



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

5th September 2025

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Dear Parents,

What a joy it is to welcome everyone back to St Cross for what promises to be a year of learning, growth, and discovery together. It is clear that both children and staff are ready to embrace all the opportunities that lie ahead.

Welcome to our new Reception children and their families, and I am delighted to introduce our new staff members who have also joined our St Cross family this term – please see the staff page on the [website](#). Over the summer months, they have been working tirelessly, planning and preparing to ensure our pupils receive the very best start to their new academic year. Their dedication and enthusiasm have already made such a positive impact, and I know our school community will give them the warmest of welcomes as they settle into their new roles with us.

This summer has been particularly exciting as we have seen significant progress on our water project – an investment that will benefit our entire school community for years to come. The transformation has been remarkable, with new pipes installed throughout the school building and a brand new water tank that will ensure reliable water supply for all our needs. Perhaps most exciting of all are the seven new water fountains that have been installed on our playground, providing our pupils with easy access to fresh, clean water throughout their school day.

While the majority of this important work has been completed, our contractors – all of whom hold enhanced DBS clearance – will be returning next week to put the finishing touches to the project. To ensure minimal disruption to our pupils' learning, this final phase will take place after the children have finished their school day, allowing us to maintain our focus on education while these essential improvements are completed.

Looking ahead, I would like to invite you all to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Tuesday, 9th September in the school hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for me to share my Headteacher welcome with you all, as we review our school data together and explore our exciting school development plan for the year ahead. These evenings are always such valuable occasions for strengthening the partnership between home and school, and I very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Tuesday Evening 9th September

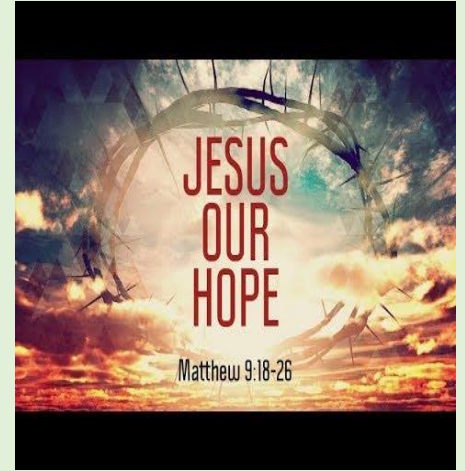
6pm: Headteacher Welcome
6:15pm: Rec, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6
6:30pm: Year 1, Year 3, Year 5.

We look forward to meeting

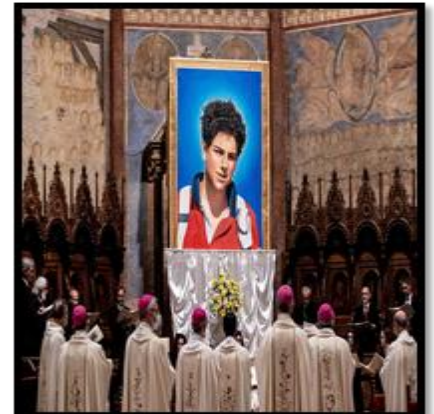
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 7th September 2025
Matthew 9: 18-26



Carlo Acutis was a British-born Italian student celebrated for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of digital media to promote Catholic devotion. Born in London and raised in Milan, he created a website documenting Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions.



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

9 Sep	Curriculum Evenings – 6pm
15 Sep	Y3 Swimming commences (6 wks)
20 Sep	St Cross Summer Fair 11 - 2pm
29 Sep	Bikeability Week (Y6) (payment closes today)
20 Oct	Crucial Crew (Y6)
3Nov	Y5 Swimming commences (6 wks)

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change.

Class Ambassadors

Congratulations on your new role in meeting and greeting visitors to your classroom

Reception:	Stanley H
Year 1:	Albie G
Year 2:	Hugo H
Year 3:	Lily S
Year 4:	Ada M
Year 5:	Luca M
Year 6:	Cataleya ST

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

PE Timetable

Monday	Y1/Y2/Y6 – Y3 Swimming(from 15/9)
Tuesday	Reception/Y4
Wednesday	Y1/Y5
Thursday	Reception/Y4
Friday	Y2/Y5/Y6

Government Emergency Alert 2025 Test

Just a gentle reminder:

The UK Government is testing the Emergency Alerts system on **Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3pm**. Compatible mobile phones and tablets will receive an alert, make a loud siren-like sound and vibrate. You will not need to take any action.

The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Regular testing ensures the system is functioning correctly, should it need to be used in a life-threatening emergency.

PE – Active Family Blasts

It is always important to keep fit and healthy (and have fun doing it!) Please click on the link to have a bit of weekend fun! <https://www.stcross.herts.sch.uk/clubs-and-activities/>

Activity Clubs – Spaces Still Available

Monday – Bows Soccer School - Years: 1 - 6

Time: 3.15pm to 4.15pm

All booking/enquiries must be made directly with Bows Soccer via:-
email: schools@bowsoccer.co.uk

Tuesday - Forest School (Mr Dance & Ms Elliott), Years: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 (16 Spaces)

Time: 3.15pm to 4.15pm - Price: £24.50

Now open to past attendee also