



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderfully busy week we have had! First, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who have responded to our recent survey. I was a little disappointed to see that only 78 responses were submitted. We know that sometimes parents do not reply when they are happy and satisfied. Your voice is incredibly important and will help us to improve. I will share how we respond to the points raised, once I have shared the results with the Governors.

On Monday, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in an exciting K'Nex Challenge led by a STEM Ambassador. I am delighted to share that Evelyn and Mason were the winners for Year 5. In Year 6, Izabella-Szofia and Vinudi were successful in the design and build competition. Congratulations to all pupils who took part – a fantastic achievement and a wonderful display of creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

Congratulations to our netballers and the Year 3 and Year 4 football teams, who represented the school so well this morning against other schools. The children behaved like true sportspeople, showing excellent teamwork and encouraging one another throughout. We are proud to share that our netball team came second overall, the Year 3 football team also secured second place, and the Year 4 football team reached the semi-finals – a fantastic set of achievements! Well done to everyone involved. A special thank you to Mrs Lowry Burke, Mr Dance, and Miss Gill for their wonderful support and encouragement of the children.

I would also like to take this moment to recognise Mrs Randall. For twenty-five years, you have brought kindness, patience, and efficiency to our school community. Thank you for all the behind-the-scenes magic you perform to keep everything running so smoothly.

Finally, we are incredibly proud of our TCS London Mini Marathon runners. I have received so many reports and messages about how well they represented the school and it sounds like it was the most wonderful experience. Getting to run in front of crowds past iconic landmarks and along famous roads is something they will all remember. You are all great role models children. The school marathon today was part of the London Mini Marathon, and as part of the whole school's participation, we have been awarded a lovely wooden plaque. Please see Luca's report for more details and our [website for photographs](#) of our champions.

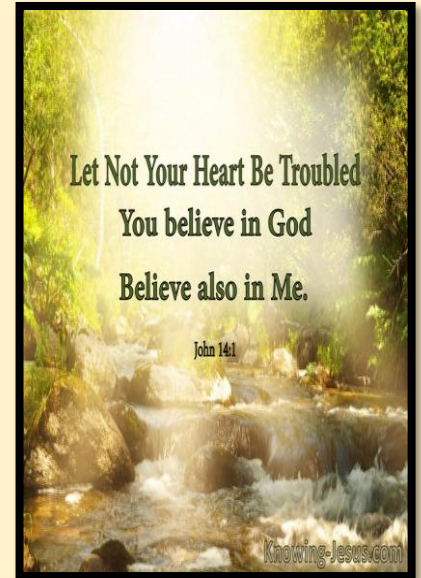
We wish Alexander in Year 3 well as he makes his First Holy Communion this Sunday. Our prayers are with him as he deepens his faith, strengthens his relationship with God, and fully participates in the Eucharist.

Finally, I am delighted to share that all the schools across the Academy raised an incredible £6,938.00 for Mary's Meals during Charity Week. This generous contribution will provide meals for 362 children for an entire year. Thank you so much for your support—it truly makes a difference.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Fifth Sunday of Easter John 14:1-12



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	95.2%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	87.4%
Year 6	91.1%

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

Key Dates for your Diary

<https://www.stcross.herts.sch.uk/diary/list/>

4 May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
5-6 May	Y5 SPEC Residential
5 May	Y2 – Fr Julian
11-14 May	SATs Week
14 May	Ascension Mass, 2.00pm
15 May	World Mental Health Day (see below)
19 May	Y1 – Fr Julian
20 May	Y6 PGL Meeting, 2.45pm
21 May	Y3 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please) Rec & Y4 Colchester Zoo Maths Challenge Event
22 May	Y2 Tuck Shop
25-29 May	Half Term Week
31-3 Jun	Y6 PGL Residential Journey
2 June	Reception – Fr. Julian
4 Jun	Y4 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please)
12 Jun	Sports Day & Parent Picnic (further details to follow)
16 Jun	Y6 – Fr Julian
18 Jun	Reception Come & Read (parents only please)
19 Jun	St Mary's Tournament Father's Day Sale
23 Jun	Y4 – Fr Julian
3 rd Jul	Friends – School Fete 2pm- 5pm

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

Please follow this link to the *Ordinarily Available Provision* document for clear information on the support and strategies school can provide to meet your child's needs.

<https://st-cross-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/ordinarily-available-provisions/>

Class Photographs

Photograph Order slips will be issued next week – please note that the 19th May is the cut-off date to submit orders and all orders submitted after this date will incur additional postage costs.



Gold Book:

Well Done Children

Reception:	Harper D
Year 1:	Donny
Year 2:	Tilly
Year 3:	Arthur
Year 4:	Ben
Year 5:	Harry H
Year 6:	William

Happy Birthday

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

Reception:	Teddy
Year 2:	Jessica and Thomas
Year 5:	Matteo

TCS Mini – Marathon – Luca M

On Saturday, Freja, Katia, Evelyn, Evie, Harry H, Teddy G, Freddie ST, Louis G, Ella, Blake, and I - Luca M, ran the London Mini Marathon. We ran 2.6 km on a gorgeous, hot day in London. We started at the Horse Guards Parade, ran down Birdcage Walk to Buckingham Palace, then round to Constitution Hill, before turning back to finish on Pall Mall. Each one of us received a medal at the finishing line. We all felt so proud of ourselves and will cherish the moment forever.