



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

30th January 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share some important updates and events taking place in school over the coming days.

Our teachers recently received specialist training focused on supporting pupils with persistent literacy difficulties. This training will help staff further develop strategies to assist children in their own classes and ensure all pupils are supported to make progress.

Please note that the date for Midnight in the Toy Shop has been moved to Tuesday 5th February.

Next week we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is "This Is My Place", which aims to empower young people and highlight the importance of emotional wellbeing. We have planned a range of activities across the school, including; dedicated time to talk, with classes buddying up to spend time sharing and listening to one another.

Mental health dance workshops, focusing on; using dance as a positive outlet to express emotions, building confidence and self-esteem, encouraging teamwork and communication, supporting children's overall wellbeing in a fun and inclusive environment. We are also pleased to welcome Saracens, who will be visiting as part of our wellbeing focus. In the afternoon on Friday 13th February, all the children will be making Dream Catchers. If you are able to help in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 from 1:00pm, please email the school office with your name and the class you are supporting.

Year 2 will be attending their school trip on Tuesday. We hope they have a wonderful day.

Thanks to the generous support of The Friends, we will be holding a VR Day on Thursday 12th February, with each class having the opportunity to take part.

An Important Reminder:-

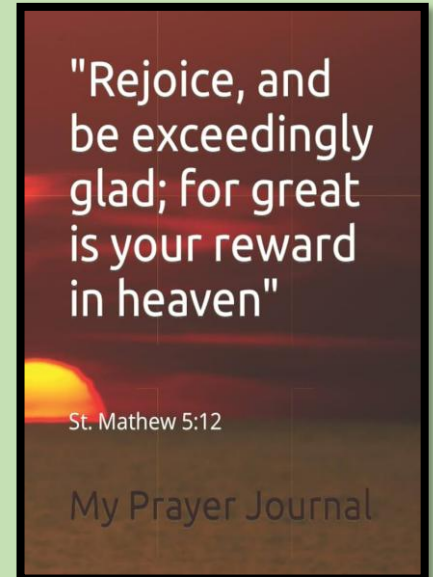
Please remember to email the school office for all communications and do not attempt to email staff directly. Thank you for your co-operation.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 1st February 2026

Matthew 5:1-12a



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 3

Reception	97.9%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	99.7%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	91.0%
Year 6	93.6%

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 of the DSPs to seek further advice.

Key Dates for your Diary

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

3 Feb	Fr Julian – Year 3 Pre-loved Uniform Sale - Friends
5 Feb	Rec/KS1 – Midnight in the Toyshop
10 Feb	Y2 Royal Gunpowder Mills
12 Feb	VR Day in School
13 Feb	Dream Catcher making afternoon
16 to 20 Feb	Half Term Week
24 Feb	Fr Julian – Year 1
25 Feb	Year 3 & 4 Mass, 9.15am – Parents Welcome
27 Feb	Y5 & Y6 Knex Workshop Tuck Shop Year 5 Friends
3 Mar	Y3 Roman Baths Trip Fr Julian – Year 2
4 Mar	Year 5 & 6 Mass, 9.15am – Parents Welcome
5 Mar	World Book Day
6 Mar	NHS 2 nd Cohort – Reception Indoor Athletics – The Broxbourne School
9 Mar	Science Week
10 Mar	Football Tournament, Cranbourne School
13 Mar	Mother's Day Tea
17 Mar	Stations of the Cross, 9.00am Y6 Reconciliation, 1.30pm
19 Mar	Netball A & B Tournament, The Broxbourne School
20 Mar	Rocksteady Music Concert Tuck-shop Year 4 Friends
23 Mar	Y4 Reconciliation, 1.30pm
24 Mar	Y5 Reconciliation, 1.30pm Y3/4 Easter Play, 2pm/6pm
27 Mar	School Closes at 1.15pm

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

Year 2 Royal Gunpowder Mills

Please be reminded that payment for the above trip is due by today. Thank you.

Aspens Dinner Reminder

If you order your child's school dinners on a monthly basis, please be reminded to book them over the weekend for the start of February. Thank you.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

As previously advised, The Friends will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on Tuesday after school, all items £3 (cashless system only, no cash please).

Gold Book:

Well Done Children

Reception: Melis

Year 1: Esra

Year 2: Hetty

Year 3: Hudson

Year 4: David

Year 5: Pixie

Year 6: Vinudi

Happy Birthday

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

Reception: Leyla & Teddy S.

Year 5: Sebastian

St Augustine's Under 5s an Ofsted Outstanding provider are looking for an enthusiastic early year's practitioner to join their small and friendly team committed to providing high quality early years care and education for young children. The successful candidate will be required to start as soon as possible. As part of the team your duties will include covering playgroup afternoon sessions and helping to run our Tuesday morning toddler and baby sessions. Hours will be flexible as required.

An Early Years Childcare and Education qualification or equivalent would be an advantage, experience working with children is essential. For further information please email staugustinesunder5s@hotmail.co.uk or call on 01992 460614 to speak to the Team Leader or Deputy Team Leader.

Apply with covering letter and CV to St Augustine's Under 5s Charlton Close Hoddesdon EN11 8DR.

CLOSING DATE Thursday 12th February.