



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

As we draw the curtains on another remarkable year at St Cross Catholic Primary School, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on all that we have shared together. The final week of term has been a joyful whirlwind of festivity and celebration, truly reflecting the strong spirit of our school community.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Lydia and William, our Year 6 Head Girl and Head Boy this term. They have carried out their roles with maturity and enthusiasm and have made a valuable contribution to school life. Thank you both for your dedication and commitment.

I am pleased to announce that our Spring Term Head Boy will be Max S and Head Girl Ava B. Congratulations to you both – I look forward to working closely with you in the coming term.

Our whole-school Carol Service on Monday evening brought the true meaning of Advent beautifully to life. The children's singing, Gospel readings and heartfelt prayers were thoughtfully prepared and deeply moving. The instrumentalists and bell ringers chimed in harmony, helping to create a truly reflective and reverent time of worship. I could not be prouder of their efforts and would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Daynes, and Jackie, who worked in collaboration with our teachers to ensure the evening was such a wonderful success. Thank you parents for your support.

The joy continued with our Christmas lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Chef Donna, Nicola and Suki for their hard work, not only on Wednesday but throughout the entire year. It was heartwarming to see the children's faces light up during their class parties, and the afternoon snacks shared with friends added an extra sprinkle of festive delight.

A heartfelt thank you to the Friends of St Cross, led by Mrs. Hallisey and Mrs. Twiggins, for your tireless efforts in raising much-needed funds for our school. The many events organised throughout the year have been greatly appreciated. Thank you also to everyone who has supported and attended these activities.

To our Governors and all St Cross staff, your dedication and commitment continue to shape our school into a nurturing and faith-filled environment where every child can flourish.

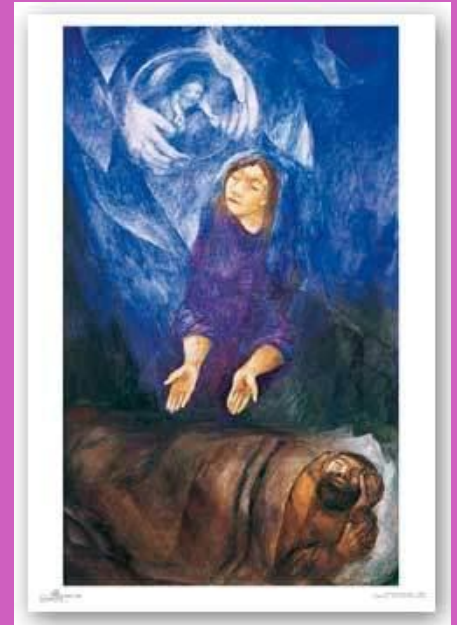
I wish the Schillaci family all the very best with their new venture as they leave St Cross School.

As we part ways for the Christmas holidays, thank you for your kind words, cards and generous gifts. I wish each and every one of you a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year. May this special time bring you joy, rest and precious moments with loved ones.

**Merry Christmas,
Mrs Joanne Walsh**

Sunday 21st December

Matthew 1:18-24



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/>

- 6 Jan Children return to School
- 7 Jan Epiphany Mass, 9.15am – Parents Welcome
- 9 Jan Friends AGM, 2pm School Hall
- 13 Jan Fr Julian – Year 4
- 16 Jan JW Netball/Football Tournament
- 19 Jan KS1 Maths Parent Workshop, 10.00am
- 20 Jan Fr Julian – Year 5
- 22 Jan Choir – Young Voices, 02 London
- 27 Jan Fr Julian – Year 6
- 29 Jan NHS 1st Cohort – Reception
- 3 Feb Fr Julian – Year 3
- 9 Feb Rec/KS1 – Midnight in the Toyshop
- 10 Feb Y2 Royal Gunpowder Mills
- 16th 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
- 3 Mar Fr Julian – Year 2
- 4 Mar Year 5 & 6 Mass, 9.15am – Parents Welcome
- 5 Mar World Book Day
- 6 Mar NHS 2nd 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
- 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



100% Attendance – Autumn 25 Well Done Children

Alexander AM, Nevada-Rose A, Elijah A, Kyla A, Glory A, Hudson B, Finley B, Lennie C, Luca C, Caterina D, Helen E, Melis E, Ava F, Florence F, Isabelle F, Edie G, Daisy G, Isabella G, Elizabeth G, Owen H, Leo J, Charlotte JA, Noah KC, Cecilia L, Sophia L, Reve M, Anna MB, Rafe P, Jessica R, Ethan R, Karim S, Zachariah S, Sophie S, Joy T, Evelyn T, Milan W & Harper W

Happy Birthday

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

- Year 1:** Lottie-Rose & Joy
- Year 2:** Luca
- Year 3:** Luca
- Year 4:** Teddy
- Year 5:** Anthony
- Year 6:** Izabella-Szofia

PE Timetable – Spring 2026

Monday	Y1/Y2/Y6
Tuesday	Rec/Y3/Y4
Wednesday	Y1/Y5
Thursday	Rec/Y3/Y4
Friday	Y2/Y5/Y6

Important Reminder KS2 Families Only (Y3-6)

I ask that the following link is completed for your child(ren) by the end of this term, in order to update our consent records held:- [KS2 Photo & Filming Consent](#) Thank you in advance of your co-operation

Wraparound Care

Clubs are now open for bookings for the Spring Term. Please be reminded there is maximum capacity for these clubs, so booking in advance is suggested. Thank you.

Reception Admissions 2026

Our final school tour for the 2026 Reception Admission intake will be on Tuesday 13th January at 9.30am.

Important - the national deadline for on-time applications for Primary School Places starting in September 2026, is **Thursday 15th January**.