



WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

ROME 2024

WORLD CHILDREN DAY (WCD)
ROME, MAY 25-26, 2024

**WE ARE WAITING
FOR YOU!**

HANDBOOK
with essential information and directions to consult
before and during the event



1st World Children's Day (WCD)

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In just a few days, we will meet in Rome
for the first World Children's Day.

Pope Francis is expecting us!

Let's get prepared for a dialogue, listening and hope
for the better world that all children deserve.

«Behold, I make all things new» (Ap. 21,5) is the
theme that will guide us.

Luminous words herald a new season, «a new
heaven and a new earth» (Ap. 21,1).

Goodbye, see you soon.



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The Program

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SATURDAY, MAY 25th

09:00 AM	Opening of the Children's Village in the Foro Italico Park
12:30 PM	Opening of the Olympic Stadium
02:30 PM	Welcome and meet-up
03:00 PM	Children discover Mimmo Paladino's Joy Cross
03:15 PM	Official WCD anthem by the Zecchino d'Oro choir
03:30 PM	Carlo Conti greets the 101 delegations in traditional clothing and presents the WCD with guests
04:45 PM	Arrival of the Holy Father and greeting
05:00 PM	Children in dialogue with the Holy Father
06:30 PM	Conclusion

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

07:00 AM	Entrance to St. Peter's Square
10:00 AM	Zecchino d'Oro" songs introduction
10:30 AM	Eucharistic celebration by the Holy Father
12:00 PM	Angelus
12:10 PM	Speech of Roberto Benigni
12:20 PM	The Holy Father greets children from around the world



1. Places

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The Children's
Village, in the Foro
Italico Park



The Olympic Stadium
in Rome



St. Peter's
Square



2. Transportation

ATTENTION!

Saturday 25 May the entire large area surrounding the Foro Italico and the Olympic Stadium will be closed to traffic. Passing and approaching with your own vehicles will therefore be prohibited.

Be very careful on public transport and when traveling to pickpockets, **always taking care** of your luggage and personal effects.

WCD TRAINS

The recommended trains stop is **Tiburtina Station**.
At the station, you will find **volunteers**, wearing **yellow shirts**,
who will guide you to the **WCD shuttles**.

- In **Tiburtina Station** the meeting point for the shuttles will be **Piazzale Giovanni Spadolini**.
- In **Termini Station** the meeting point for the shuttles will be **Via del Castro Pretorio**.
- In **Ostiense Station** the meeting point for the shuttles will be **Piazzale dei Partigiani**.



SATURDAY 25th

Shuttles to go to the Olympic Stadium will take you from the stations Tiburtina, Termini and Ostiense to [Lungotevere Grande Ammiraglio Thaon di Revel](#).

The shuttles returning to the train stations Tiburtina, Termini and Ostiense will stop at [Lungotevere Grande Ammiraglio Thaon di Revel](#).

The coaches reaching the assigned WCD accommodations will stop at [Lungotevere Flaminio](#).

SUNDAY 26th

The shuttles to stations Tiburtina, Termini and Ostiense will stop at [Via Virgilio](#). The service will be guaranteed [until 4:00 PM](#).

ATTENTION!

You may be divided among multiple shuttles, so it's advisable to plan how to divide the accompanying persons.

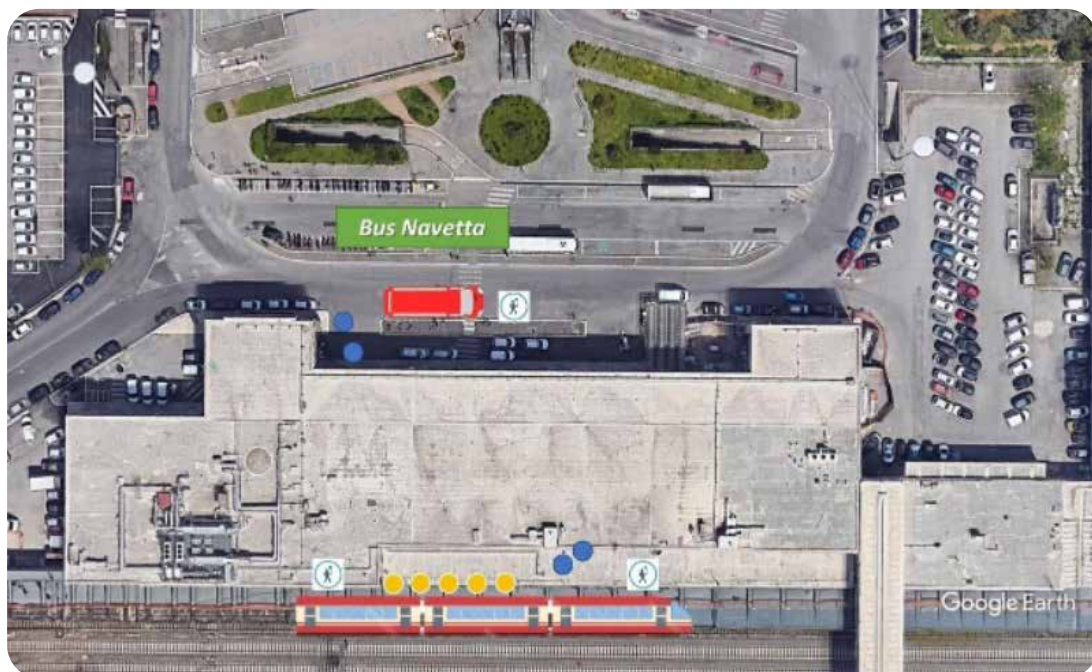
Below you can find the maps of the shuttle meeting points at the stations.

