



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

20th March 2026

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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic show the children gave this morning at our Celebration Assembly. It was wonderful to see such confidence on display and to recognise just how much their skills have developed over time. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.

We hope you enjoyed the Mother's Day Tea last Friday. It was such a joy to watch the children sing so beautifully for you. A heartfelt thank you to our Friends who generously volunteer their time to organise the gifts and support the children in making their special selections!

I am incredibly proud of our lunchtime Handbell Club. The children have now all achieved their second Crescendo Scheme certificate and, as a result, have been invited to join a Friday afternoon group - an excellent achievement.

Year 2 represented the school brilliantly at the Tag Rugby tournament at St Edmund's on Tuesday. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to put their developing skills into action, and they rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship, participation, and positivity throughout. A special mention goes to our All-Star performers: Alessia, Jacob, and Charlie, who stood out for their focus, energy, and impressive play. We are incredibly proud of the whole team for their effort and the way they supported one another - truly a brilliant morning for Year 2 rugby.

Thank you to Year 6 for leading the whole school so reverently in the Stations of the Cross. It was a truly reflective time, made even more special by the beautiful soloists singing, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Well done to Izabella-Szofia, Vinudi, and Lydia for their participation in the Rotary competition. A special congratulations to Izabella-Szofia, who won overall from St Cross. The certificates were presented by the Mayor of Broxbourne - an excellent achievement.

Thank you to Olivia's mum in Year 5 for delivering a wonderful workshop to conclude Science Week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we are very grateful for your time and support.

This week we welcomed Miss Cattell to our teaching team. Miss Cattell will be teaching in Year 5, and we know that she will strengthen our teaching team. I am delighted! Thank you to the parents in Year 5 for their patience and support through this process. This allows us to have the very highest standards and expectations throughout the recruitment process.

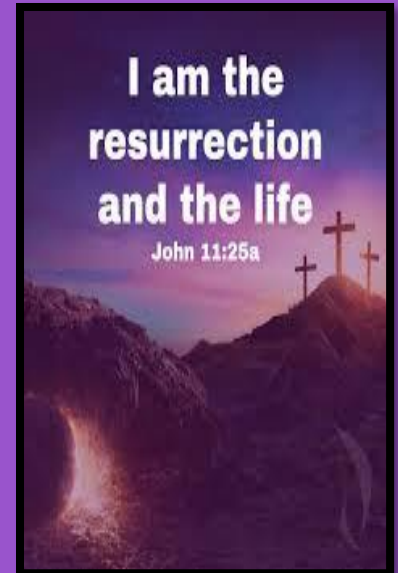
Finally, a big well done to our Year 5 and 6 Netball Team. We are delighted to share that Year 6 won the trophy overall. Thank you to Miss Tobin and Miss Judge for their support and encouragement of the team.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sunday 22nd March 2026

John 11:1-45



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	93.2%
Year 1	80.8%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	87.1%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	89.0%
Year 6	94.1%

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/>

23 Mar	Y4 Reconciliation, 1.30pm
24 Mar	Y5 Reconciliation, 1.30pm Y3/4 Easter Play, 2pm/6pm
25 Mar	Football Tournament, Cranbourne School
26 Mar	Book Look, 3:15–4:00pm
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

Gold Book:

Well Done Children

Reception:	Daisy
Year 1:	Elsie
Year 2:	Alessia
Year 3:	Matthew
Year 4:	Vaughn
Year 5:	Isabelle F
Year 6:	Remi

Happy Birthday

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

Year 2:	Hetty, Matthew & William
Year 4:	Ava & Sonny

Marys' Meals Sponsorship

As advised, Mary's Meals sponsorship can be paid via Arbor 'School Products'. Please note, with the Arbor payment system we are unable to leave the amount raised blank for you to enter your own total raised. This has therefore been set at £2.00, allowing you to add quantities of up to 9 per transaction. Should your total raised exceed 9, ie. £18 in total, you will have to do this in separate transactions.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Wraparound Care

From Monday 23rd March, Arbor will open for bookings for the Summer Term.

Y5 SPEC Residential

Please ensure all remaining balances are settled by the 31st March 2026 (original letter on school website if required). Thank you.

