



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back – it is lovely to see the sunshine and to know that spring is truly on its way.

The children look very smart in their summer uniform – thank you, parents, for your continued support.

The children behaved beautifully at the Eastertide Mass on Tuesday. They listened carefully as Fr Julian reminded us of the importance of believing without seeing, turning doubt into faith, and recognising Jesus's presence in our lives. A key message was that even when we feel unsure or afraid, Jesus meets us with peace and encourages us to believe in him as "My Lord and my God." The children also sang wonderfully, and we are very proud of them. Thank you to all the parents who support our walking bus – it is greatly appreciated.

To celebrate 800 years of St Francis of Assisi, we have created a new St Francis of Assisi Garden by the side of the gate. Mr Dance has worked incredibly hard to create a peaceful space for reflection for the children. We would also like to create a St Francis of Assisi Tree in the school hall. To support this, we are asking for a printed photograph of your child with their pet – whether a real animal or a much-loved soft toy. Photos should be A2 or A3 in size. We will laminate them and display them on our St Francis of Assisi Tree. As St Francis of Assisi said, "Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation." Thank you in advance – I look forward to seeing the photos on Monday.

Finally, thank you to Ava and Max for your roles as Head Boy and Head Girl. You have set a wonderful example of behaviour for our children.

We are delighted to welcome Myla and Ethan as our new Head Boy and Head Girl. I look forward to working with you both.

We have a very busy term ahead, so please take note of all upcoming dates. Remember, you can sync your phone with the school website calendar to stay up to date with events. Key dates may occasionally need to be adjusted due to the involvement of multiple schools in these events.

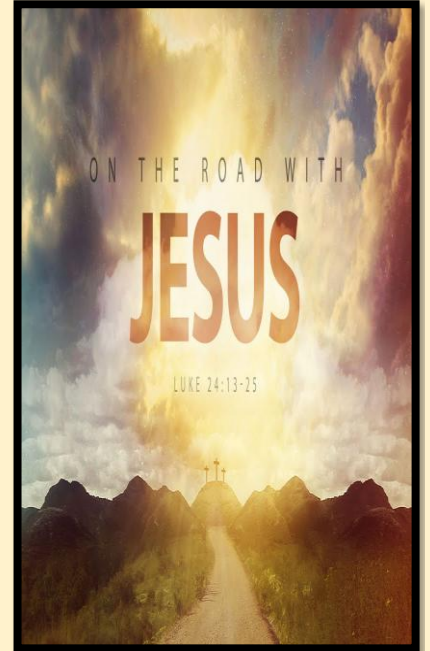
We are also excited to be hosting a summer fete this year on a Friday afternoon, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. If you are able to help with stalls, please let your class representative know. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon for our whole school community.

Please join me in giving the warmest welcome to Blossom's new baby sister, Honey. We are so happy to have Honey join our St Cross community—may her days be filled with love, play, and plenty of cuddles!

Blessings of the Risen Lord to you all.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Third Sunday of Easter Luke 24:13-35



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	94%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	93.0%
Year 5	91.6%
Year 6	93.9%

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

Key Dates for your Diary

<https://www.stcross.herts.sch.uk/diary/list/>

21 Apr	Y5 – Fr Julian Year 5 Parents SPEC meeting at 2:45pm
23 Apr	Y1 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please)
27 Apr	Knex Challenge Workshop Y5/6 (donations on Arbor)
28 Apr	Y3 – Fr Julian
30 Apr	Class Photos Y2 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please)
1 May	School Mini Marathon Y3 Tuck Shop Y3/4 High Five Netball & Football Tournament (John W)
4 May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
5-6 May	Y5 SPEC Residential
5 May	Y2 – Fr Julian
6 May	Girls A Team Football – Cranbourne School
11-14 May	SATs Week
14 May	Ascension Mass, 2.00pm
19 May	Y1 – Fr Julian
20 May	Girls B Team Football – Cranbourne School Y6 PGL Meeting, 2.45pm
21 May	Y3 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please) Maths Challenge Event
22 May	Y2 Tuck Shop
25-29 May	Half Term Week
2 June	Reception – Fr. Julian
4 Jun	Y4 Come & Read, 2.45pm (parents only please)
12 Jun	Sports Day & Parent Picnic (further details to follow)
16 Jun	Y6 – Fr Julian
18 Jun	Reception Come & Read (parents only please)
19 Jun	St Mary's Tournament Father's Day Sale
23 Jun	Y4 – Fr Julian
31-3 Jun	Y6 PGL Residential Journey
3 rd Jul	Friends – School Fete 2pm- 5pm

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change

Gold Book:

Well Done Children

Reception:	Antonio
Year 1:	Lottie-Rose
Year 2:	Oliver VB
Year 3:	Ayaz K
Year 4:	Reve M
Year 5:	Freja P
Year 6:	Nicholas GB

Happy Birthday

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

Reception:	Melis
Year 5:	Joshua and Pixie
Year 6:	Lois

School Uniform

As we go onto the field in the warmer months, please ensure all items of uniform are clearly named, including lunch boxes too. Thank you.

Y5/6 Netball Training

Please be advised there will be no netball training on Monday, 20th April.