



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

12th September 2025

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Dear Parents,

The year has started exceptionally well. Our pupils are working diligently and have seamlessly settled back into the routine of school and learning, clearly enjoying their new classes.

On Tuesday, we attended Mass to celebrate the new Academic Year, and I was immensely proud when Fr Julian and our Parishioners complimented our pupils' behaviour and singing.

At the Mass we celebrated the commissioning of our Chaplaincy Team. These dedicated pupils will play a crucial role in strengthening the Catholic life of St Cross, working alongside our teachers in important areas such as assemblies, prayer life, nurturing faith, and pastoral care.

Our recent Curriculum Evening was a great opportunity to connect with you. Thank you to all who attended and engaged with the presentations. I hope I was able to provide you with a clear understanding of our school data, financial position, and our comprehensive school development plan. As promised, the information shared by our teachers will be uploaded to our class pages on the website today.

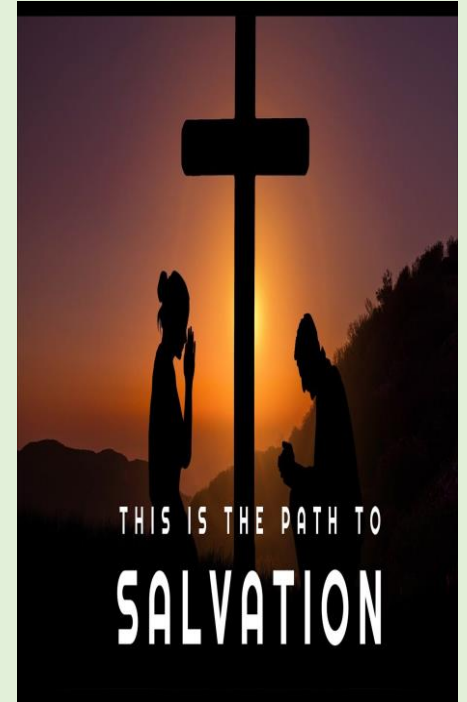
Parents can look forward to receiving the first signpost sheet with your child's spelling words this evening. Additionally, I recommend syncing your phone via the following link to our Website Calendar in order to stay informed about all upcoming school events:- <https://st-cross-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/diary/grid/2025/9/>

I am also pleased to announce our Head boy – William, and Head Girl Lydia for the Autumn term. I am confident they will take their roles seriously and represent St Cross wonderfully.

Important notice: Our School Summer Fete is booked for 20th September from 11am - 2pm. I look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event. The Friends are still seeking volunteers, so please consider supporting this community occasion.

Enjoy the weekend!
Mrs. Joanne Walsh

Sunday 14th September 2025
John 3:13-17



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

Running Club

Mrs Stewart will be holding a running club for Years 3-6 from 3.15-4pm on Wednesday afternoons from 17th September to 22nd October. The club is for children who enjoy running and it may be of particular interest to children who are looking to train for the house cross country competition on 24th October, which will also serve as the trials for the inter-school competition on 7th November. Children should bring in their PE kits and trainers to change into. We will run in all weathers so please make sure your child has appropriate clothing. Please sign-up via the Arbor App., which opens at 9.00am tomorrow.

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

15 Sep	Y3 Swimming commences (6 wks)
16 Sep	Come & Read 2.45pm, Reception
17 Sep	Y5 Mass 9.15am (Church), Parents Welcome KS2 Running Club commences
19 Sep	Tie Ceremony 9.30am, Rec/Y6 Parents
20 Sep	St Cross Summer Fair 11am -2pm
29 Sep	Bikeability Week (Y6)
2 Oct	Chaplaincy Team 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
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	KS Carol Service, 6pm (Church)
17 Dec	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumpers
19 Dec	End of Year Mass, 9.15 (Church) Parents Welcome School Closes at 1.15pm

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

PE Timetable

Monday	Y1/Y2/Y6 Y3 Swimming
Tuesday	Reception/Y4
Wednesday	Y1/Y5
Thursday	Reception/Y4
Friday	Y2/Y5/Y6

Gold Book:

Congratulations on your efforts this week

Reception:	Layla
Year 1:	Tatiana
Year 2:	Tommy
Year 3:	George E
Year 4:	Sonny
Year 5:	Cecilia
Year 6:	Oliver

House Captains

St Augustine	Bonnie & Freddie
St Alban	Ava B. & Nicholas
St Catherine	Myla & George D.
St Julie	Lois & Mason

School Council

Year 6	Oliver & Lydia
Year 5	Luca & Evelyn
Year 4	Max & Ella
Year 3	Lily S & Hudson
Year 2	Jacob & Tilly
Year 1	Beau & Divine

Eco Council

Year 6	Noah & Remi
Year 5	Anthony & Lorena
Year 4	Ben & Lilah
Year 3	Leo & Owen
Year 2	Rocco & Marissa
Year 1	Lenni & Isla
Reception	Stanley U. & Alessia

St Cross Disciples

Izabella-Szofia B.
Lydia C.
Vinudi
George D.