



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

14th November 2025

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Dear Parents,

What a very exciting week we have had at St Cross School!

I am thrilled to share some wonderful achievements and moments from our school community. Our Cross Country runners have made us incredibly proud, with St Cross securing 5th place overall out of ten local primary schools at the event hosted by Broxbourne Secondary School. A special mention to our Year 3 and 4 Boys team, who came 3rd overall, and to George E, who impressively came 2nd in the Year 3 boys race.

On Tuesday, we held our first open morning for prospective parents, and I am delighted to report it was well received. Our enthusiastic class ambassadors shared their learning experiences, and visitors were unanimous in their praise, describing St Cross as a wonderful school.

We have had some fantastic community and awareness events this week. Thank you to everyone who supported Odd Sock Day, a powerful reminder that we are all unique. Anti-bullying lessons have been taking place across all classes, with our Year 6 pupils leading an engaging and thought-provoking debate on the subject.

Children in Need was another highlight, and we are grateful for your support. Our skittle jar competition was won by the Tang & Kelsey-Clark families, congratulations!

On Thursday, we were also honoured to welcome Councillor Patsy Spears, who met with our School and Eco councils. The children were fascinated to learn about her background as a midwife with Jamaican heritage and her love for Hoddesdon's charity shops. She even shared details about the new skate park in Waltham Cross. The children asked pertinent questions and explored her role in the Council.

A special surprise this morning was a visit from 'Amber the Lion', the mascot for Cheshunt Football Club. Amber was full of praise for our beautiful children and lovely school. We are excited that Cheshunt Football Club has generously offered 400 tickets for our children to experience a football match on the 22nd November. They will be working with us in the coming weeks to select well-behaved pupils to walk onto the pitch before a game.

Mrs Stewart organised an inter-house cross country event that brought our school community together in a spirit of healthy competition. In this event, St Catherine's emerged victorious, claiming the top spot. The other houses also performed admirably, with St Albans securing second place, followed by St Julies in third, and St Augustine's in fourth position. Well done to everyone who took part.

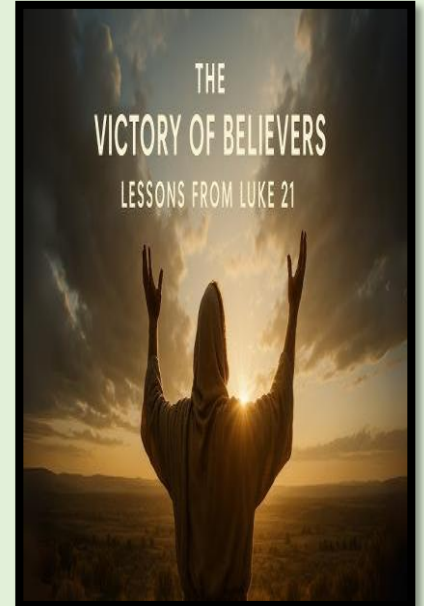
A final reminder: we still have spaces available for our travelling nativity box. If you're interested, please email admin@stcross.herts.sch.uk.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 16th November 2025

**Thirty Third Sunday
Luke 21:5-19**



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 3

Reception	87.4%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	91.7%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	77%
Year 5	80.6%
Year 6	87%

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/>

19 Nov	Y3 Mass 9:15am (Church), Parents Welcome
27 Nov	Y2 Football Festival – St Edmunds College
28 Nov	Decorate the Classroom Day: 9:30–10:30,10:30–12:00 and 1:15–3:00pm - children can wear their own clothes/Christmas jumpers Y6 Football Tournament – St Edmunds College
3 Dec	10:30 Chaplaincy Team DOW Festival of Carols (Choir), Hoddesdon Tow,11:30-12:00
9 Dec	KS1 Nativity, 2:00pm & 6:00pm
10 Dec	Y6 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome Flu Vaccination (catch up)
11 Dec	Reception Nativity, 9:30am Choir Trust Carol Service, 2:00pm Friends School Disco - Rec/Y1/Y2 – 3:15-4:15pm Y3/Y4/Y5 & Y6 – 4:30-5:30pm. Tickets must be purchased (via Arbor under the School Shop Tab) by 1 st December at the very latest. Thank you.
12 Dec	Rocksteady Musicians Concert, 9:00am (in school)
15 Dec	Carol Rehearsal (Church), 12:30pm Whole School Carol Service (Church), 6:00pm
16 Dec	KS2 Shakespeare Day
17 Dec	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day, to 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

Gold Book

Reception:	Lia
Year 1:	Divine Am
Year 2:	Helen
Year 3:	George S
Year 4:	Teddy G
Year 5:	Finley
Year 6:	Noah

Happy Birthday

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

Rec	Sophie
Year 1:	Kyla.
Year 4	Eve and Teddi
Year 5:	Lily Mae, and Isabelle
Year 6	Nicole

Parents WhatsApp Groups

We recognise that class WhatsApp groups can be an efficient communication tool for parents and carers. We kindly request that you:

- Avoid posting messages when experiencing strong emotions.
- Consider the potential impact of your comments on others.
- Respect our diverse school community, which includes families from various nationalities, languages, faiths, ethnic groups, and socio-economic backgrounds.

