7 classes will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 @11am** in Holy Cross Church. **Catholic Schools Week** is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024. The theme in 2024 is Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. Grandparents' Day will be on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 24** of this week where the grandparents will be invited into the school to visit their grandson in his classroom. Parents **MUST** make the class teacher aware (in advance) of the names of the Grandparent/s attending and there will be a list on each classroom door.

**Term 1 Awards** for Reading (Accelerated Reader), Numeracy (FRECKLE) and Attendance: Mr McArey visited all the classes before the break to give out awards to the pupils who did exceptionally well with either Reading (Accelerated Reader), Numeracy (FRECKLE) or Attendance in term 1. Well done boys! <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/term-1-winners-for-reading-accelerated-reader-numeracy-freckle-and-attendance/?p=1&tags=1081>

**Music:** Singing Practice continues for P1-3 on Fridays and P4-7 on Thursdays. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly. Please use the link to listen to our cellists and string ensemble! <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/a-christmas-treat-from-our-cellists-and-string-ensemble/>. The School Choir also performed Carol Singing for the residents of Bradley Manor in Dec.

**Philosophy:** The award-winning philosophy documentary based in HCB, Young Plato, is now showing on Prime Video.

**Counselling Service:** With the help of ES funding & the PHA, we are now offering a specialist counselling service for selected pupils on Mondays (Mental Health Movement at the Marrowbone Hub) thanks to Caoimhin McNulty and on Wednesdays in the school with Anne.

**Physical Education:** Year 7 will start their 8-week swimming programme on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 24**. The focus for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Physical Education theme for January/February 2024 is **Gymnastics**. Year 5 will continue their handball programme with Gaeffit's Oisín on Thursdays in the school hall. The HCB Football Team under the guidance of Mr. Mullan enjoyed an impressive 3-1 victory over St. Michael's Primary School in the quarter final of the EDCO Cup at Solitude before Christmas and will now meet Holy Child PS in the semi-final in January.

**Breakfast Club** opens at 8:00am in the school canteen (includes cereal, toast and a drink). The BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE FREE for PUPILS IN TERM 2 and we give out Tuckshop vouchers every Wednesday.

**Mental Health Awareness:** The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> January 24 @9.30 to 10.30am** with specialist, Joe Watson.

**Staff Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Congratulations to Mrs Torbitt & Mrs McShane, our two winners of December's Staff Mental Health and Wellbeing draw. Thanks again to Ardoyne Working Men's Club and Crumlin Star for their support!

**Extended Schools** restarts tomorrow, **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**

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**School Holidays 23/24** [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230309120136\\_15\\_HCB\\_School\\_Holidays\\_for\\_Parents\\_2023-2024.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf)

**HCB Healthy Eating Policy:** [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20220705104703\\_11\\_Healthy\\_Eating\\_Policy.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20220705104703_11_Healthy_Eating_Policy.pdf)

## Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: **Does technology control our lives?**

Weekly Challenge: **Get up early for the Breakfast Club this week?**

Motivational Quote: **"If you don't find the time, if you don't do the work, you don't get the results."**

Arnold Schwarzenegger

## Happy Birthday

Daniel Robinson, Ruairi McLaughlin, James Waide, Solomon Cavaciu, Conan Magee, Caolan Kelly-McAllister, James O'Neill, Cain Duffy, Oisín Moore & Mason Jay Bradley.

## Upcoming EVENTS

**Trainer Tuesday:** Pupils can wear their trainers on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 24** for 50p.

**Breakfast Club FREE** for all pupils in Term 2.

**Tuckshop:** will take place **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan**.

**Solitude Friday Visits** restarts **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**Rewarding Pupils:** Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance at mid-term 2 on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024**.

**Year 7 Swimming:** Starts **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 24**.

**KS2 Environmental Show** on **Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 @9.30am** in school hall.

**Confirmation** for Year 7 on **Fri 26 Jan 24 @11am** in Holy Cross Church. The Service of Commitment and light will be held on **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 24**.

**Safer Internet Day 2024** based around the theme 'Inspiring change' on **Tue 6 Feb 2024**.

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 24**.

**Pantosauraus** visit P1 - P4 on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

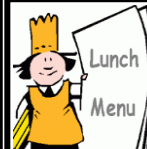
**St. Patrick's Day Holidays:** Pupils finish early (11.00am) on **Thur 14<sup>th</sup>** and return on **Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024**.

**Accelerated Reader & FRECKLE** Certificates for Term 2 on **Mon 25 Mar 2024**.

**Easter Holidays:** Pupils will finish early on **Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar (11.00am) 24** and return **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Apr 2024**.

**P1 Health Appraisal** School Nurse Visits on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Holy Communion** on **Fri 17 May 2024 @11am**.



Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Fish Fingers, Beans & Chips. Jelly & Fruit.	Savory Mince, Baton Carrots & Mashed Potato. Sponge & Custard.	Chicken Curry, Naan Bread, Sweetcorn & Steamed Rice. Ice Cream & Fruit	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Rich Gravy, Carrots, Peas & Mashed Potato/Oven Roast Potato. Flake meal Biscuit.	Hot Dog, Sweetcorn & Chips. Frozen Yoghurt

Dinner Menu 2023-24 [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230831013823\\_74\\_Dinner\\_Menu\\_September\\_2023.pptx](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230831013823_74_Dinner_Menu_September_2023.pptx)

YEAR	START	Finish	Friday Finish
1	9.00	2.00	12.45
2	8.45	2.15	1.00
3	9.00	2.30	1.00
4	8.45	2.45	1.20
5	9.00	3.00	1.20
6	8.45	2.45	1.20
7	9.00	3.00	1.20
RR	8.45	2.00	12.30
SL	8.45	2.30	12.30

# HCB Weekly Bulletin for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024