



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

It is a wonderful time of year in school as we reflect on the progress our children have made. Whether academically, musically or in sport, it is a joy to celebrate their achievements and witness the confidence they have developed throughout the year. This morning's Rocksteady Concert was fantastic. It was wonderful to see how much the programme has grown, with four bands performing to the whole school. The children entertained us with enthusiasm, confidence and impressive musical skill. As we prepare to say goodbye to our talented Year 6 musicians, there will be opportunities for new children to join Rocksteady next term. All children have brought home an information leaflet should your child be interested in taking part.

Our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to The Broxbourne School to watch the school production. The performance was outstanding and gave our children a real insight into the opportunities and talents they can look forward to when they move on to secondary school.

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed our new Reception families for our parent information meeting. It was a pleasure to meet those joining the St Cross family for the first time, while also welcoming back familiar faces as younger siblings prepare to begin their own journey with us in September. We look forward to seeing them all again very soon.

Tuesday afternoon's Music Concert was another wonderful celebration of the children's dedication and hard work. It was a delight to hear such accomplished performances after a year of learning and practising with our visiting music teachers. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Matthew Burton, our guitar teacher, who is leaving St Cross. Matthew has inspired many children through his teaching over the years, and we are extremely grateful for his commitment. We wish him every success and happiness for the future.

I hope you found this week's meetings with your child's class teacher both informative and encouraging, and that you have now received your child's end-of-year report. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, the Year 6 SATs results will be released later than usual this year.

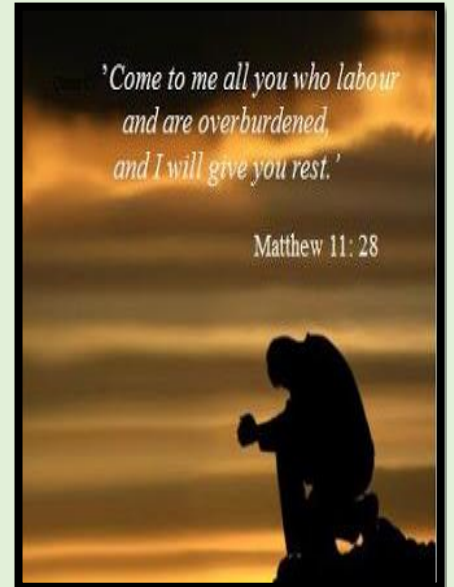
Earlier this week, our Chaplaincy Team and Key Stage 2 pupils attended a beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul. During the celebration, the Chaplaincy Teams from St Augustine's and St Cross were thanked for their commitment to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and for being witnesses to their faith within our school communities. The children received a special blessing and were encouraged to continue this important ministry as they move on to their secondary schools.

As we begin another busy week, we look forward to cheering on our pupils at the District Sports event on Tuesday and enjoying our Year 6 production, "I'm an 11-Year-Old... Get Me Out of Here!" I know it will be a memorable performance and a wonderful way to celebrate our oldest pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 11:25-30



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 5

Reception	93.1%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	91.4%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	94.5%

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/>

6 Jul	9:30 – 10:30 Year 3 walk to Library 10:30 -11:30 Year 4 walk to Library
7 Jul	District Sports Year 6 Production 2pm Year 6 Production 6pm
8 Jul	Year 2 walk to the Library at 2pm
9 Jul	Transition Day Year 6 to Secondary School Whole School New Teacher Meet Come and Read – Year 5 2:45pm Pre-loved uniform sale (after school)
10 Jul	Year 5 Science Workshop St Mary's
14 Jul	9:15 am Leavers' Mass for Year 6, Miss Cattell, Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Walsh
16 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
17 Jul	School closes 1:15pm
Summer Holiday	
1 st Sept	Inset Day
2 Sept	Pupils return to school
26 Oct	Half Term
4 Nov	Pupils return
18 Dec	School closes at 1:30pm

Free School Meals

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) will be changing. From the start of the new school year, all parents/carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of the amount received. All pupils who are eligible for FSM in Year 2 must reapply when moving into Year 3. **There is no requirement for pupils who are already receiving Free School Meals to re-apply.** Applications for the new school year can be made now. Please see attached letter for further details and link to apply.

Gold Book

Congratulations on your efforts this week

Reception:	Yaz
Year 1:	Aria
Year 2:	Rocco
Year 3:	Karim
Year 4:	Kasper
Year 5:	Alasia-Rose
Year 6:	Ava B.

Happy Birthday

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

Reception:	Luca
Year 1:	Donny
Year 3:	George E
Year 5:	Lorena & Jessica
Year 6:	Max

Uniform Sale – 9th July 2026

There will be a 'pre-loved' uniform sale on the above date after school.

If you have any unwanted/outgrown uniform that you would like to donate, please put in the blue bin outside the school office (by Monday 6th July). Thank you to Mrs Satwick for her time and support with this sale.

