



St. Cross News

"Together we grow in God's love"

Thursday 10th September

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What a positive start to the term at St Cross we have enjoyed. As I complete my second week here, it has been a pleasure to see the school's day-to-day life in greater detail and to begin getting to know so many of our pupils.

Our beginning-of-term Mass was a lovely celebration, even if the walk to church was a little soggy, and a timely reminder that we offer our work, successes and challenges into God's hands.

I look forward to welcoming you to our Curriculum Evening at 6:00pm tonight. After a short introduction from me, there will be practical information to help you support your child's learning this year.

We are also looking for someone to support our Breakfast Club each morning; please email the school office for more information. On the subject of Breakfast Club, we ask that parents take their children to the Wraparound Club door, not the school gate. This is for safety reasons, such as delivery vans accessing the grounds at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, please see Mrs James's message below about important opportunities for Year 6 this year.

Year 6 Leadership Opportunities

It has been wonderful to see our Year 6 pupils embracing the opportunity to take on leadership roles within our school. Those who have chosen to put themselves forward are busy preparing their speeches ahead of the House Captain vote on Monday afternoon.

Pupils who would also like to apply for the roles of Head Boy or Head Girl are invited to write a letter of application and hand it in by Wednesday 16th September.

We are very proud of all our Year 6 pupils for showing such confidence, enthusiasm and a willingness to serve our school community.

The successful House Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl, and other Year 6 responsibilities, along with our School Council and Eco Council representatives, will be announced during next Friday's Celebration Assembly.

We wish all of our pupils the very best of luck! ☆

With every blessing,

Mr P O'Rourke BA (Hons), NPQH, NPQEL, MA

Executive Headteacher

Sunday 13 September 2026

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Matthew 1821-35



"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive."

St Teresa of Calcutta

Attendance Award (7-10 Sep) Congratulations to Year 3

Reception	96.1%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	91.9%
Year 3	100.0%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	79.3%
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: **Mr O'Rourke, 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/>

Thursday 10 September
Curriculum Evening (6pm)

Friday 11 September
Celebration Assembly (9.15am)

Secondary School Open Days
For Year 6 parents

Goffs Academy
www.goffs.herts.sch.uk

Tuesday 15th September 5.00 to 8.30 pm
Haileybury Turnford
www.haileyburyturnford.com

Thursday 24th September 5.30 to 8.00 pm

The John Warner School
www.johnwarner.herts.sch.uk

Wednesday 16th September 5.30pm onwards
Goffs-Churchgate Academy
www.goffschurchgate.herts.sch.uk

Thursday 10th September 5.00 to 8.30 pm
Robert Barclay Academy
www.robertbarclayacademy.co.uk

Thursday 10th September 5.15 to 8.00 pm
St Mary's CE High School
www.st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

Wednesday 24th September 6.00 to 8.30 pm
St Mary's Catholic School
www.stmarys.net

Tuesday 15th September
Y6 Crucial Crew Visit

Friday 25th September - 9 to 9.30am
Reception Tie Assembly

Gold Book

Congratulations on your efforts this week.

We will now be distributing our newsletter on Thursdays, so names for this week's Gold Book will appear here next week.

Happy Birthday

Wishing you another fabulous birthday full of God's blessing

Reception:

Year 1: Oscar

Year 2: Aria, Jude

Year 3: Ava

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:



"Not all of us can do great things,
but we can do small things with
great love"

(St Teresa of Calcutta)
Feast Day Sept 5th