

April 2026 Pentecost Term



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope you had a wonderful Easter spent with family and friends. It is the final term for your child here at Holy Cross and what a busy (and hopefully fun) term we have planned, with our residential, Sports Day and leavers' assembly. Please find below a list of the topics that we will be covering during the coming Pentecost term.

SATS - Week commencing Monday 11th May 2026

The Key Stage Two 'Statutory Assessment Tests' are taken during this week. These tests are designed to establish children's knowledge and understanding of specific elements of the Key Stage Two programmes of study. They provide an understanding of a child's attainment at the end of Key Stage Two.

The children have been fantastic with returning their SATs homework to school and we would like to thank you for your support with this. Over the next few weeks, we will be continuing with our homework in the SATs revision books which need to be returned to school on a Monday and Wednesday so that they can be marked and new homework set.

The Tests

Maths, Reading Comprehension, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will be assessed throughout the week.

Monday 11th May: English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 12th May: English reading

Wednesday 13th May: Mathematics paper 1 Arithmetic and Paper 2 Reasoning

Thursday 14th May: Mathematics Paper 3 Reasoning

Throughout Year 6, teachers also assess children's attainment in writing. Here, at Holy Cross, we keep ongoing assessments of writing throughout the year and assessment judgements for writing are reported to the Local Authority, as well as to parents.

We wish all the children the very best of luck during this time and, as ever, we only ask them to try their best. They have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of them!

RE

In our first topic, *To the Ends of the Earth*, pupils will continue their journey through St. John's Gospel. They will explore how St. John's account of the Resurrection connects back to earlier biblical narratives, revealing that in Jesus, the relationship between God and humanity is fully restored. Pupils will learn about the Christian belief in the Resurrection of Christ and the revelation of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, deepening their understanding of these central beliefs.



In our second topic, *Dialogue and Encounter*, pupils will explore the concept of "the common good" in a way that is easy for them to understand. They will deepen their knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching principles, learning how these values guide Catholics in working for a fair and caring society. Pupils will also discover how Christians collaborate with people of various worldviews to promote the common good.

Through this, pupils will consider how engaging in respectful dialogue with people who hold different beliefs can be transformative, both for their own lives and for the future of their communities.

English

During this term, the children will be studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will complete the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which we all enjoyed last term and this provided a super stimulus for some excellent writing. During the first part of the Pentecost term, we will also study the award-winning book,

'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. This is an epic true story of how Shackleton and his crew managed to survive an attempt to cross the frozen heart of Antarctica. This text will support our learning in our geography topic on the North and South Poles.



In the second half of the term, we will study the international best seller, 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. Both these books will provide material for some wonderful English work and prompt much opportunity for discussion.

Spellings

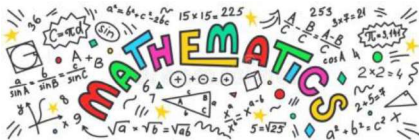
We will continue to use the Pyramid approach to the teaching of spelling. When we begin the new spelling pyramid, a copy will be uploaded to our class Dojo page.

Spellings will be tested on a Friday.

Reading

Please continue to read regularly with your child, as this greatly improves their progress in all areas of the curriculum. Your child should try and read every night for 15 minutes at least and record this in their books. Please make every effort to hear your child read at least three times per week and record this in their diary. **Please ensure reading diaries are in school on a Monday for weekly reading to be checked.**

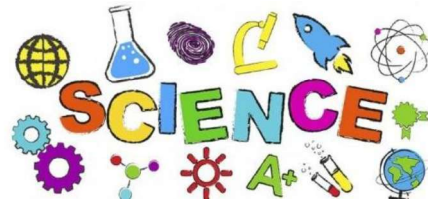
Maths



Maths will continue to follow the White Rose curriculum with supporting materials. This term some of the topics studied will be statistics, shape and geometry along with consolidation of the topics we have covered so far.

Science

Our science topics for this term are living things and their habitats and animals including humans. We will look at classifying living things into groups, identify the main parts of the human circulatory system and discuss the impact of lifestyle on health.



History and Geography

During the first half term, we will study the North and South Poles. This learning will also be supported by our work in English.

During the second half term, we will study Civil and Human Rights. We will look at what Civil and Human rights are and the notable figures that have contributed to their advance.

Computing

In Computing, we will continue to follow the NCCE programme of study. We will continue to use Word and the Internet to enhance the work we do in other curriculum areas.

Art, design, and Music

We will be developing our art and design skills following the design Kapow scheme of work.

We are very fortunate that our weekly music lessons taught by a specialist music teacher will continue this term. Our music lessons will be on a Thursday.

French

We will continue to study French using the Language Angels scheme of work. The children will study two new units and revise key areas and vocabulary from last term.

P.E.

PE lessons will be on a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Lloyd and a Thursday with Mr Woolly and we ask that children come in to school with their full PE kit on.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term in Class 6. Please feel free to speak to us should you ever have any questions, concerns or worries.

Miss Bamford and Miss Lloyd
Year 6 Team

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 14th April – Active Sports – Glow in the dark dodgeball 30-minute session

Monday 20th April – Flood Risk Workshop

Tuesday 21st April – SATs workshop led by the Mental Health Support Team

Monday 11th May – Y6 Assessment week begins

Monday 18th May – Hucknall National to visit the pupils who are transitioning to National

Thursday 21st May – CTK to visit the pupils transitioning to CTK

Monday 25th May – Half term week

Monday 1st June – INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd June – Body Image Workshop led by the Mental Health Support Team

Tuesday 23rd June – Transition to Secondary workshop led by the Mental Health Support Team

Friday 26th June – Summer Fayre

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July – Transition days for Hucknall National

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July – Transition days for CTK

Wednesday 15th July – Friday 17th – Y6 Briars Residential

Friday 24th July – Leavers' assembly in the school hall and final day of term.

Further dates will be added to the weekly school newsletter or our class Dojo page once they have been confirmed.