

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming to meet your child's teacher this week. It gives us the opportunity to share with you key information about the year ahead and how we can work together to ensure your child's success. If you were unable to make it, don't worry. The teachers will post their information on their class dojo pages so that you all have access to the key points.

Today we welcomed a representative of Devon Development Education. She met with some children and explored the possibilities of our school garden. Her enthusiasm for our small but rich space was contagious and we are all now very excited about what we might achieve. If any parents are keen to lend a hand with an after school gardening club, please let us know. This also links to our work with our partner school in Uganda and we will be sharing with them throughout the year, news of all the fantastic produce we are going to grow. We know they will be amazed by the number of pears on our pear tree!

Mrs Gill

### Our Catholic Life

In the Gospel this week we reflect on how Jesus is our teacher, who guides us to make the right choices, even when it is difficult. A teacher is someone who helps us to learn, who inspires and guides us, who shows us how to do things and helps us to be the best we can be. Jesus came to teach the disciples, and all of us, about God, his Father. He came to show us the way to live our lives to please God and to help us to know God better.

*God of love, teach us to follow you,  
strengthen our faith and help us to  
make the right choices even when it is  
difficult.*

*Amen.*

### Dates for your Diary

Please find a link to the diary dates for the year



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

**Wednesday 2nd October- Harvest Mass at 9.30am**

**Friday 4th October- Brighten up Mufti Day- please bring a donation for the food bank**

[Term dates 2024-2025](#)

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

**PARKING PERMITS** are available to collect from the school office on **Monday afternoon**.



### Harvest Food Bank Collection

We invite the children to 'brighten up for harvest' and wear their brightest colours to school on Friday 4th October, in exchange for a donation for the food bank. We welcome donations to our food bank swap shed in the playground every day next week.

## Reading this week in EYFS and KS1

Our reading stars in RVI this week are

Ditty- Nadil  
Green/Purple- Archie  
Pink/Orange- Matilda  
Yellow- Ina  
Blue/Grey- Hannah  
Spelling Group - Blossom



## KS2 Reading this week

CC Class - 8,866 words  
DVV Class - 114, 944 words  
EMC Class - 119, 477 words  
LS Class - 202, 262 words  
MB Class - 44, 983 words  
RD Class - 41, 867 words

Well done to *Louis Sachar Class* with the most words read this week



## Holy Cross RC Primary School Reads!

In September 2024, students have read...

**391** Books

**2,041,537** Words

for **16** minutes/day!  
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE

**Accelerated Reader®**

## 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: AJ  
AA: Nathaniel  
SJ: Miheli  
JK: Sophie  
RD: Harry  
DW: Adriel  
CC: Nikola  
MB: Lucy  
EC: Louis  
LS: Dawson



## Good Disciple Award

This week we have all been trying to show **Dignity of the Human Person**

JD: Luna  
AA: Ire  
SJ: Sianna  
JK: Moriah  
RD: Nico  
DW: Albert  
CC: Max  
MB: Alex  
EC: Aksa & Diya  
LS: Melody



## Wonderful Writers

MB: Archie

CC: Evelyn

JD: Rayyan

AA: Jason

JK: Matilda

DW: Piran

LS: Rory

SJ: Raffie

RD: Methuja

EC: Grace

## Dojo Points

### Top Dojo Points this week go to...

JD: Savanagh  
 AA: Ellie  
 SJ: Raffie  
 JK: Joel D  
 RD: Fola  
 DW: Aivah  
 CC: Kesiena  
 MB: Lucy  
 EC: Diya  
 LS: Rory



## Whole School DOJO Points

2330

St Jude

2385

St Teresa

2070

St Julie

2760

St Andrew

### *Attendance*

Whole School Attendance this week is  
**96%**

**Well done everyone! Let's see if we can  
make 97%!**

#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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**The following children have shown great  
resilience in Maths and effort in using Maths  
Flex and School Jam**

