

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

With one week to go before half term, I would like to say well done to everyone for a wonderful first term of this academic year. Children have been working hard under the guidance of their teachers and we are seeing strong progress in many areas. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home so that they can build on what they are learning in school. Practice is really important to embed new learning and just like riding a bike, the more practice we get, the steadier and more confident we become. Our attendance has been good too this term, remaining above national. With the winter arriving, hopefully we can maintain this - please ensure your child is in school when well enough to be here. Finally, I have to mention parking. This seems to have become an issue again despite improvements last year. Residents of White Friar's Lane are constantly raising concerns over unsafe and inconsiderate parking on pavements and in private parking bays. As headteacher, all I can do is remind and request your support but please put safety first!

Mrs Gill

Our Catholic Life

In the Gospel this week Jesus reminds us that it is not power or money which makes us important, but how much we help other people. Jesus said that the greatest disciple was not the one who went around showing off his power, or money, or things. But rather that the greatest disciple must be like a servant - humble and helping others in all that they do.

God of hope, encourage us to do what we can when we see people who need our help. Open our hearts so that we may work together to make the world a fairer place for all people.

Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Please find a link to the diary dates for the year



[Holy Cross Dates 2024-25...](#)

Term dates 2024-2025

Please remember that holidays during term date are not permitted. Our attendance policy can be found [here](#).

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

After School Clubs

Monday 21st October will be the final book and film club sessions

After half term the following clubs will be running

Monday lunchtime- Football Highlights Club- Mr. Bowles- KS2 (Max. 30)
Monday- Y5 and 6 Rowing with Mr. Boyle- to continue 3.15.-4.15pm
Monday- KS1 Craft Club with Mrs. Thompson 3.15.-4.15pm
Monday- KS2 Engineering Club with Mr. Bromhead 3.15.-4.15pm

Tuesday lunchtime- Schools against sewage- KS2- Mrs. Haine

Thursday lunchtime- Y5 and 6 Chess Club (Year 3 and 4 in the Spring Term) with Miss McCalley

Please contact the teacher via dojo to book a space at the club

Reading this week in EYFS and KS1

Our reading stars in RWM this week are

Ditty- Bahar
Green/Purple- Jordan
Pink/Orange- Lily
Yellow- Sophie
Blue/Grey- Hannah
Spelling Group- Ruby



KS2 Reading this week

CC Class - 61, 890
DW Class - 140, 663
EMC Class - 392, 874
LS Class - 43, 669
MB Class - 326, 621
RD Class - 70, 958

Well done to EMC 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: Aria
AA: Evie
SJ: Rainey
JK: Bahar
RD: Methuja
DW: Precious
CC: Aislin
MB: Bradley
EC: Meleia & Nevaeh
LS: Tharundee



Good Disciple Award

This week we have all been trying to show charity and the preferential option for the poor

JD: Jasmine

AA: Kyle

SJ: Jordan

JK: Joel D

RD: Rosie

DW: Alisha

CC: Gabby

MB: Kaitlin

EC: Gabriely

LS: Dylan



Wonderful Writers

MB: Amen

CC: Kesiena

JD: Asser

AA: Rahel

JK: Nessie

DW: Ayo

LS: Abigail

SJ: Charlie

RD: Freddie

EC: Nevaeh

Dojo Points

Top Dojo Points this week go to...

JD: Rayyan

AA: Esther

SJ: Mary

JK: Finley

RD: Sonia

DW: Bartosz

CC: Kesiena

MB: Eva

EC: Misma

LS: Ali



Plymouth CAST 10th Anniversary Day



On Friday 25th October we will be having a day of celebration for the 10th Anniversary of Plymouth CAST. During the day the children will be exploring our vision, values and mission. The work we produce will be celebrated on our website. The children will be having a celebratory party in the afternoon with muffins, provided and decorated by CaterEd.

We will also be raising money for the Catholic Children's Society in a variety of ways. We would like donations of cakes for a bake sale which will be held in the afternoon and also for children to bring in loose change for a coin trail in which we will create a picture in coins. Please send children with money for the bake sale and any loose change for the coin trail in labelled envelopes so that these don't get confused.

Cakes should be brought in on Friday morning. We ask that any home made cakes also have a list of ingredients and that there are no nuts in any products. We do have children with allergies so any donations of gluten free, dairy free, or egg-free cakes would be most welcome.

Whole School DOJO Points

3320

St Jude

3390

St Teresa

3940

St Julie

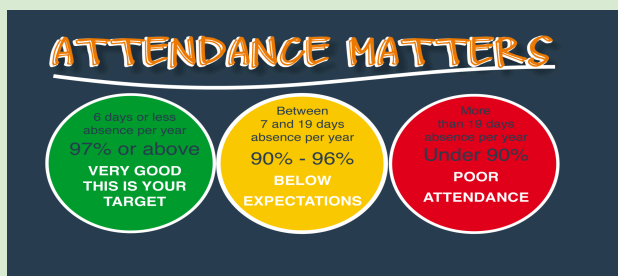
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St Andrew

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is
95%

**Well done everyone! Can we get to
96%?**



MATHS Flex

Year 6-Harry, Methuli, Daria, Grace, Luna, Savio, Tory, Joy, Eva and Melody
Year 5- Gabriela, Adam, Maria-Iulia, Oli, Cerys, Eli, MIKI and Sameerah
Year 4-Loveday, Sonia, Poppy, Piran, Johan, Finch, Kesiena
Year 3-Evelyn, Nikola, Madhav, Alex, Gabi

NUMBOTS

SJ- Jenson, Ana, Miheli, Jordan
AA-Jason, Teni, Luisa, Elliot, Theo, Rahel
RD- Gabriela, Noah, Methuja, Oore, Delina
DW- Ayo
CC- Blake

PTFA

The PTFA are busy helping to organise our Winter Fayre and need lots of volunteers. Whether you would be happy to ask businesses for raffle prizes, sell raffle tickets, decorate the hall, set up, man a stall or help to clear up.

All parents are part of our PTFA and many hands make light work. If you are able to help please let Miss Buscombe know or contact the PTFA on ptfa@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk

We do have a volunteers whatsapp group and if you would like to be added just send a message to Miss Buscombe who will happily add you.

If there are any parents who would be able to donate a raffle prize, this would be appreciated.

TTRS

DW Class- Marcel and Bartosz
RD Class- Delina

We currently have a TTRS Tournament running from today until next Friday. Please encourage your children to log in and participate. All questions that the children answer will contribute to their class total.

The winning class and top children in each class will receive certificates next week.

If you don't have your child's login details, please contact your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend!