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## Mid-Term 1 Winners for Reading (AR), Numeracy(FRECKLE) and Attendance

**1Q R2:** Corey Dunning, Eoin Bradley & Seamus Casey. **1M R5:** Rossa Whelan, Cullann Magee & Kai Mailey. **2F R4:** Carter Baker, Shane Og Johnston & Logan Canavan. **2T R3:** Tommy Mooney, Ruadhan McKinney & Cael O'Hanlon. **3Mc R10:** Carter Dunlop, Sean Fennell & Franco-David Covaci. **3A R11:** Harley Kane, Luke Reid & James McDonald Close. **4W R12:** Oisín Colohan, Jayden Morgan & Daragh Clarke. **4M R11:** Fionn Wallace & Harrison Conlon & Lochlann Turley. **5W R14:** Conleth McGuinness, Leo Cosgrove & Lucas Saunders. **5M R15:** James Rodgers, James Waide & Noah Kelly & Charlie McDonald. **6M R19:** Calvin McGeough, Kai Baker & Rio Cooke Faulkner. **6H R21:** Jake Ross Barnes, Cain Duffy & Cameron Clarke. **7Mc R18:** Kayden Brady, Odhran Leith Corbett & Oisín Moore. **7J R20:** Danny Og McDonald-Mullan, Eoghan Cromie & Caiden McKinney. **8R:** James McKeating, James Engelen & Seb Burns. **SR P6:** Og Conlon, Dylan Og Kelly & Stephan Marley. **ML:** Ivan Aldoshyn, Edward Zi Hao Zhao & Callum McHugh.

**Solitude Winners:** Well done to the following boys who are selected to go to Solitude on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 for a coaching session on the pitch with our staff members, Mr Mullan, Tony Kane, Michael Gallagher and Joe Gormley (Cliftonville FC). **Starlight/P4:** Jude Lagan, Leighton Brady, Lorcan Lavery, Lochlann Turley, Oisín Gallagher, Sean Carmichael, Eoghan Harrison, Ciaran Kennedy, Jacob Magee & Jack Maguire. **P5:** Zavi Den Heijer, Solomon Ysac, Kenzie Morgan, Martin Short, JJ Maguire, James McGuigan, Conan Magee, Leo Hall, Kush Tierney & James Braniff. **P6:** @Swimming Week 6 on 08-11-24. **P7:** Ryan Reilly, Odhran Leith Corbett, Caoimhin Catney, Anthony Conlon & Caoimhin McGarry.

**Halloween Hooley:** HCB had the annual Halloween Hooley before the break and once again the costumes from both pupils and staff were absolutely incredible. Well done to everyone who dressed up and congratulations to the winning pupils who received prizes for their spectacular costumes. Thank you to Mrs Reel and Mrs Martin for ensuring the occasion was a wonderful experience for all the boys! <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/amazing-costumes-at-the-annual-hcb-halloween-hooley/>

**FRECKLE:** In Holy Cross Boys' we not only celebrate success, but we also acknowledge effort. Therefore, at mid-term 1, we have rewarded boys on the time they spent on our online platform for numeracy, Freckle. Through Freckle we aim to improve the boys' confidence, proficiency and develop their skills in numeracy. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/freckle-halloween-awards-2024/>

**Accelerated Reader:** Well done to the boys who enjoyed Morning Tea with the Principal for doing so well with their Accelerated Reader (AR) from the start of the school year to mid-term 1. They have either exceeded their AR target or are making excellent progress with their reading. AR Coordinator, Mrs McShane visited the classes before Halloween and the boys who are doing well with AR got the opportunity to guess a three-digit code to open the AR safe and collect the £20 reward inside. A special congratulations to the two lucky pupils who both guessed the correct three-digit code on the same day. It definitely pays to read in HCB <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/two-accelerated-reader-ar-safe-winners-on-the-same-day/?cms4563-news-live=1448>

**OPEN DAY** for parents/guardians of P1 pupils in September 2025 is on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @9.30am** with Mr McAreevy in the hall. Please click on the link to view our updated School Prospectus. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/cmsfiles/items/downloads/HCBSchoolProspectus.pdf>

**HCB Corridor Displays:** We are very proud of the standard of the Corridor Displays in HCB. They are simply outstanding, and we want to thank all the teachers, classroom assistants and the pupils for the superb work and effort that has went into them. Please have a look! <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/amazing-corridor-displays-in-hcb---well-done-to-all-the-staff/?p=2&tags=1081>

**Mindfulness and Aromatherapy:** P7J R21 will have the first of their 3 sessions from Donna Hawkins on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024.

