



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

26th September 2025

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Dear Parents,

First, a heartfelt thank you to our Friends of St Cross and to all the families and friends who joined us at the late Summer Fair on Saturday. It was a delightful opportunity to connect, chat, and see everyone enjoying themselves. Your donations and help made the event truly special.

This week, our Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in a fascinating GamFam Workshop, which addresses an increasingly important issue in our digital age. Developed by an experienced primary school teacher with lived experience of gambling harms, the workshop highlighted the blurring lines between gaming and gambling - drawing attention to online risks, we believe it is crucial to educate our young people.

One of our Year 6 pupils shared their insight: "It was really helpful, I learnt that shows how easily gaming can become gambling if you are not careful."

Year 5: "It showed how easily people can get hooked and money should be spent on living healthily."

During our recent learning walks, we have been thrilled to observe the buzz of learning and the engagement of our pupils in class. Their positive attitudes and behaviour continue to impress us. A great start to the year!

A few important notices:

- **Bikeability** is happening next week for Year 6. Pupils may leave their bikes in school near their classroom but a lock is required. Please ensure you have read the email and completed all the checks etc. in advance of Monday (details sent via email)
- Regarding the Y5 SPEC and Y6 PGL residential trips, we kindly remind parents to keep instalments up to date. This ensures we can settle interim payments when invoiced. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to our upcoming events:

- Book Look on 9th October (3:30-4:15pm): An opportunity to visit your child's class and view their books from the start of the academic year.
- World Mental Health Day (10th October 2025): We will be joining forces with 'Strength in Mind'. Pupils should:
 - Wear yellow to school (Avoid football kits)
 - Bring a £1 donation
 - Participate in activities promoting mental health awareness

We are committed to supporting our pupils' holistic development and look forward to your continued support.

Sunday 28th September 2025
Luke 16:19-31



Happy Birthday

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

Reception:	Daisy
Year 2:	Oliver
Year 3:	Jack
Year 5:	Alasia-Rose and Olivia

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/>

29 Sep	Bikeability Week (Y6)
2 Oct	Chaplaincy Team Welcome Liturgy – St Joseph's PINS Parent Meeting, 1.30pm
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
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: Stanley U

Year 1: Joshua

Year 2: Jessica

Year 3: Elis

Year 4: Ella

Year 5: Elizabeth

Year 6: Ava F

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Where's Wally Lunch Day – 02/10/25

Please see the attached Flyer also issued today.

The winners of the competition will dine with Mrs Walsh at a later date!

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.