St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

Thursday 8th October 2026

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Our chaplaincy team spent an inspiring day at the St Francis of Assisi Trust base at St Mary's in Bishop's Stortford. Organised and accompanied by Miss Panter, the children took part in a range of spiritual activities to celebrate the feast day of the Trust's patron saint. A reminder that this term's RE homework, the 'Rebuild My World' art competition, is due on 17th October.

Year 4 celebrated Mass at our parish church yesterday following Fr Julian's visit to their class on Tuesday. His homily reminded us all to live out the values of kindness, forgiveness and service in our daily lives. Jack and George told us that Fr Julian told them all about the Rosary, whilst Ian commented that the homily "was about when the angel visited Mary and told her she would have a son named Jesus." Owen was interested that "Father Julian talked about some old structures in Nazareth."

Please remember to wear something yellow on Friday for World Mental Health Day. Scrunchies, headbands, socks, scarves or hats are all simple, bright accessories that help us celebrate the message of lifting each other up and showing solidarity with those who struggle with their mental health. To learn more, visit the Young Minds website.

On Tuesday we welcome our school photographer for individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure children come in smart, school uniform and that hair is neat. Smiles practised at home are always helpful! Pre-school siblings are invited to come into school from 8am for family photos.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support, it makes a real difference to our school community

With every blessing,

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

Sunday 11 October 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
Matthew 22*1-14*



"The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find."

Next Week in School

Fri 9 Oct
Wear Something Yellow (WMH Day)
Tues 13 Oct
School photographs
Thurs 15 Oct
Y6 Height/ weight checks

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.

Attendance Award

Reception	85.8%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	92.7%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	91.9%
Year 5	93.4%
Year 6	91.6%

Congratulations Year 1

Overall *92.4%*

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.

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	Diego	Year 3	Evelyn
Year 1	Alessia	Year 4	Glory
Year 2	Donny	Year 5	Freddie
		Year 6	Cecelia

Happy Birthday

Wishing you another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing

Rec:

Year 1 Peaches

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6 Finley