

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Winter Wonderland Fayre lived up to its name and was truly wonderful! Huge thanks to the PTFA committee and all the volunteers who helped to plan, organise, man the stalls and...clean up afterwards! These things don't happen without a lot of work and effort and we are blessed to have so many of you willing to pitch in.

Thanks too to the staff and children who put time and effort into making lots of fantastic Christmas themed goodies and helped to set up, man the stalls and ... clean up afterwards!

We look forward to welcoming you to the various Christmas events (see below) as we prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Gill

Dates for your Diary

Please find a link to the diary dates for the year



[Term dates 2024-2025](#)

PARKING PERMITS are now available to collect from the school office.

Please remember **not** to park in White Friar's Lane.

Raffle Tickets for our Big Christmas Raffle to be sold after school on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Christmas at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

<p>29th November</p> <p>Open to parents 2.15-4pm</p> <p>MUFTI DAY</p> <p>Please bring in chocolate (bar/box) and bottles (pop/wine) and cakes.</p>	<p>1st December Advent Begins</p> <p>Each child will bring home an Advent calendar kindly provided by Holy Cross Church in Yelverton</p>	<p>4th December Christmas Market</p> <p>Mrs Bland and singers 4.30pm (By invitation)</p>	<p>10th December EYFS Nativity 2pm</p>	<p>11th December Ks2 Penitential Service</p> <p>This is a school only event.</p> 	<p>11th December KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6.30pm</p> <p>Seating limited - 2 tickets per child. Siblings will have an opportunity to see the performance during the school day.</p>
<p>12th December</p> <p>Christmas JUMPER DAY</p> <p>Reindeer Run at Beaumont Park</p> <p>This is a school only event.</p>	<p>12th December KS2 Carol Service 6.30pm</p> <p>At Cathedral of St Mary & St Boniface</p>	<p>13th December</p> <p>Lord Mayor's Concert at St Andrew's Church. (Y5)</p> <p>Sadly, Plymouth Music Services have notified us that parents are unable to attend due to the number of schools performing.</p>	<p>17th December Christingle Service Led by GIFT Team</p> <p>This is a school only event.</p> <p>18th December Mass at 9.30am</p>	<p>19th December Crib Service & Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Children can wear Christmas Jumpers with uniform.</p> <p>School only event - led by staff to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas.</p>	<p>20th December End of Term</p> <p>See you all on the 6th Jan 2024.</p>

Our Catholic Life

Next week is the first week of Advent. Advent is a special time when we wait in hope for the coming of Jesus. We do not know when Jesus will come again, but in today's gospel Jesus tells us to pray and to watch how we behave while we are waiting, so that we will be ready when he comes. The other thing that is special about waiting for Jesus during Advent is hope. We have hope that Jesus will one day come again and make all things new. We have hope because of his birth long ago in a stable in Bethlehem, when he came to show all people God's love for us.

Loving God, may your love be with us always and bring peace and joy to all people around the world, as we wait in hope for the coming of your Son Jesus. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thank you to the Martha group from Holy Cross in Yelverton who came in to make Advent wreaths with the children and have donated an advent calendar for each child.

Reading this week in EYFS and KS1

Our reading stars in RWM this week are

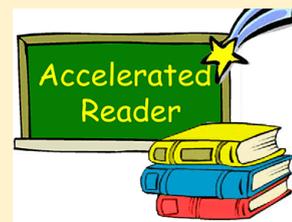
Purple- Daniel B
Pink- Daso
Orange- Luisa
Yellow- Lena
Grey- Lowenna
Spelling Group- Jolene



KS2 Reading this week

CC Class - 97,035 words
DW Class - 34,512 words
EMC Class - 251,992 words
LS Class - 178,726 words
MB Class - 155,231 words
RD Class - 100,157 words

Well done to Emma Carroll Class with the most words read this week



Wonders of the Week

These children have all been READY to learn and willing to take on new challenges and persevere with their learning. Well done to all these children.

JD: Ariana
AA: Georgia
SJ: Foyin
JK: Elijah
RD: Miracle
DW: Marcel
CC: Madhav
MB: Lund
EC: David
LS: Jason



Good Disciple Award

This week we have all been trying to show

JD: Savanagh
AA: Lily
SJ: Raffie
JK: Daniel R
RD: Anmar
DW: Kitty
CC: Gabriela
MB: Tory
EC: Minaal
LS: Gabriela



Wonderful Writers

CC: Finch

JD: Melody

MB: Roland

JK: Lowenna

DW: Alisha

AA: Georgia

SJ: Jizbell

RD: Ishan

LS: Abigail

Dojo Points

Top Dojo Points this week go to...

JD: Naba
AA: Ella
SJ: Neso
JK: Elijah
RD: Delina
DW: Ralph
CC: Derin
MB: Tory
EC: Gabriely
LS: Cerys



Whole School DOJO Points

2750

St Jude

2560

St Teresa

2870

St Julie

3210

St Andrew

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is
95%

Well done everyone!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Last day of term is Friday 20th December. Let's try to have everyone in school every day and then enjoy or break!