**Year 6- Katie, Harry, Daria, Methuli, Dylan,  
Grace, Luna, Maya, Savio, Tory, Eva and  
Melody**

**Year 5-Gabriela, Adam, Miki and Sameerah  
RD Class-Loveday, Evan and Logan**

**CC Class-Dante and Gabriella**

**DW Class-Bartosz, Piran, Poppy and Johan**

**JK Class- Stefan**

# Supporting Families Programme



- **What:** The Supporting Families Programme helps thousands of families across England to get the support they need to address multiple disadvantages through a whole family approach, delivered by keyworkers, working for local authorities and their partners. Working to empower families to become resilient over time and build connections to their local community.
- **How:** Experienced Supported Families Advisors (SFEAs) can help families access benefits, gain skills through training or volunteering, support into work, advice on childcare, support accessing child maintenance, budgeting, help accessing debt advice, and more.


• **Who:** Denise Hodgins

Working in community venues across the city (by appointment only)

- Tuesday – Barne Barton, Plympton
- Wednesday - Devonport, Whiteleigh
- Thursday - Keyham, Mutley (women only)
- Friday – Stonehouse, City Centre

Please see Elena, our Parent Support Advisor, if this is something you would like to explore further or contact her on [elena@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:elena@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)

## School Lunch Menu for week beginning 30th September



# WEEK 1


W/C - MONDAY: 15TH APR, 6TH MAY, 3RD JUN, 24TH JUN, 15TH JUL, 9TH SEP, 30TH SEPT, 21ST OCT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOICE 1 - H W</b> Meatballs with tomato sauce & pasta Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Crispy coated chicken bites with seasoned jacket potato Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H V</b> Macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mu), (Mi)	<b>CHOICE 1 - H</b> Roast beef, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy, roast potatoes & vegetables Allergens: (Glu) (Wh) (Mi) (E)	<b>CHOICE 1</b> Fish fingers & fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F)
<b>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</b> Vegan sausage with jewelled cous cous Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Ce)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H W V VE</b> Vegetable and chickpea curry with rice & naan Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V</b> Courgette burger in a roll served with diced potatoes Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E), M/C: (R)(O), (B)(So)(Se) (Mu).	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V VE</b> Roasted Quorn fillet, gravy, roast potatoes and vegetables Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)	<b>CHOICE 2 - H V</b> Spanish omelette & fresh chips Allergens: (Mi), (E), (Mu)
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW				
<b>DESSERT - V</b> Strawberry frozen yoghurt Allergens: (Mi)	<b>DESSERT - V E</b> Fruit Salad	<b>DESSERT - H V</b> Victoria Sponge Allergens: (Glu), (Mi), (E)	<b>DESSERT - H V</b> Fruit platter or Yoghurt Allergens: (SU)(Mi)	<b>DESSERT - H V</b> Chocolate beetroot brownie Allergens: (Glu) (Wh) (E)
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 meals 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, Z = THE VEGETARIAN LINE.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), 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



**DID YOU KNOW**  
You can have instead of brown rice instead of potatoes!  
Tilda

## Children, Young Person and Families' Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A casual meet up for parents and carers of neurodivergent children (no diagnosis required). Come along and meet our Community Support Workers and have a cuppa and a chat. No need to book, just turn up - and your little ones are more than welcome!



### Coffee & Connect - sessions start Monday 7 October

Mondays, 9-10.30am Rees Centre Wellbeing Hub, Plympton PL7 2PS	Weds, 9.15-10.45am DELL Emerging Family Hub, High View School, Efford PL3 6JQ	Weds, 1-2.30pm Manor Street Children's Centre, Stonehouse, PL1 1TL	Thursdays, 1-2.30pm Four Woods Family Hub, Crownhill Road, PL5 2LN
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For further information please contact our advice line

Monday to Friday from 09.00-11.00 or 14.00-16.00

Tel: 01752 435404



## Workshops

PIAS are offering courses and workshops for parents. To book please visit <https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/workshops/>

Workshops on offer include

- How to understand and support my child's behaviour
- How to understand my child's behaviour using visuals to support
- How to understand and support my child's communication
- How to understand and support my child's emotions
- How to understand and support my child's play and social skills

*Have a lovely weekend!*