



# St. Cross News

*"Together we grow in God's love"*

15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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Dear Parents,

What a busy week! This week, our Year 6 children completed their Key Stage 2 SATs. The children have worked incredibly hard to prepare for their tests, and we are delighted that they have given their very best this week. I would like to extend my thanks to the Year 6 staff team for their dedication in preparing the children so thoroughly. I would also like to thank the staff members who generously helped to serve the children breakfast throughout the week—these small gestures of support make such a difference during busy times. Thank you to the Bolivar family for the ice cream treats today. We look forward to sharing the pupils' results with Year 6 parents at the end of the school year.

We were also blessed to celebrate the Ascension this week with Mass led by Father Julian. His words to the children about the significance of this feast day for Catholics and what the Ascension means in our lives today were inspiring. The Mass held particular joy as some of our Year 3 children received Holy Communion for the first time alongside their classmates—a beautiful and memorable moment that we were all privileged to share.

This weekend, we continue to celebrate as the final Year 3 children, Hudson, Massimo and Edith-Jean, make their First Holy Communion. May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of walking in His footsteps

Thank you to everyone who supported Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year focused on taking action, and our children participated in a class assembly this morning exploring how to connect with others, take a walk in nature, and perform a random act of kindness. We have raised £57 to date, and the donation tab on Arbour will remain open this weekend. The money raised will support HABs, our local charity, who do such important work supporting many of our families in school.

Finally, I wanted to share two brief notices with you. We have noticed a number of children bringing packets of crisps or chocolate for their morning break snack. Whilst we know children need a snack to keep them going through the day, we strongly encourage you to consider healthier options that contribute to their five daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert, and help them concentrate.

Please see your parent voice from [the March 2026 survey](#). Thank you for your comments.

We have also been informed of a confirmed case of shingles, which is caused by the reactivation of the chickenpox virus. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your doctors.

On Friday, Year 3 will lead the May Procession alongside St Augustine's Year 3 children. All children should come to school in full school uniform and bring a small posy of flowers to present to Mary. These flowers will later be delivered to local sick and elderly residents in our community. For the afternoon dancing activities, children will need to change into PE shorts and a coloured T-shirt. The colour requirements are also listed in the newsletter.

Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Joanne Walsh*

## Seventh Sunday of Easter John 17: 1-11



### Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 3

<b>Reception</b>	<b>80.2%</b>
Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	96.7%
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.2%</b>
Year 4	90.2%
Year 5	93.5%
Year 6	94.4%

**Whole school target 96%**

### 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/>

19 May	Y1 – Fr Julian
21 May	Y6 PGL Meeting, 2.45pm Y3 Lowewood Museum Y3 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please) Rec & Y4 Colchester Zoo Maths Challenge Event
22 May	May Procession – all children to have a posy of flowers 2pm Cultural Dancing- parents invited Y2 Tuck Shop
<b>25-29 May</b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>
31-3 Jun	Y6 PGL Residential Journey
1 Jun	Year 4 MTC test
2 June	Reception – Fr. Julian
3 Jun	Year 4 and Year 5 Speak Out Challenge
4 Jun	Y4 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please)
5 Jun	Year 5 Cricket Tournament Broxbourne
8 Jun	Year 1 Phonics
12 Jun	Sports Day & Parent Picnic (further details to follow)
15 Jun	Academy Sacramental Celebration
16 Jun	Y6 – Fr Julian
18 Jun	Reception Come & Read (parents only please)
19 Jun	St Mary's Tournament Netball and Football Father's Day Sale
23 Jun	Y4 – Fr Julian Music Assembly 1:30pm
30 Jun	Year 5 Science trip to St Mary's
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Chaplaincy Retreat Friends – School Fete 2pm- 5pm
7 Jul	District Sports
8 Jul	Transition Day

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

## Cultural Dancing Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2.00pm

Reception:	Blue or White T-Shirt
Year 1:	Red or Green T-Shirt
Year 2:	White, Yellow, Black or Green T-Shirt
Year 3:	Red, Green or White T-Shirt
Year 4:	Yellow or Green T-Shirt
Year 5:	Red, White or Blue T-Shirt

## Gold Book:

*Well Done Children*

Reception:	Marley
Year 1:	Divine AS
Year 2:	Isabella
Year 3:	Florence
Year 4:	Ava
Year 5:	Evelyn
Year 6:	Vinudi

## Happy Birthday

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

Year 1:	Anna
Year 2:	Isabella, Tilly
Year 3:	Lily H

## Important Dinner Reminder

Further to last week's notice, there are still lots of children without a dinner order for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

As previously advised, the Aspens lunch menu has changed, and you will need to rebook your meal choice again.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

**OUT OF THIS WORLD MENU DAY!**  
BLAST OFF INTO A GALAXY OF FLAVOUR!

**MAIN MISSION MEALS**

<p><b>COSMIC BEEF BURGER</b> (OR CHEESE BURGER) SERVED WITH ROCKET WEDGES &amp; SWEETCORN COMETS</p>	<p><b>GALACTIC MACARONI CHEESE</b> SERVED WITH SWEETCORN COMETS</p>
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FUEL YOUR SPACE ADVENTURE WITH TASTY TREATS!  
DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR APPETITE, ASTRONAUTS!  
TODAY ONLY - A SPECIAL SPACE-THEMED LUNCH!