



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful and memorable way to end the school year. On Monday, our Year 6 House Captains organised a fantastic Charity Day. The children thoroughly enjoyed running the stalls and showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and creativity as they worked to grow their £5 into even more money for charity. Thank you to everyone who supported this special event.

On Tuesday morning, we gathered as a school family to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next exciting stage of their journey to secondary school. We celebrated a beautiful Leavers' Mass, asking God to bless and guide them in all that lies ahead. Our Year 6 readers led the liturgy with confidence and reverence, and the whole school sang joyfully and respectfully, making it a truly special celebration.

During the Mass, we also said farewell to two valued members of our staff. We thanked Miss Cattell for all she has contributed to St Cross and wished her every happiness and success for the future. We also said goodbye to Mrs Burke, who will be taking up a new role with the Trust Finance Team in Bishop's Stortford. We are grateful for her dedication to our school community and know she will be a great asset in her new position.

Our School Effectiveness Adviser (SEA) also visited the school on the day that the Year 6 SATs results were released. It was a fitting opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and recognise the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout the year. We are proud of all our Year 6 pupils and Teachers, Mrs Norton, Mrs Radburn, Miss Judge and Mrs Jenkins for their dedication to the class.

Later that day, our Year 6 pupils delighted us with their Leavers' Assembly. Through songs, reflections and memories, they shared the many experiences that have shaped their time at St Cross. Their confidence, humour and gratitude shone through, making it a fitting celebration of their journey through primary school. During the assembly, we were proud to present our special awards. The St Cross Mission Award was presented to Myla-Rose in recognition of the way she has lived out our school mission through her kindness, compassion and service to others. The St Francis of Assisi Award was presented to Ava B, acknowledging her care for others, love of creation and the Christian values she demonstrates each day. Congratulations to both pupils on these well-deserved achievements.

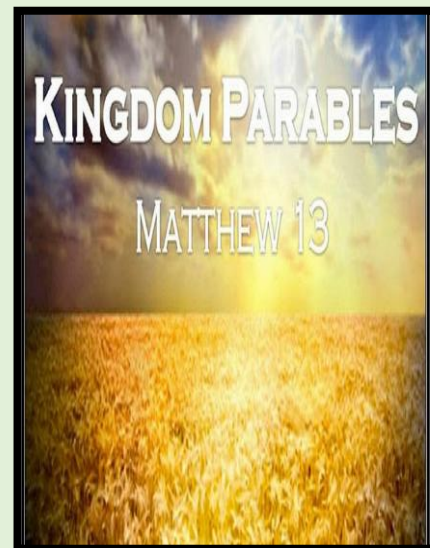
I can only say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful children, staff, supportive governors and families for making this another successful year at St Cross. It has been a privilege to witness our children grow academically, spiritually and personally throughout the year.

I would like to thank all of our parents for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we have helped our children to grow in faith, learning and friendship.

I wish you all a restful, happy and safe summer break. Mr O'Rourke and the team look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mrs Joanne Walsh

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Matthew 13: 24-43



Attendance Award Congratulations to Year 2

Reception	91.1%
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	90.5%

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, Mrs. Norton, 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/>

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 1:15pm

Happy Birthday

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

Reception: Manraj & Marnie

Year 1: Mireya, Elsie & Divine

Year 2: Rocco, Florence, Julian & Jack

Year 3: Massimo, Florence, Emilia, Ian, Elijah & Alana

Year 4: Reve, Kasper, Ilaria & Baran

Year 5: Elizabeth

Year 6: Leo, Myla-Rose, Logan & Lydia

A huge Thank you!

It is almost impossible to capture in a few short paragraphs what St Cross has meant to me. Serving as Headteacher for the past six years, and spending a total of seventeen years in Catholic education, including five years at Local Primary School, has been the greatest privilege of my career.

I would also like to thank our parents and families for the kindness, encouragement and support you have shown throughout my time here. When people ask me what I will miss most, they often expect me to say the Harvest celebrations, Christmas performances, sports days or the many special events that have filled our school calendar. Of course, I will treasure those memories. But what I know I will miss most are the ordinary days—the smiles, the conversations, and standing at the school gate each morning, welcoming the children as they arrived. Those simple moments have always reminded me why this vocation is so special.

It has been a privilege to watch our pupils grow in confidence, faith and kindness, and to work alongside such dedicated staff and supportive governors, all committed to giving every child the very best start in life.

Although saying goodbye is not easy, I do so with complete confidence in the future of St Cross Catholic Primary School. It has been an honour to serve this community, and I know the school will continue to flourish in the years ahead.

Thank you for welcoming me into your lives, for your friendship, your support and your trust. St Cross will always hold a very special place in my heart, and I will carry the memories of this remarkable community with me always.

May God bless you all and continue to guide and protect St Cross for many years to come.