



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

A heartfelt thank you to all our families for your generous donations to our Harvest Assembly. On Monday, Myla and Nicholas led a thoughtful presentation inspired by Luke 3:11, reminding us of the importance of sharing with those who have less. Their message beautifully reflected our Catholic values of compassion and care for others. The Broxbourne Foodbank will be collecting our donations today at 3pm., Thank you for making a real difference in our community.

On Monday afternoon, our Year 6 pupils took part in the Crucial Crew programme an engaging and educational experience designed to equip children with essential life skills. Through a series of interactive workshops and realistic scenarios, pupils explored a range of safety topics including personal safety, online awareness, and emergency response. This invaluable experience supports their personal development and helps prepare them for the transition to secondary school.

The Harvest Tea for Grandparents was a delightful event. Year 6 you showed such care, maturity, and kindness as you welcomed and served our visitors. You provided wonderful entertainment - from magic tricks, drum playing to dancing and singing. The joy and pride on your grandparents' faces said it all. A special thanks to Mrs. Radburn and Mrs. Daynes for supporting the children in making this event so special.

I had the pleasure of sharing lunch with our 'Where's Wally Winners' this week. Ian told his teacher how "posh" it was with flowers and a tablecloth on the table! It was a wonderful opportunity to hear about the children's plans for half term. Congratulations to Edie, Blossom, Jacob, Ian, Blake, Harry B, Logan, and Cataleya.

The NHS nurses administered the flu inhalation on Wednesday and will conduct a follow-up service on Wednesday 10th December.

A quick reminder about our **uniform policy**: please ensure pupils wear **navy or black coats**, and accessories like hats, gloves, and scarves should be **plain navy or black**. Thank you

Have a wonderful break this half term. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd November. *Mrs. Joanne Walsh*

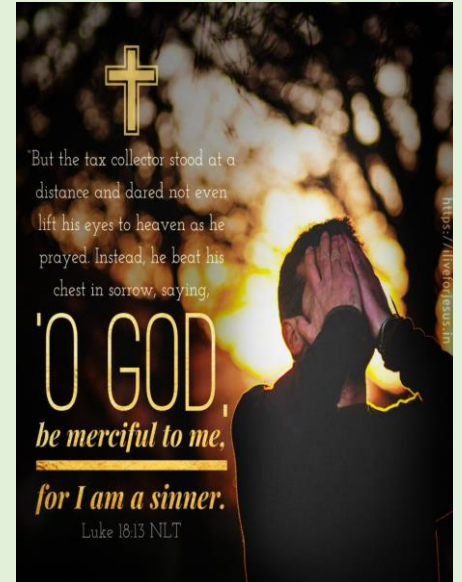
Reception Intake for September 2026 - 2027

St. Cross encourages prospective parents to tour the school. if you would like to attend a tour of St Cross School, please contact the office on (01992) 467309 to book one of the following tour dates: -

- Tuesday 11th November, 9.30am to 10.30am
- Tuesday 18th November, 9.30am to 10.30am
- Tuesday 25th November, 1.30pm to 2.30pm
- Tuesday 2nd December, 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 26th October 2025



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 1

Reception	90%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	71%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	86%

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/>

3 Nov	Y5 Swimming commences (6 weeks)
5 Nov	Y5 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome
6 Nov	Come & Read 2.45pm, Year 4
12 Nov	Y4 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome
19 Nov	Y3 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome
28 Nov	Decorate the Classroom Day
3 Dec	Festival of Carols (Choir), Hoddesdon Town (time to be advised when confirmed)
9 Dec	KS1 Nativity, 2pm & 6pm
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) 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
19 Dec	End of Year Mass, 9.15 (Church) Parents Welcome School Closes at 1.15pm

Spring Term 2026

5 Jan	Inset Day 2 (School Closed)
22 Jan	Choir – Young Voices Concert, 02 London

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

PE Timetable

Monday	Y1/Y2/Y6 – Y5 Swimming (from 3/11)
Tuesday	Reception/Y3/Y4
Wednesday	Y1
Thursday	Reception/Y3/Y4
Friday	Y2/Y6

Gold Book

Congratulations on your efforts
this week

Reception:	Stanley U
Year 1:	Zach
Year 2:	Sanuki
Year 3:	Alex
Year 4:	Freddie B.
Year 5:	Breege
Year 6:	Nicole

Happy Birthday

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

Year 1:	Divine As.
Year 2:	Alessia and Hugo
Year 3:	Lily S. and Glory A.
Year 4:	Freddie B.
Year 5:	Breege and Evelyn
Year 6:	Ava B., Frankie and Jessica

Poppy Appeal

November marks a time of remembrance for fallen soldiers across various conflicts. Our Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies at school after the half term break, providing an opportunity for our community to support this important cause and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many.

Y6 Secondary Admission Reminder

The deadline for all Secondary School applications is 31st October 2025.

Y5/6 Residential Trips

Please ensure that instalments are kept up to date, in-line with the original trip letters issued. Thank you.

Christmas Design Fundraiser

Deadline to submit Christmas Card orders 28th October 2025.

School Photograph Orders

Deadline to order school photographs 1st November 2025.