St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

Thursday 5 November 2026

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Welcome back! I hope you and your families enjoyed a lovely half-term break. We are now beginning the second half of the autumn term, which is always a busy and exciting time as we look ahead to Christmas. There is plenty to enjoy, including sports events, parents' evenings and lots of FOSC events.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Grandparents' Tea on the Friday before half term. We hope all our visitors had a wonderful time.

On Monday, we will hold our first school tour for prospective parents. Please do spread the word among family and friends who may be interested in joining our St Cross community.

Good luck to our cross-country runners as they compete at Broxbourne School. We'll be cheering you on!

A reminder that tomorrow is the last chance to buy tickets for the Christmas discos on Friday 20 November. We hope lots of pupils will be able to join the fun.

As we begin this next busy half term, thank you for your continued support. Together, we grow in God's love.

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

Sunday 8 November 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year
Matthew 25*1-13*



'True readiness is not just showing up with a lamp, it is carrying the quiet, steady oil of a heart prepared for the long wait.'

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

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations take place on **Thursday 19 November**, with face-to-face appointments followed by online sessions, further details will follow tomorrow. Once it's up and running, you can book or manage your appointment through your Parent Cloud account. We hope you find the instruction guide helpful.
Teachers look forward to meeting you to discuss your child's learning and progress.

On **Tuesday 17 November**, you are also invited to our after-school Book Look. Enjoy exploring your child's books together; this can help inform your discussion at the consultation and celebrate their effort and achievements in every subject.

Next Week in School

Fri 6th
Cross Country (Broxbourne)

Mon 9th
School tour for prospective parents
9.30am

Attendance Award

Reception	94.1%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	93.2%
Year 3	**97.7%**
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	92.2%

Congratulations Year 3

Overall 94.3%

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** 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

November

Fri 6th	Cross Country at The Broxbourne School FOSC Christmas Disco – last day to purchase a ticket (on Arbor)
Mon 9th	School tours for prospective parents
Fri 13th	Y5/6 Inter-Primary Cup (John Warner)
Mon 16th	School tours for prospective parents
Tues 17th	Flu catch up session Book Looks, 3.20-4.00pm
Weds 18th	Year 3 Mass, 9.15am
Thurs 19th	Parent Consultations
Fri 20th	Christmas Disco (3.15pm/4.30pm) Non-uniform Day
Mon 23rd	School tours for prospective parents
Tues 24th	Barnardo's Choir at Royal Albert Hall
Weds 25th	HABs Coffee Morning 10am – Parents welcome
Thurs 26th	Advent Wreath Assembly Decorate the Classroom Day Year 5 Tuck Shop
Fri 27th	INSET day – school closed
Mon 30th	School tours for prospective parents

December

Weds 2nd	Year 6 Mass, 9.15am
Tues 8th	Reception Nativity, 9.30am KS1 Nativity, 2pm/5.30pm
Thurs 10th	Choir to Academy Carol Service
Fri 11th	Rock Steady Concert
Tues 15th	KS2 Carol Service 2.00pm
Weds 16th	Christmas Dinner & parties
Fri 18th	Term ends 1.15pm

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	Ada	Year 3	Tommy
Year 1	Harley	Year 4	Ayaz
Year 2	Lenni	Year 5	Max
		Year 6	Matteo

Happy Birthday

Wishing you another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing

Rec	
Year 1	
Year 2	Kyla
Year 3	Alessia
Year 4	
Year 5	Bobbie
Year 6	

PE Days – Autumn 2nd Half Term

Monday	Year 1 and Year 3
Tuesday	Reception, Year 1 and Year 5
Wednesday	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6
Thursday	Reception, Year 4 and Year 5
Friday	Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6