



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

19th September 2025

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Dear Parents,

What a lovely end to the week with our Welcome Tie Assembly! I extend a warm welcome to our existing new and returning families to St Cross Reception Class. A special mention to our Year 6 pupils who presented their buddies beautifully - well done!

We have started the academic year with tremendous energy and commitment. Our teachers have met with me this week to ensure every pupil has settled smoothly into their new classes. I am incredibly proud of the hard work our children are demonstrating across all year groups.

I have a few important notices for our parents. To ensure you never miss crucial dates for events, activities, and class trips, I strongly recommend syncing your phone to our school calendar on the website. You will always find a reminder of key dates in our newsletter.

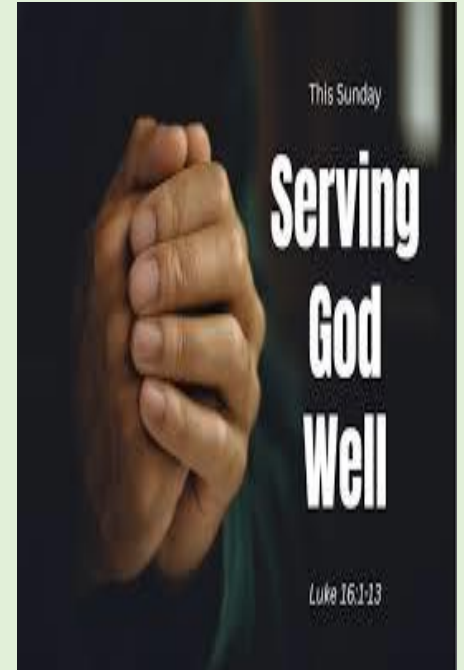
I also want to address a couple of practical matters regarding uniform and personal items. The PE Association guidelines are clear that children should remove all jewellery during exercise. This includes bracelets and earrings. Please support us in maintaining pupil safety during physical activities.

Additionally, we have noticed some friendship challenges arising from bags with certain attachments. We kindly request that pupils do not bring these items to school to help maintain positive relationships among our community. May we all continue to grow together in God's love.

It looks like wonderful weather for our Summer Fair – I look forward to welcoming you to the exiting event. Thank you to our Friends for their help and support with school costings.

Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 21st September 2025
Luke 16:1-13



Happy Birthday

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

Year 1:	Lenni
Year 4:	Bea and Zain
Year 5:	Freja
Year 6:	Lydia

Football Trials

Next week, we will be hosting football trials to select our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 football teams for the upcoming tournament. **All children interested in participating are invited to attend on Friday, 26th September.** Pupils may wear their **PE uniform** to school on this day

These trials represent an excellent opportunity for our pupils to showcase their sporting skills and team spirit. We encourage all interested pupils to participate with good sportsmanship. If your child wishes to take part, please ensure he arrives in his PE kit and is prepared for an engaging and supportive trial session.

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

20 Sep	St Cross Summer Fair 11am -2pm
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
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 Welcome	End of Year Mass, 9.15 (Church) Parents

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:	Oscar
Year 1:	Blossom
Year 2:	Rocco
Year 3:	Billie
Year 4:	Kasper
Year 5:	Anthony
Year 6:	Lydia

School Dinner Bookings

Just a reminder to book your child's school dinners in advance, if required.

Should you miss the 8.30am cut-off, please still email the office so that the kitchen can be notified of this in advance, and add the meal choice required manually.

Thank you.