



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderfully busy and successful week it has been at St Cross.

This morning, our Year 5 and 6 pupils attended the John Warner Tournament, competing against other local schools. Both our netball and football teams represented the school well, displaying excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and determination throughout the event.

Our Year 6 Netball teams performed exceptionally well. The Netball 'A' Team came first overall, winning their matches with impressive scores of 9-0, 11-0, 5-0 and 6-2. An outstanding achievement - well done to all involved. Our Football B Team also did well, finishing third in the tournament. Congratulations to the players for their hard work and commitment.

A big thank you to Miss Tobin and Mrs Sigona for coaching and supporting the netball teams, and to Mrs. Burke and Mr. Dance for supporting and encouraging our football teams. We are very grateful for your time and dedication.

Yesterday marked the deadline for applications to Reception for September 2026. We are delighted to share that we have received 78 applications for 30 places. Thank you to our staff, governors and parents for all that you do to make St Cross a school of choice within our local community.

On Monday, Mrs Panter will be running a Maths Parent Workshop for Key Stage 1 parents from 9:15-10:00am. These workshops are designed to bridge the gap between home and school, helping parents understand modern teaching approaches (such as concrete, pictorial and abstract methods). They also support parents in building confidence with maths, enabling yourselves to better support their child's learning at home.

St Augustine's will be hosting a Worries & Sleep Support Workshop on Thursday 22nd January from 6:00-7:00pm. We encourage parents to attend this helpful session. If you wish to attend, please email admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk with the subject sleep workshop.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community.

With best wishes and God's blessing,

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 18th January 2026

John 1:29-34

'Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God



**Attendance Award
Congratulations to Year 6**

Reception	95.2%
Year 1	85.0%
Year 2	93.7%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	89.4%
Year 6	95.7%

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/>

19 Jan	KS1 Maths Parent Workshop, 10.00am
20 Jan	Fr Julian – Year 5
22 Jan	Choir – Young Voices, 02 London 6pm Worry Workshop – Sound Asleep (St Augustine's)
27 Jan	Fr Julian – Year 6
28 Jan	Bag2School - Friends
29 Jan	NHS 1 st Cohort – Reception
30 Jan	Tuck Shop Year 6 Friends
3 Feb	Fr Julian – Year 3 Pre-loved Uniform Sale - Friends
9 Feb	Rec/KS1 – Midnight in the Toyshop
10 Feb	Y2 Royal Gunpowder Mills
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
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

Gold Book:

Well Done Children

Reception: Ethan

Year 1: Anna

Year 2: Ava

Year 3: Alana

Year 4: Ben

Year 5: Harry B

Year 6: Logan

Happy Birthday

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

Year Rec: Edie, and Jude

Year 3: Isabella

Year 6: Oliver