



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

What a joyful week it has been in school!

The Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity plays were absolutely brilliant. The children sang beautifully and learned all the actions so well. Well done to Reception, too, for their performance of *The Littlest Nativity*. They sang confidently and spoke their lines so clearly. It was a joy to watch all of the Nativity productions. Thank you to all parents for your continued support, and a special thank you to the staff in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, for their guidance and hard work.

The Academy Christmas Service was truly beautiful. All nine schools took part. Our school choir and Year 5 bell ringers set a wonderful tone of reverence and respect, helping us all enter more deeply into the spirit of the season. A heartfelt thank you to all staff who supported the service and prepared the children so thoughtfully. Your dedication helps make these moments such a special part of our school community.

A reminder that our Christmas dinner is on Wednesday. Children may wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform if they wish. We are a little short of Christmas crackers for the tables this year - any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Today's Rocksteady concert was simply amazing! It was a true blessing to see our children take to the stage with such confidence and joy. Their musical growth was evident, but even more inspiring was watching their self-belief blossom as they performed. Thank you to all the staff and families who support and encourage our young musicians - what a wonderful celebration of their God-given talents! If your child would like to sign-up to the Rocksteady Programme, please do so via the QR Code on the attached flyer.

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.

Our Carol Service for the whole school will take place on Monday. All children will perform a song: Reception will sing one of their Nativity pieces, and Year 1 and Year 2 will also take part. On Monday afternoon, we will all walk to Church for a rehearsal, and children will return to school in time for afternoon pick up.

All children must return to the church on Monday, in full school uniform, and be seated by 5:50pm, please.

Thank you for your continued support during this special season of Advent.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 14th December

Matthew 11:2-11



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	94.2%
Year 1	95.8%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	92.9%

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/>

15 Dec	Carol Rehearsal (Church), 12:30pm Whole School Carol Service (Church), 6:00pm
16 Dec	KS2 Shakespeare Day
17 Dec	Christmas Dinner - Christmas Jumpers may be worn with school uniform
19 Dec	End of Year Mass, 9:15am (Church) Parents Welcome School Closes at 1:15pm

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

6 th Jan	Children return to school
9 th Jan	Friends AGM 2pm School Hall

Ten:Ten December Newsletter

Please follow this link to download a copy of the above: [Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources](#)

Reception Admissions 2026

Please note if you currently have a sibling in the school and are applying for a place in Reception 2026, you must also complete a School Information Form (SIF) available on the website or from the School Office. Thank you.

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

Christmas Rainbow Hampers

The Friends will now be drawing the winners of the amazing hampers on Monday 15th December.

Gold Book

Reception:	Marnie
Year 1:	Joy
Year 2:	Hugo
Year 3:	Ranveer
Year 4:	Zain
Year 5:	Matteo
Year 6:	Brody

Happy Birthday

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

Reception:	Stanley U.
Year 3:	George S.
Year 4:	Freddie ST
Year 5:	Evie-Rose
Year 6:	Nicholas

Amazon Wish List

Further to the Community Gathering Meeting held in November, it was suggested that a 'Wish List' of useful items could be issued for parents wishing to contribute.

If you would like to purchase any of these items, please do so through the following link:- [Amazon Wish List](#)

Thank you.