For any information, remember that the volunteers will be at the meeting points.





OSTIENSE STATION



SAN PIETRO STATION - TRAIN ONLY



The arrival times of the coaches are divided into four-time slots to avoid queues and traffic:

10:00 AM
12:00 PM

12:00 PM
01:00 PM

01:00 PM
02:00 PM

02:00 PM
03:00 PM

Each group will receive by email:

- a **parking permit** (to be printed in color, in A3 landscape format, in duplicate and to be filled out).
- a **progressive assignment number** (to be printed, in A4 vertical format, in duplicate).
- an **assigned parking area** (where you will find signs and volunteers)
- an **specific time slot** (important to respect to avoid congestion)



We remind you to display the permit prominently on the front windshield and on the passenger side dashboard to facilitate the work of volunteers and law enforcement units.

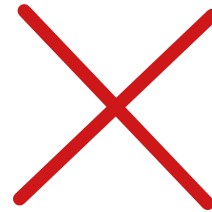


PARKING AREAS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ON MAY, 25th:

- Via Nigra
- Viale dei Gladiatori

3. General notices

To access the Olympic Stadium and St. Peter's Square, backpacks measuring a maximum of 40 x 20 x 25 cm (20 liters) are permitted.



BACKPACKS but exclusively
of these measures: 40x20x25 cm

SUITCASES and TROLLEYS larger
than 40x20x25 cm, 20 litres

RECOMMENDED ITEMS INCLUDE

Sunscreen

Comfortable and colorful clothing

Raincoat

Small umbrella (without tip)

IT WILL BE PROHIBITED TO BRING

NB: Access will not be allowed to:

Metal and plastic water bottles

Knives, scissors, or any sharp objects

Umbrellas with pointed tips



4. Children's Village

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The **Children's Village** will take place in the **Foro Italico Park**.

While waiting for the beginning of the event, the organization will host exhibitions, workshops, performances, and stands with attractions.

Stands from associations, movements, and companies supporting the WCD will be present.

The Children's Village will remain open **until 9:00 PM**.

5. Entrance to the Olympic Stadium – May 25

ENTRANCE TICKET

To access the Children's Village and the Olympic Stadium you will have to show the ticket that you receive by email.

Your ticket will contain a QR Code you must show at the stadium entrance, printed on paper or on your smartphone or tablet.

It will be associated with a color that defines the sector inside the stadium.



In addition to the ticket, upon arrival all participants will be given a wristband of the **same color as the ticket**.

ATTENTION!

The name of the child who is wearing it must be written on each wristband. On the same wristband you will have to write the mobile number of the adult who cares for the child. The wristband must be worn for the duration of the event at the Olympic Stadium.

The groups arriving at the **Olympic Stadium** by private coaches will receive the wristbands **once they have entered the assigned parking area**.

The wristbands must be filled out and worn by the children **before disembarking** from the coach.

For all other participants, wristbands will be distributed at the **entrance of the Children's Village**.

Here are the types of wristbands you will receive:



OPEN AT 12:30 PM

Once inside you will be directed to your seats.

There will be water fountains and points where you can get a water bottle inside, the stadium bars will also be open.

6. Exit the Olympic Stadium – May 25

To exit the stadium, you will need to wait and follow the directions of the **voice guide** which, **based on your color**, will instruct you on and how to exit the stadium to facilitate the flow of people.



7. Access to San Pietro Square – May 26

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ENTRANCES

- Porta Angelica
- Piazza del Sant'Uffizio
- Via della Conciliazione

8. Leaving San Pietro – May 26

To depart from St. Peter's Square:

Groups that booked the train through WCD should proceed to San Pietro station.

Groups needing shuttles to reach Tiburtina, Termini e Ostiense stations an go to Via Virgilio

The groups arrived by bus will have to return to the established parkings (the same as on arrival).



9. Useful contacts

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

SINGLE EMERGENCY NUMBER

112

CIVIL PROTECTION
OPERATIONS ROOM

800 854 854

CHILDHOOD EMERGENCY

114

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