



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Executive Head: **Paul O'Rourke**

What a joy it was to be present for the Reception Tie Ceremony last Friday. We were blessed with a beautiful morning, which meant parents could fully share this important step in our Reception children's journey through St Cross. A sense of belonging is central to a child's chance of thriving here, and this ceremony was a powerful expression of that.

Thank you for your patience and support with the flu vaccine this week. The vaccine team were trialling a new system, so there were a few teething problems. We appreciate your understanding.

We warmly welcome Fr Julien into school next week. He will join us prior to Year 4 attending Mass on Wednesday at 9.15am — please come along if you are able to support the children's spiritual development.

Finally, next Friday the school will mark World Mental Health Day. We are asking children to wear something yellow — socks, headbands or scrunchies are all great ideas. Let's make it a bright day!

Wishing all our families a pleasant weekend ahead.

With every blessing,

Mr P O'Rourke BA (Hons), NPQH, NPQEL, MA
Executive Headteacher

School Tours

If you, or any of your friends or family, have children ready to start school in September next year, our school tours have been arranged for the dates and times below. Please encourage your friends and family to come along and see our wonderful school in action.

Mon 9 November 9.30am	Mon 16 November 1.30pm
Mon 23 November 9.30am	Mon 30 November 1.30pm

Scooter Safety

For the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, please ensure that children do not ride bikes (including small balance bikes) or scooters on the playground, track or field after school once they have been dismissed. We ask that children walk their bike or scooter to the gates at home time.

Cross Country

A reminder that the House Cross Country, will be on Monday 19 October. It's an inclusive event: all pupils will take part to earn house points. Please send children in PE kit with a T shirt in their house colour. Mrs Stewart will run a lunchtime running club on Tuesdays from next week; pupils should bring trainers if joining.

Sunday 4 October 2026

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Matthew 21³³⁻⁴³



"Every day is an opportunity to cultivate our gifts and bear fruit that makes our school community proud."

Next Week in School

Mon 5 Oct

Chaplaincy Team welcome liturgy
& St Francis of Assis Mass

Weds 7 Oct

Year 4 at Mass 9.15am

Fri 9 Oct

Wear Something Yellow (WMH Day)

Attendance Award

Reception	91.7%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	92.2%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	93.5%

Congratulations Year 3

Overall	94.7%
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): **Mr O'Rourke, 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.

Gold Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book pupils, one child from each class who has lived our values this week through kindness, effort or faith. Together we grow in God's love. Well done to you all.

Reception	Edie	Year 3	Jacob
Year 1	Peaches	Year 4	Ranveer
Year 2	Albie	Year 5	Bobbie
		Year 6	Jack

Happy Birthday

Wishing you another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing

Rec: Maeva

Year 1

Year 2 Esra

Year 3 Kristina

Year 4

Year 5 Ella

Year 6 Alasia-Rose, Mason, Alfie

Pupil Leaders: Head Boy and Girl

I have great pleasure in informing you that our Head Girl and Head Boy this year are

Katia Biriuk and Luca Morreale

We wish our Head Boy and Head Girl every blessing and success as they lead our school this year, living our motto: "Together we grow in God's love."