

# Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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## HCB Mid-Term 2 Winners for Attendance, Reading and Numeracy

**1Q R2:** Tommy Mooney, Lorcan McNally & Louie Muir. **1T R3:** Shane Og Johnston, Jaxx Walker & Conor Mahoney. **2F R4:** Neil Murphy, Brian Og Wootton & Jay Smyth. **2M R5:** Ray Gough, Luke Reid & Eoin Grieve. **3Mc R10:** Oisín Colohan, Lorcan Cahill & Thomas Casey. **3Mo R13:** Cillian Doherty, Theo Hughes & Fionntan Morgan. **4W R12:** Odhran McGibbon, Conan Magee & Jude Cooke-Faulkner. **4M R11:** Jacob Campbell, Caolan Doherty & James Rodgers. **5W R14:** Alfie Hillick, James O'Neill & Caleb Patterson. **5C R15:** Jamie McGonnell, Rio Cooke Faulkner & Haiden Toner. **6M R19:** Ethan Maguire, Caoimhin McGary & Ryan Reilly. **6EJ R21:** Noah McKeown, Michael Burns & Shay Braniff. **7L R18:** Josh Lyttle, Jack Stewart & Muiz Ojo. **7H R20:** Caolan Dunlop, Jack Coogan & Mark McConnell. **RR:** Ivan Aldoshyn, Bruno Chodkowski & Edward Zi Hao. **SR:** Thomas Boyle, Harlee Cooke-Faulkner & Jacob McKenna.

**Safer Internet Day:** HCB celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 based around the theme 'Inspiring change'. This special celebration takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. The boys completed a range of activities, including a Poster Competition. Congratulations to the two winners in each class, who received a tuckshop voucher. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/Internet-safety-poster-competition-2024/> Please click on the link <https://www.wizcase.com/blog/a-comprehensive-cyberbullying-guide-for-parents-which-provides-a-Comprehensive-Cyberbullying-Guide-for-Parents>.

**HCB School Uniform Reminder:** As we return tomorrow, this a quick reminder of the school uniform & PE Kit: HCB School Uniform consists of: Black jumper (with school crest), Red Polo shirt, Plain Black trousers, **plain black shoes/black trainers** (no stripes/designs). On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school (watches are not considered items of jewellery and may be worn). Earrings ARE NOT PERMITTED. Hair: Lines or dyes ARE NOT PERMITTED. PE Kit: Black Jogger Bottoms, White Polo Shirt, Normal Black School Jumper with HCB Crest & Black Trainers. [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240109111038\\_16\\_Parent\\_Note\\_on\\_School\\_and\\_PE\\_Uniform\\_Reminder\\_Jan\\_2024.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240109111038_16_Parent_Note_on_School_and_PE_Uniform_Reminder_Jan_2024.pdf)

**Mid Term 2 Winners** for Reading (Accelerated Reader), Numeracy (FRECKLE) and Attendance <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/mid-term-2-winners-for-reading-accelerated-reader-numeracy-freckle-and-attendance/>

**Philosophy:** P1 Philosopher of the week dared to think differently on making good decisions- the Scorpion 🦂 and the Frog 🐸

**Belfast Giants Visit:** Ice hockey star, Mark Garside, from the Belfast Giants visited HCB before mid-term to talk to the Primary 4-7 pupils about healthy eating and lifestyle. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/ice-hockeystar-visits-hcb/>

**Sponsored Bounce-a-thon:** Like last year, we are holding a sponsored Bounce-a-thon in school hall on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. The money raised will provide much needed funds for purchasing novels and guided reading books. Each boy will be asked to seek sponsors or donations from their family and friends (1 sponsor sheet per family). Every child in school who has been given parent/guardian consent, will get a chance to take part. Sponsor sheets will be distributed on **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** for the pupils taking part. All monies should be returned to the class teacher by **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024**.