**Anti-Bullying Week** is from Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 and Odd Socks Day will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Poster competition will be homework for the Thursday night and prizes for the best poster in each class will be given out on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Yr 7 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will start this week 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Flu Vaccination:** P1-P7 (Fluenz Tetra) is a vaccine to prevent influenza (flu) will take place this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Religion:** Holy Cross Parish is delighted to announce its Confirmation for the P7's of the Academic Year 2024/5 for Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 @11am. We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Alan McGuckian who will preside over the occasion.

**School Counselling:** Counselling continues for 6 pupils on a weekly basis with Extended Schools funds on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov and Mental Health Movement (MHM) continues to provide counselling for 8 pupils on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> & Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov with Stephanie.

**Ardoone Library** visits continue on Thursdays from 2.00-2.30pm for P6M R19 on 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, P4W R12 on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov and P4M (2<sup>nd</sup> visit) on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Visit 3 will be in Term 2.

**Music:** Weekly lessons continue for Singing (Tuesday), Flute (Wednesday), Brass (Thursday), Violin (Thursday), Cello (Friday) & Bassoon (Friday). Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays @11.00 to 11.30am & P4-7 on Thursdays @11.10 to 11.40am. 6M R19 (Mr Magennis) and 6H RM 20 (Mr Hawkins) thoroughly enjoyed another creative movement class with "Off the Rails" Dance Company, <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-6-are-loving-their-creative-dance-class-with-off-the-rails-dance-company/?p=1&tags=1081>, before going on their field trip to Black Mountain Shared Space before the Halloween break, which was amazing <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-6-had-a-great-time-indoors-and-outdoors-at-the-black-mountain-shared-space-today/>. Singing Workshop for HCB choir with tutor (National Youth Choir) on this Thursday 07-11-24 @11-12. Ulster Orchestra Schools' Concert (Waterfront Hall) 20-11-24 (P4).

**Mental Health Awareness:** The 4<sup>th</sup> session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November with specialist, Joe Watson.

**Physical Education:** Before the Halloween break, HCB soccer team, under the guidance of Mr. Mullan, Tony and Joe came away with a 2-0 win over St. Bernard's PS at Moneyreagh Community Centre <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-progress-in-the-edco-cup-with-goals-from-madden-and-shannon/?p=1&tags=1081>. The Gaelic team, lost out narrowly by 3 points against St Oliver Plunkett PS at Woodlands in the semi-final of Cumann mBunscol Aontroma Allianz League Division 2 <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-edged-out-in-semis-of-cumann-mbunscol-aontroma-a/>. Swimming (Week 6 of 8) for Primary 6 is on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> November 24. The focus for the first PE theme for Sept/Oct is Gymnastics.

**Extended Schools:** WK6 of 8 from 04-11-24. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/creating-mini-volcanoes-in-extended-schools-science-investigations-with-mr-mcevoy/>

**Breakfast Club** continues daily for P1-7 boys and opens at 8:00am in the school canteen and is FREE for Term 1 & Term 2 (includes cereal, toast and a drink).



