



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to welcome back Year 5 from their residential at SPEC.

The children have returned with joy and memories to treasure. It was very special to hear their reflections on the experience. Olivia shared how peaceful she felt visiting the Chapel and how meaningful it was to receive her own rosary beads. Isabelle C loved the freedom of playing outside and exploring the adventure walk, whilst Breege treasured the time spent with friends at St Augustine's. Amtej was equally enthusiastic about the adventure walk and the excitement of the Treasure Hunt. These experiences are so valuable in helping our children grow in confidence and in their faith. Thank you to Mrs. Panter, Mrs. Daynes, and Miss Cattell in your support for the children.

This week, all our children have participated in lessons as part of PSHE - our Speak Out and Stay Safe programme. These important sessions equip our pupils with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. We are committed to ensuring every child in our school feels safe, supported and empowered to speak up.

I am delighted to celebrate the First Holy Communion of Tommy, Lennie, Owen, Alana, Lily and Billie this weekend. What a blessed milestone this is in their faith journey. We are sending our love and prayers to each of you on your special day. May the grace of this sacrament guide you throughout your life. Congratulations to you all and to your families.

To our Year 6 children, as we approach the SATS next week, we are thinking and praying for you. I want to encourage you to enjoy a fun-filled and restful weekend. As Nelson Mandela wisely said, "It always seems impossible until it is done!" You have worked hard and we are proud of you.

Today, each class celebrated Sir David Attenborough's birthday in wonderful ways, creating books and completing a Scavenger Hunt in our school grounds. It was a joy to see our pupils' enthusiasm for nature and the natural world. Thank you, Sir David, for giving us all a love of nature and Happy Birthday – 100 today!

Following the final SATS paper on Thursday 12th May, we will be walking to Ascension Mass at 2pm at Church. We will leave the school grounds at 1:30pm. You are more than welcome to join our walking bus – we would love to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sixth Sunday of Easter John 14:15-21



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	90.2%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	99.0%
Year 3	94.9%
Year 4	90.6%
Year 5	91.4%
Year 6	92.2%

Whole school target 96%

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSP), members of Senior Leadership Team: **Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. James and Mrs. Panter**

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one

Key Dates for your Diary

<https://www.stcross.herts.sch.uk/diary/list/>

11-14 May	SATs Week
14 May	Ascension Mass, 2.00pm
15 May	World Mental Health Day (see below)
19 May	Y1 – Fr Julian
20 May	Y6 PGL Meeting, 2.45pm
21 May	Y3 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please) Rec & Y4 Colchester Zoo Maths Challenge Event
22 May	May Procession – all children to have a posy of flowers 2pm Cultural Dancing- parents invited Y2 Tuck Shop
25-29 May	Half Term Week
31-3 Jun	Y6 PGL Residential Journey
1 Jun	Year 4 MTC test
3 Jun	Year 4 and Year 5 Speak Out Challenge
2 June	Reception – Fr. Julian
4 Jun	Y4 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please)
5 Jun	Year 5 Cricket Tournament Broxbourne
8 Jun	Year 1 Phonics
12 Jun	Sports Day & Parent Picnic (further details to follow)
15 Jun	Academy Sacramental Celebration
16 Jun	Y6 – Fr Julian
18 Jun	Reception Come & Read (parents only please)
19 Jun	St Mary's Tournament Netball and Football Father's Day Sale
23 Jun	Y4 – Fr Julian Music Assembly 1:30pm
30 Jun	Year 5 Science trip to St Mary's
3 rd Jul	Chaplaincy Retreat Friends – School Fete 2pm- 5pm
7 Jul	District Sports
8 Jul	Transition Day

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

Gold Book:

Well Done Children

Reception:	Danny
Year 1:	Blossom
Year 2:	Sophia
Year 3:	Leo
Year 4:	Bobbie
Year 5:	Matteo
Year 6:	Max

Happy Birthday

Wishing you, another fabulous Birthday full of God's blessing

Reception:	Marley and Harley
Year 2:	Nevada Rose
Year 4:	Blake
Year 6:	Cataleya

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
Let's support each other.
Let's build a stronger, happier community.

CHILDREN CAN WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

FOR A SMALL DONATION

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO HABS STRENGTH IN MIND to offer support to children, young people and families in our community.

WEAR YELLOW. SHOW YOU CARE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Together, we can help build a stronger mind, stronger community.

Please be advised that on Thursday 21st May, the Aspens lunch menu has changed (copy attached). Any previous orders made for this day have been cancelled so you will need to book again.

Apologies for any inconvenience.