**Westland Fire & Rescue Service** visited P5 before mid-term <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/visit-from-westland-fire-and-rescue-service/>

**Year 8 post-primary applications:** EA Connect closes for online applications for Post Primary this **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024** - at 12 noon. Final date for late paper applications is Monday 4 March 2024 - by 4pm. Parents/carers will receive application outcome via email (where one is held) or by letter on Saturday 18 May 2024. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

**Music:** Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays and P4-7 on Thursdays. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly.

**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 have **week 4** of their 8-week swimming programme on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 24**. The focus for Physical Education theme in Term 2 is **Games & Gymnastics**. Year 5 will continue their handball programme with Gaeilfí's Oisín on Thursdays in the school hall. **NM Coaching on Fridays:** PIT in hall @9:30, P1Q 30 mins in hall @10:00, P4W AYC @10:30 & P4M AYC @11:30.

**Mental Health Awareness:** The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> FEB 24** @9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

**School Holidays** [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:** Is it okay to do something wrong if no one sees it or knows about it?

**Weekly Challenge:** Say a prayer for a family member or a friend every night for a week.

**Motivational Quote:** To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us.

Pope Francis



Jaxx Walker, Taylor McIlvenna, Cameron Clarke, Reece Lagan, Aodhan McCaul, Oisín Steenson, Jack Stewart & Conor Davey.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Trainer Tuesday:** Pupils can wear their trainers on **20<sup>th</sup> Feb** for 50p.  
**Breakfast Club** is FREE for all pupils in **Term 2**.  
**What's Inside Programme** YEAR 7 on **22/02/24** (HCB, HCG and Mercy Primary School).  
**Transition Week (P7)** starting week beginning **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** to **Thur 29<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

**Tuckshop:** will take place on **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**.  
**Sponsored Bounce-a-thon** **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March**.  
**Solitude Friday Visits** Next visit on **Friday 23 FEB**.  
**Rewarding Pupils:** Term 2 Award Winners for Reading, Maths and Attendance on **Tue 26 Mar**  
**Year 7 Swimming:** Week 4 on **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2024**.  
**TRIPS:** YEAR 2: Titanic Museum Guided Tour on **06/03/24**. YEAR 4: Armagh Planetarium **23/04/24**. YEAR 5: W5 (Energy Workshop) **06/03/24** & Ulster Museum (Egyptians) **20/06/24**.

**HIP N HEALTHY Programme** (online) for 7H R20 on **Wed 6 Mar:** Tackling Anxiety, **Wed 10 Apr:** Developing Resilience & **Wed 8 May:** Three Pillars of Growth.

**NSPCC PANTS programme** visit P1-P4 **11/04/24**  
**St. Patrick's Day Assemblies** KS1 & KS2 on **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March 24**.

**St. Patrick's Day Hols:** 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 **Monday 25 Mar 2024**.

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

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

**Holy Communion** Year 4 **Fri 17 May 24 @11am**.



Mid Term 2 Award Winners for Attendance, Reading, Numeracy & Internet Safety Posters.



	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb
	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Swetcorn & Roasted Peppers Chipped / Baked Potato / Coleslaw Ice-Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Cottage Pie Spring Greens / Butternut Squash Oven Baked Potato Wedges / Baked Potato Summer Fruit Cheesecake	Beef Meatballs with Tomato & Basil Sauce Green Beans / Baton Carrots Steamed Rice / Pasta Spirals Sticky Date Pudding & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato Golden Krispie Square	School "Chippy Day" Chicken or Fish Goujons / Sausages Beans / Mushy Peas Chipped / Baby New Potatoes Frozen Fruit Yoghurt

Dinner Menu 2023-24 [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240206013322\\_80\\_HCB\\_Dinner\\_Menu\\_for\\_Spring\\_-\\_Summer\\_2024.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240206013322_80_HCB_Dinner_Menu_for_Spring_-_Summer_2024.pdf)

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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