HCB Soccer Team



HCB Gaelic Team



Halloween Hooley



Black Mountain Shared Space Trip



AR Winners have Tea with Mr McAreevy

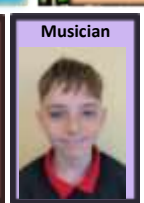
AR Code Breakers



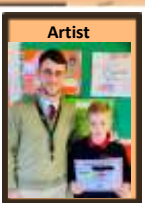
Philosopher



Reader



Musician



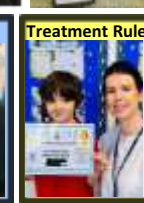
Artist



Sports Star



Mathematician



Treatment Rule



Healthy Eater

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Fish Fingers, Oven Baked Wedgies, Baked Beans & Peas, Vanilla Ice - Cream & Peas.	Homemade Choccs, Pizzas, Chips & Baked Carrots, Homemade Baked Banana Cakes and Delicious Juices.	Chicken Curry & Nann Bread, Baked Rice & Sweetcorn, Chocolate & Raspberry Sponge Cake.	Roast Pork, Stuffing, Gravy, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Mashed Potato & Oven Roast Potatoes, Home-baked Pumpkin Cookies & Orange Slices.	Beef Burger & Bap, Chips, Mini Cornish Cakes & Borden Pass, Frozen Strawberry Mousses.

HCB Menu: [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/letter/237/20240930091057\\_77\\_DinnerMenuUpdatedOctober2024.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/letter/237/20240930091057_77_DinnerMenuUpdatedOctober2024.pdf)

## Wellbeing Weekly

**Philosophy Question:** If you believe it to be true, is it?

**Weekly Challenge:** No screen time until after 6.00pm all this week.

**Motivational Quote:** The best way to predict the future is to create it. Abraham Lincoln

## Happy Birthday

Ciaran Gormley, Sean McConnell-McAuley, Conan Bean, Caedan Geoghan, Cruz Murphy, Jayden Rodgers Neill, Leon Neill, Brandon Fegan, Lorcan Reynolds, Carter McIlvenna, Aidan Toal, Ronan Gillespie, Ebnuluwa Olagunju, Colm Oglavery, Micheal McCaul & Giovanni Tchuda.

## Upcoming Events

**Mercy College Transition Program (Year 7)** on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 .

**Flu Vaccination:** P1-P7 (Fluenz Tetra) is a vaccine to prevent influenza (flu) on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024.

**National Youth Choir NI Singing Workshop** (school choir) with National Youth Choir Thur 7 Nov @11-12noon.

**Monitoring Weekly Class Visits** (pupils with issues with punctuality, attendance, uniform/shoes, homework, Spellings & Reading and behaviour) from VP & Principal continues this Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024.

**Football Top Friday** continues Fri 8<sup>th</sup> NOV.

**Friday Tuckshop Day** is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> NOV.

**Solitude Friday Visit No. 6** on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> NOV.

**School of Philosophy House System:** Weekly winners on 8<sup>th</sup> NOV.

**Extended Schools** - Block 1 (Week 6 of 8) - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**OPEN DAY:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @9.30am

**TRIPS:** Yr 4: Ulster Orchestra @Waterfront Hall on 20/11/24. WW2 Museum 04-12-24. Yr 5: W5 (Energy Workshop) 26-03-25. Ulster Museum (Egyptians)11-06-25.

**Pupil Awards** for End Term 1 for Reading, Maths and Attendance at Mid-term Mon 16<sup>th</sup> December 24.

**P7J Relaxation and Therapy sessions** with Donna Hawkins on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. **SEAG GL Transfer Test 2024** Test Date is on SAT 16<sup>th</sup> NOV 24 Paper 1 & SAT 23<sup>rd</sup> NOV 24 Paper 2.

**NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe NSPCC**

**programme:** KS1 and KS2 Virtual Assemblies on Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov & Led Workshops: Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am @10.30am for Yr6 & 10.45am for Yr 3.

**Anti-Bullying Week:** Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 - Odd Socks Day (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov) and Poster competition (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov).

**World Philosophy Day** presentation on Socrates on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the hall.

**Ulster Orchestra Schools' Concert** in Waterfront Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 24 (P4).

**Confirmation** for the P7's is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 @11am.

**What's Inside** Yr 7 Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 25 9-12noon.

**First Holy Communion** P4 on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May @11.00am.

**Primary 1 Health Appraisals** with School Nurse: Dates: Tues 10<sup>th</sup>, Wed 11<sup>th</sup>, Thur 12<sup>th</sup>, Fri 13<sup>th</sup>, Tue 17<sup>th</sup> & Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

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

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