



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the Easter break, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. Easter is a special time of renewal and hope, and we pray that this season brings you joy, peace, and many blessings.

On Monday, we welcomed our School Effectiveness Advisor from HfL, who spent the day with us. He observed lessons across Key Stage 2 and spoke with children during break time, lunchtime, and throughout the day about their learning. In the afternoon, he met with Mrs Stewart, our PE subject leader for the past three years. He shared very positive feedback with Governors, highlighting the quality of learning, as well as the school's strong ethos and welcoming environment. One identified area for development is children's handwriting, which we will continue to prioritise.

On Tuesday, our Year 3 and 4 pupils delivered a beautiful Easter production, *Easter Stations*—a modern reflection on the Stations of the Cross. The children spoke clearly, performed with confidence, and thoroughly enjoyed sharing their acting with the school community, parents, and friends. A heartfelt well done to all the staff who supported them: Miss Gill, Miss Kendrick, Mrs Daynes, Mrs Clark, Mrs Ives, Mrs P, and Miss Jackie.

Through the children's sponsored scoot and walk, alongside generous donations from the Easter performance, we have raised £177.66 for Mary's Meals as part of the Academy's Charity Week during Lent. The donation page will remain open over Easter for anyone who would still like to contribute.

Also on Tuesday afternoon, our Diocesan Religious Advisor visited the school. She spent time observing lessons and looking through pupils' work, gaining a valuable insight into the children's learning in new Religious Education programme.

Our Year 5 and 6 team took part in a local tournament at Cranbourne School, competing against nine other primary schools on Wednesday. I am delighted to share that our team won the competition! This is a fantastic achievement, especially given the challenging weather conditions—rain, sleet, and strong winds. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination throughout. A huge well done to the team and thank you to Miss Judge for her support. Please ensure kits are returned to the school office on 13th April, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Thank you for joining us for our Book Look this Thursday. We hope you found it informative and that it provided a helpful insight alongside the mid-year school report. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance, and we truly appreciate your continued support and engagement with your children's learning.

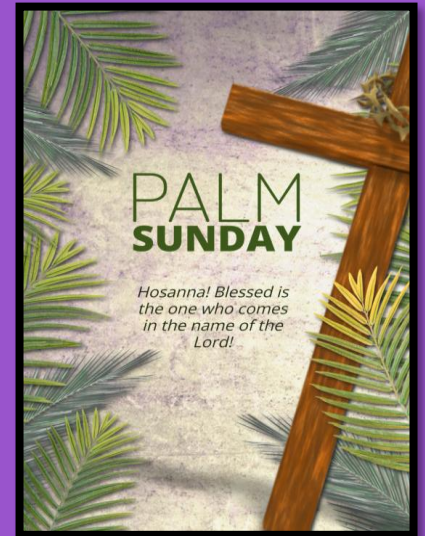
We hope that the weather is kind this Easter, allowing everyone the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of spring and spend quality time outdoors with loved ones. Whether you are celebrating with family, attending Mass, or simply taking time to rest and recharge, we wish you a happy and restful Easter.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 29th March 2026

6th Sunday in Lent

Look your king is coming to you



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year: Reception

Reception	95.1
Year 1	92.9
Year 2	94.3
Year 3	93.0
Year 4	90.3
Year 5	92.6
Year 6	86.7

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/>

27 Mar	School Closes at 1.15pm Easter Holidays
13 Apr	Children return to school
27 Apr	Knex Challenge Workshop Y5/6
1 May	Y3 Tuck Shop
4 May	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
5-6 May	Y5 SPEC Residential
22 May	Y2 Tuck Shop
25-29 May	Half Term Week
31-3 Jun	Y6 PGL Residential Journey

Note: The above dates/times are subject to change



100% Attendance Achievement

Well done to the following children for achieving 100% attendance from 4th September 2025 through to the end of the Spring Term. Your commitment and consistency are truly commendable — keep up the fantastic effort!

Rec:	Caterina, Sophie, and Maharjan
Year 1:	Zach S, Daisy, and Joy
Year 2:	Helen
Year 3:	Owen
Year 4:	Anna
Year 5:	Isabelle F, Finley, and Elizabeth
Year 6:	Noah



Gold Book:

Well Done Children

Reception:	Alexio
Year 1:	Jude
Year 2:	Matilda
Year 3:	Elijah
Year 4:	Ada
Year 5:	Luca
Year 6:	Jessica

Happy Birthday

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

Rec:	Antonio & Pippa-Margot
Year 1:	Alexander, Blossom & Zach
Year 2:	Oliver & Mia
Year 3:	Arthur, Alexander AM, Karim, Olivia, & Billie
Year 5:	Aliyah
Year 6:	Mason & Zach

2026/27 Revised Term Dates

Please note, that there have been some amendments to the 2026/27 term dates that were previously issued. A revised copy will accompany today's Newsletter and is also listed on our School Website.

School Dinners – Summer Term

Please note, next term's meals are now open for bookings on Aspens. Please ensure that you book with your child, if required, over the Easter break. Thank you.

Easter Play Photographs

Once payment has been received for all photographs, your orders will be processed. Please ensure that payment is brought to the office if still outstanding. Thank you.