Numbots

Piran, Marcel, Raeden, Precious- DW
 Thea, Max, Blake-CC Class
 Joel D- JK Class
 Esther, Theo, Rahel, Charis- AA Class
 Rayyan, Hazel- JD Class
 Delina-RD Class



Year 6-David, Luna, Daria,
 Tharundee, Misma, Melody,
 Roland

Year 5-Adam, Dawson, Diya
 Year 4-Kesiena, Piran, Johan, Sonia, Ishan
 Year 3-Lia, Evelyn J., Bartosz, Theodora,
 Gabi, Alex, Logan

Communication

We really value working with you as partners and we want you to feel informed about what is happening in school and for Holy Cross to be as welcoming and as open a place to you as parents and carers as possible.

We also recognise that communication about things like non-uniform days, dates for trips, etc. can be very frustrating when it goes wrong and we are grateful for your support and understanding. Work-Life balance and good mental health are extremely important and as a result of social media and the huge amount of information sharing which occurs in today's society, means that both staff and parents/carers come under a great deal of pressure. I thought it would be useful to write to you to explain what you can expect in terms of communication from staff here in school so that family/downtime is protected from unnecessary intrusion.

Please follow the link to our Communication Guidance.

[Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - Communication](#)

Menu for Week Beginning 2nd December



WEEK 2

W/C - MONDAY: 11TH NOV, 2ND DEC, 30TH DEC, 20TH JAN, 17TH FEB, 10TH MAR, 31ST MAR

**WINTER WARMER
HOT PANINI OR PASTA**

Choose from Ham & Tomato or Cheese & Tomato, served with tortilla chips and vegetables. Or a Homemade tomato sauce with pasta.

MONDAY	MEAT FREE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>CHOICE 1 - H, W</p> <p>Baked bean and sausage pasta bake</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Katerveg mince chilli and rice</p> <p>Allergens: (So)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Chicken chow mein</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Se), (So)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1 - H</p> <p>Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, gravy and roast potatoes</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)</p>	<p>CHOICE 1</p> <p>Fish fingers served with fresh chips</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F)</p>
<p>CHOICE 2 - V, VE</p> <p>Quorn dippers with seasoned potato wedges</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V</p> <p>Tasty cheese wheels with herby diced potato</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Vegetable sausage, mash and gravy</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Ce)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE</p> <p>Roast Quorn fillet, gravy and roast potatoes</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p>CHOICE 2 - H, W, V</p> <p>Homemade cheese and tomato quiche served with fresh chips</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)</p>
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
<p>DESSERT - V, VE</p> <p>Fruit Salad</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Fruity flapjack</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (O) m/c (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, W, V</p> <p>Westcountry root cake</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E) m/c (Mi), (Bar)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V, VE</p> <p>Fruit Platter</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (O), M/C: (Wh), (Bar)</p>	<p>DESSERT - H, V</p> <p>Zesty cake with custard</p> <p>Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Su), (Mi) m/c (Bar)</p>
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT				

Fresh fruit, local WESTCOUNTRY yoghurt and West Country milk available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meats served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.

H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN. W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS. VE = VEGAN DISH. V = VEGETARIAN.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

= Climate Friendly

DID YOU KNOW

You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!

Tilda



HOLY CROSS HOODIES

Perfect for PE or just casual wear outside of school, to be worn only on PE days and not as a replacement for the school jumper

The cost is £19.95 for children's hoodies, and £24.05 for adults. *The cost of each hoodie includes a £2 supplement supporting a general fund to support the purchase of schoolwear.*

Sizes for children include:

S ages 5-6; M ages 7-8; L ages 9-11; XL ages 12-13 (the latter for those that like their hoodie a bit roomy)

Sizes for adults include: S, M, L, XL

Be sure to note STANDARD royal blue when ordering adult hoodies

You can order your hoodie from the Uniform Company at:

<https://theuniformco.co.uk/collections/holy-cross-rc-primary-school/products/holy-cross-rc-primary-school-royal-blue-hoodie>

Orders are for collection only from:

The Uniform Company

Unit 3B Jubilee Buildings, Peverell Park Corner, Peverell Park Rd, Plymouth PL2 3PG

Tel: [01752 773560](tel:01752773560)



Children and Young People's Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A confidential, free advice line available to all children, young people and their families who are on the Neurodiversity Pathway within Plymouth.

What we offer

Advice and support including:

- Sleep
- Diet
- Anxiety
- School difficulties
- Friendships
- Positive support strategies

Contact us

Please call 01752 435404
Monday to Friday
9 - 11am and 2 - 4pm



Please complete our questionnaire using the QR code provided.

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

CATER

JINGLE BELLS...

...JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO CHRISTMAS LUNCH!



ROAST TURKEY AND CHIPOLATA
SAUSAGE, QUORN FILLET OR CARROT AND
CRANBERRY PARCEL SERVED WITH
SEASONAL VEGETABLES, ROAST POTATOES
AND GRAVY

CHOCOLATE 'KRISP-MAS' PUDDINGS
CHRISTMAS CUSTARD BISCUITS
RUDOLF MUFFINS
CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM ROLL

ON
19th December



Winter Wonderland 2024



PIC•COLLAGE

Guess the total in the jar

And the winner of this lovely art set is.... Dylan!
Congratulations - you were the closest to the
actual total of £3.49.



Many congratulations to our new crop of Play Leaders.



Thank you to Howard, from the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership and our very own Sports Ambassadors.

Have a lovely weekend!