St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

Thursday 15th October 2026

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This week, we have been thinking about the parable of the wedding feast, which I read to the children in Monday's assembly. God invites each of us, and we can respond by bringing our gifts of kindness, respect and forgiveness. When we share these gifts with one another, we live out our school motto: Together we Grow in God's love.

Thank you so much for your support with this week's school photographs. We hope you enjoy looking through the photos when they are ready, and that they bring back some happy memories in years to come. If you would like to purchase any photos, please note that orders need to be made by 28th October to receive free postage (orders received after this date will incur an additional charge).

A reminder that Year 6's tuck shop is tomorrow. Year 6 families have been invited to bring donations, and everyone in school is welcome to visit and buy one of the many goodies on offer. A big thank you to the Friends of St Cross (FOSC) for organising this lovely fundraiser, and to everyone who has helped.

Half term begins next Friday, 23 October, and school reopens on Wednesday, 4 November. We hope the break gives everyone a chance to rest and enjoy some time together.

We're aware that the calendar on the school website hasn't been updating. Thank you for your patience while we look into this technical issue. We hope to have it up and running as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend, and thank you, as always, for your kindness and support.

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

Harvest Tea

We warmly invite our grandparents to join us for our Harvest Tea on Friday 23 October at 2:00pm. Year 6 will be performing for our VIP guests and will be serving tea and cake. We look forward to welcoming our grandparents for an enjoyable afternoon of celebration and hospitality.

For this to be a special experience for our VIP guests, we need as many donations of cakes (nut-free, of course), so please bring them in next Friday.

In addition, please donate any non-perishable food items for our Harvest collection from Monday 19th October. Thank you in advance of your support.

Sunday 18 October 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Matthew 22*15-21*



"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Next Week in School

Thurs 15 Oct
Y6 Height/ weight checks
Fri 16 Oct
Year 6 Tuckshop
Mon 19 Oct
Cross Country Trials
Weds 21 Oct
Year 5 at Mass
Fri 23 Oct
Harvest Tea

Reception	97.2%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	92.2%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	92.9%

Congratulations Year 5

Overall	*95.5%*

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, Mrs Norton** 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 Future Dates

October

Thurs 15th	Y6 Height/ weight checks	
Fri 16th	Year 6 Tuckshop	3.15pm
Mon 19th	Cross Country Trials	
Weds 21st	Year 5 at Mass	9.15am
Fri 23rd	Harvest Tea	2pm
	School closes for Half term	

November

Wed 4th	School reopens
Mon 9th	School tours for prospective parents
Mon 16th	School tours for prospective parents
Fri 20th	Christmas Disco (3.15pm/ 4.30pm) **(6th November last day to purchase a ticket on Arbor)**

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	Luca	Year 3	Nevada
Year 1	Teddy	Year 4	Jack
Year 2	Aria	Year 5	Yagiz
		Year 6	Anthony

Happy Birthday

Wishing you another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing

Rec:

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3 Marissa

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6 Jack

Be Eco Aware!

Our Eco Council is launching Eco Warriors to celebrate children who help protect our environment by recycling, picking up litter, saving water or energy, and caring for nature.

Children can nominate themselves or others. Each week, one outstanding eco act will be chosen, and the winning child will receive an Eco Warrior certificate presented by their year group's Eco Council representative.

Please encourage your child to be an Eco Warrior!

