



# St. Cross News

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

13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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Dear Parents,

I do hope you enjoyed the Mother's Day Tea today and hearing the wonderful sound of our children's voices.

On Monday, Mrs Hill opened Science Week with an assembly introducing this year's theme *"What's Your Question?"* Our Year 2 class joined the Eco Council on Tuesday afternoon and planted over 60 tree saplings and daffodils in the school grounds with Mr Dance and Mrs Hill. Mrs Hill received the trees through the Woodland Trust – Trees for School Project. A huge thank you to Morrisons for the plants and Daffodils. It is wonderful to add to our beautiful grounds.

A big thank you to Mr Stewart for making rockets with Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday afternoon. Today, the children also took part in the Medical Mavericks Workshop, learning about what the NHS is, medicine and how our bodies work. I know that these workshops are something that children and teachers never forget! Next Wednesday we have another exciting Science Workshop planned for all year groups, featuring fossils, acids and alkalis, and even a heart dissection for Years 5 and 6! What an amazing Science week.

On Tuesday, our Year 6 football team played against other local primary schools at Cranbourne. They showed great sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Thank you to Mrs Stewart for accompanying the children. The team looked very smart in their new football kit, which was purchased using proceeds from the Christmas Fair.

Our Chaplaincy Team also had the opportunity to attend the Launch Mass for the Year of St Francis of Assisi at St Mary's. The Mass was led by Fr Emmanuel from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Fr Emmanuel is well known for his work with young people and for supporting the poor. The team thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Mass. Thank you to Mrs Panter for accompanying the children.

Please note that Year 3 and 4 Easter Play tickets will be sent home with your child on Monday, and a letter with details will also be issued today.

Over the next two weeks, our school community will be participating in the Big Walk and Wheel. This is the largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school challenge. This is a fortnight of promoting active travel habits.

The St Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust has chosen Mary's Meals as its charity for 2026. Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals to more than three million children in 16 countries every school day. On Wednesday 25th March, we will be raising money with a sponsored scoot for Reception and KS1 and a sponsored walk for KS2 around the school track. Attached is a sponsor form—please give whatever you can to support this wonderful charity.

Thank you to the Friends for organising the Mother's Day gifts today. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all mothers a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. I hope Sunday is not the only day we let you know how special you are and the difference you make to each and every one of us.

*Mrs Joanne Walsh*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

***'I was blind but now I see'***



### **Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 6**

Reception	87.3%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	92.8%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	90.6%
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>97.8%</b>

**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/>

17 Mar	Stations of the Cross, 9.00am Hall – Year 6 Parents only Y2 St Edmund's Tag Rugby Festival Y6 Reconciliation, 1.30pm
19 Mar	Netball A & B Tournament, The Broxbourne School Judaism Workshop
20 Mar	Rocksteady Music Concert Tuck-shop Year 4 Friends
23 Mar	Y4 Reconciliation, 1.30pm
24 Mar	Y5 Reconciliation, 1.30pm Y3/4 Easter Play, 2pm/6pm
25 Mar	Football Tournament, Cranbourne School
27 Mar	<b>School Closes at 1.15pm</b>
13 Apr	Children Return to School
27 Apr	Y5/6 Knex Challenge Workshop
1 May	Y3 Tuck Shop
<b>4 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday (School Closed)</b>
5-6 May	Y5 SPEC Residential
22 May	Y2 Tuck Shop
<b>25-29 May</b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>
31-3 Jun	Y6 PGL Residential Journey

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

## Gold Book:

*Well Done Children*

<b>Reception:</b>	<b>Harper</b>
<b>Year 1:</b>	<b>Cece</b>
<b>Year 2:</b>	<b>William</b>
<b>Year 3:</b>	<b>Owen</b>
<b>Year 4:</b>	<b>Rocky</b>
<b>Year 5:</b>	<b>Alfie</b>
<b>Year 6:</b>	<b>Leo</b>

## Happy Birthday

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

**Year 6 : Remi and Bonnie**

## Mini-London Marathon – 25/4/26 (Years 4 – 6)

Thank you to those that have already emailed their interest in the above exciting event. There are still a few spaces left so if you would still like to register, please ensure you email the office by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at the latest (further details of the above listed 27th February Newsletter).

Once I have final numbers on Monday, a further letter will be issued to those registered. **Mrs Stewart, PE Lead**



## Families Feeling Safe

supporting families with Protective Behaviours

**BROXBOURNE**  
starting  
April 2026

**A FREE course for Mums, Dads, and Carers of children 5-19yrs**



**Friday mornings**  
9.30am – 11.30am  
24th April to 26th June  
(excluding half term)

At  
**Wormley School Community Room**  
Cozens Lane East,  
Broxbourne, EN10 6QA

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**Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This 9 week fully-funded term time course can help you to:**

- Understand how Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour link together
- Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- Improve communication to build better relationships
- Build on your own and your child's strengths
- Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe

**For eligibility and to book your fully funded place please use this link or the QR code**

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