



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

10th October 2025

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Dear Parents,

Today has been particularly special as we have been awash with yellow to recognise World Mental Health Day! We are proudly supporting 'Strength in Mind' - a crucial initiative focused on the advancement of health and addressing mental health early to prevent unnecessary escalation.

Throughout our classrooms, our children have been engaging in meaningful tasks that explore mental health strategies and build resilience. We are committed to providing our children with the tools they need to navigate challenging situations and support their emotional wellbeing.

Looking ahead, I am excited to highlight some important upcoming events. Next week, from 13th to 17th October, we will be celebrating Cycle Week - an opportunity for our pupils to embrace active travel and learn about healthy lifestyle choices.

I have a few important notices for you. On Tuesday next week, please ensure your child is in **full school uniform** for their photograph. They should bring their PE Kit in a bag for later use. If you wish to have sibling photographs taken with younger siblings not on roll at St Cross, please arrive at 8am via the hall entrance. The photographer has requested that mobile photographs are not taken simultaneously with the official shots.

I would like to inform you that after careful consideration, St Cross has withdrawn from the PINS Programme.

Additionally, your child has brought home their Christmas card design. I wanted to remind you that the order cut-off with the company is 28th October, and they are not accepting late orders. Please make sure to submit your order before this date to avoid disappointment.

We continue to work hard to create a supportive, engaging, and nurturing environment for all our pupils.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day Activities:



Sunday 12th October 2025
Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Luke 17:11-19



Happy Birthday

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

Year 2: Marissa

Year 6: Ava B

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/>

14 Oct	Individual/Sibling Photographs Parents Evening, 3-8pm
15 Oct	Y3 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome Y1 Toy Museum Trip (Hertford)
17 Oct	School Council Cake Sale
20 Oct	Crucial Crew (Y6)
22 Oct	Y6 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome Flu Vaccinations in school
23 Oct	Come & Read 2.45pm, Year 3
24 Oct	Grandparents 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) KS 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

Spring Term 2026

5 Jan	Inset Day 2 (School Closed)
6 Jan	Children return to school
22 Jan	Choir - Young Voices (02 London)

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

Gold Book

Congratulations on your efforts this week

Reception:	Sophie
Year 1:	Grace
Year 2:	Nevada-Rose
Year 3:	Florence
Year 4:	Max
Year 5:	Lorena
Year 6:	Ava B

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	94%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	86.1%
Year 6	93.9%

Whole school target 96%

School Council Cake Sale

Our School Council will be holding a cake sale on Friday 17th October.

The purpose of this sale will be to raise money for some new playground equipment.

Please donate nut-free cakes/biscuits/sweet treats from Monday 13th October.

Thank you in advance of your support.