



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have had at St Cross!

Our Chaplaincy Team joined other primary schools on Thursday morning, to celebrate the spirit of St Francis of Assisi. They embraced the opportunity to bring peace, care, and listen to God's Good News, truly embodying our school's values. Together with other schools they chose the next charity to support as an Academy.

Our Year 6 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their Bikeability sessions throughout the week, learning important road safety skills and gaining confidence in cycling.

In preparation for the upcoming St Francis of Assisi Feast Day on 4th October, we engaged our pupils in a creative and meaningful activity. Today, we painted animals on rocks and had thoughtful discussions about how we can put our faith into action.

Please note that your child will be bringing home the Academy Newsletter today. I encourage you to read it together and discuss its contents.

On 10th October, we will be supporting "Strength in Mind" by wearing yellow to school. Our pupils will participate in activities designed to promote kindness and learn about addressing mental health needs early - an important initiative for our young learners.

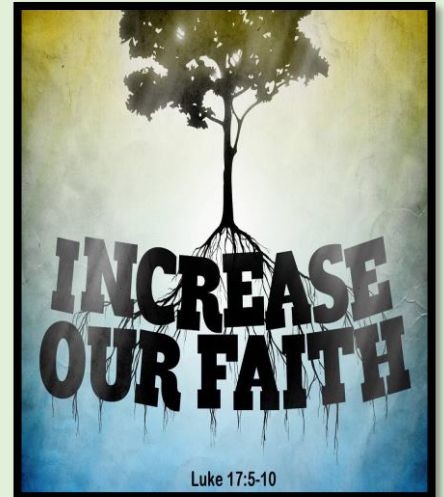
A special invitation goes out to all St Cross grandparents! Join us on 24th October at 2pm for our annual Harvest Tea. Our wonderful Year 6 pupils will be entertaining you with performances and serving tea in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great weekend.

Joanne Walsh

Sunday 5th October 2025

Luke 17: 5-10



Happy Birthday

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

Reception: Ethan

Year 1: Esra

Year 2: Kristina

Year 4: Ella

Year 5: Mason, Alfie and Finley

Year 6: Ava F

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/>

8 Oct	Y4 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome
9 Oct	Come & Read 2.45pm, Year 2 Book Look, 3.30-4.15pm in classrooms
10 Oct	Mental Health Non Uniform Day, wear yellow, Suggested £1 donation please
14 Oct	Individual/Sibling Photographs Parents Evening, 3-8pm
15 Oct	Y3 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome Y1 Toy Museum Trip (Hertford)
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:	Alessia
Year 1:	Kyla
Year 2:	Julian
Year 3:	Olivia
Year 4:	Rosie
Year 5:	Alfie
Year 6:	Logan

First Holy Communion Programme 2027

If your child is in Year 2 and is interested in making their First Holy Communion in 2027, please do contact St Augustine's presbytery to register your interest.

Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	90.7%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	99.7%
Year 3	88.7%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	87.1%
Year 6	98.2%

Whole school target 96%