St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

Thursday 12 November

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A very successful and busy week at St Cross. Last Friday, our cross-country team came second in the overall table at Broxbourne School, with every age group winning medals: Year 3/4 girls came second, Year 3/4 boys came first, and both Year 5/6 teams came third. Four children also received individual medals. Congratulations to all our runners for their hard work and wonderful team spirit.

It was lovely to see our Head Boy and Head Girl represent St Cross at the Remembrance Sunday memorials. They did so with dignity and pride, and we are very proud of them.

We also welcomed a large group of parents to our first school tours. Thank you to everyone who has recommended St Cross to friends and family or helped spread the word. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A few reminders for the week ahead: Odd Socks Day is on Monday as part of Anti-Bullying Week, and Book Looks will take place on Tuesday 17th. Parents are welcome to visit their child's classroom at the end of the school day to look through their books. Please also look out for a separate letter with details on how to sign up for Decorate the Classroom Day.

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

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 16 November 1.30pm
Mon 23 November 9.30am
Mon 30 November 1.30pm

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations take place on Thursday 19 November, please ensure you have booked an appointment for your child if you have not already done so.

Decorate the Classroom – 26th November 2026

We will be holding Decorate the Classroom in school following the Advent Wreath Assembly on the above date. Spaces are limited to 6 parents per session/class, and there will be a morning and afternoon session (9.30am-12pm and 1.30pm-3pm). If you would like to participate, please email the office accordingly with your name, child's year and preferred session time. Parents will not be able to split a session between two classes, and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you have already shown an interest in this event, please re-email so it is fair to all parents. Thank you.

Sunday 15 November 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year
Matthew 2*14-30*



'Kindness eases change
Love quiets fear.'

Next Week in School

Fri 13th
Year5/6 Inter-School Cup
Mon 16th
School tour for prospective parents 1.30pm
Tues 17th
Flu catch-up & Book Look
Weds 18th
Year 3 at Mass
Thurs 19th
Parent Consultations

Attendance Award

Reception	93.1%
Year 1	95.6%
Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	99.4%
Year 4	**99.5%**
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	93.5%

Congratulations Year 4

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 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 9-10am – 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	Faramade	Year 3	Ava
Year 1	Danny	Year 4	Leo
Year 2	Luisa-Marie	Year 5	Darragh
		Year 6	Aliyah

Happy Birthday

Wishing you another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing

Rec	
Year 1	Sophie
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	Eve, Teddi
Year 6	Lily-Mae, Isabelle

