



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

I wanted to start by saying a big thank you to everyone who baked and bought cakes for the School Council Cake Sale today. The children are excited about choosing items from the catalogue for our playground.

It was wonderful to see and chat with so many parents on Tuesday afternoon at Parents Evening. I hope the book look the week before helped facilitate good conversations with your Class Teachers.

We have some fantastic celebrations to share this month! Year 1 had an incredible trip to the Toy Museum with Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Abas, Mrs. Warren, and Mrs. Milner. The children were exceptionally well-behaved and loved experiencing history first-hand by engaging with the museum's items. I heard the coach was filled with music, with the children enjoying singing on the journey there and back. Thank you Teachers.

This month, we are also celebrating Black History Month across our classes. The theme this year is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride" - which aligns closely with our school values and promoting a more inclusive and respectful understanding of the world.

Please find attached a letter about planned building works in school with our water project. We are committed to ensuring these works will not disrupt your child/ren's' education. I would also like to share the Parent Survey headlines, which have been reported to our Governors and are now being shared with you.

We have noticed an increase in football-related injuries during break and lunchtimes. To address this, we have implemented some new guidelines: Year 6 pupils will act as referees, Year 3 pupils are only allowed to play with Year 4, and Year 5 pupils are only allowed to play football with Year 6. We hope these measures will help reduce injuries and upsets.

Lastly, photo slips will be coming home with your child. The cut-off date for ordering is 1st November, so please make sure to return these promptly.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 19th October 2025
Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Luke 18:1-8



Gold Book

Congratulations on your efforts this week

Reception:	Luca
Year 1:	Lenni
Year 2:	Sloane
Year 3:	Edith-Jean
Year 4:	Ava
Year 5:	Isabelle F
Year 6:	Cataleya

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.



Pope Leo's Intentions:

For Collaboration between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



Happy Birthday

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

Year 6: Ava B

Key Dates for your Diary

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

20 Oct	Crucial Crew (Y6)
22 Oct	Y6 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome Flu Vaccinations in school
23 Oct	Y1-6 House Cross Country (in school) Come & Read 2.45pm, Year 3
24 Oct	Grandparents only School Hall Harvest Tea, 2.00pm
3 Nov	Y5 Swimming commences (6 wks)
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
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, 2pm
15 Dec	KS2 Carol Rehearsal (Church), 12.30pm
16 Dec	KS2 Shakespeare Day (details to follow) Whole School Carol Service, 6pm (Church)
17 Dec	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
19 Dec	End of Year Mass, 9.15 (Church) Parents Welcome School Closes at 1.15pm
	<u>Spring Term 2026</u>
5 Jan	Inset Day 2 (School Closed)

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	93%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	82%
Year 6	92%

This week attendance: 93%
Whole school target 96%

Inter - House Cross Country Run, Thursday 23rd October

Years 1-6 will be taking part in the above, please wear your PE Kits, trainers and house colour t-shirts. Thank you.

Flu Vaccination Consent

Further to the Flu Vaccination mailing issued on 3rd October (also on our school website), we have been advised by Vaccination UK that replies have still not yet been received for over half of our children. Therefore, please be reminded to complete the requested form, **even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccination**, via the following link:-

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/hertfordshire>

Y6 Secondary School Admissions

As of today, I have noticed that only 16 parents have completed their online secondary school applications, despite the fast-approaching deadline of **31st October**. This is a critical time for our pupils, and I want to ensure that no family misses this important opportunity.

