

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

One of the highlights this week was our start of year Mass on Wednesday. It is always a special event but this year, the children out-did themselves in terms of their amazing singing and their sense of occasion. They were beautifully behaved throughout and our Year 5 and 6s led the way, setting such a wonderful example for our younger children. Those reading did a fantastic job, projecting their voices and reading with such confidence and clarity. The Mass was dedicated to Brigid Kelly who spent many happy years at Holy Cross both as a teacher and as a headteacher, before retiring in September 2001 once the school was safely back on site after two years at Mount Gould Hospital. Both her son and daughter attended the Mass along with several ex-members of staff and they were all very impressed by the behaviour of the children and their wonderful singing. It meant such a lot to them to be there. I would like to remind all our parents that there is an open invitation to school Masses and we love to see you!

Mrs Gill

Dates for your Diary

Please find a link to the diary dates for the year



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

Meet the teacher- Thursday 26th September at 3.30pm and repeated at 4.15pm.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Term dates 2024-2025

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

Our Catholic Life

In the Gospel this week we hear how Jesus valued children and thought they were important. Jesus says that anyone who welcomes a child, welcomes him. Jesus is in all of us. No matter who we are, where we come from, whether we are rich or poor, old or young. Even the youngest person is special and important because they are loved by God.

God of hope, we know all people are important, because they are loved by you. Show us how to help others to see this too, so that the world can be a fairer place for all your children.

Amen.

Parking at Holy Cross

I am delighted to say that Plymouth City Council have agreed to extend the parking permits and I hope they will be with us very soon. If you would like a permit, please drop in to the school office and we will issue them once they arrive. The office will let you all know via DOJO.

In the meantime, please can I ask that those who drive, park safely and considerately so that we can ensure the safety of all.

For those of you who are new to Holy Cross, please note that White Friar's Lane is private and parents should not park behind the houses or in spaces marked V as these are not for school use. This is an ongoing issue and our relationship with the residents of White Friar's Lane has suffered greatly due to inconsiderate parking in the area, even in people's private driveways.

Thank you

Reading this week in EYFS and KS1

Our reading stars in RWM this week are

Ditty- Ire
Green/Purple- Joel E
Pink/Orange- Dara
Yellow- Daron
Blue/Grey- Lowenna
Spelling Group - Elijah



KS2 Reading this week

CC Class - 73,093 words
DW Class - 103, 269 words
EMC Class- 481, 850 words
LS Class -111, 102 words
MB Class - 165,462 words
RD Class -34, 062 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: Ariyah
AA: Teni
SJ: Ronan
JK: Matilda
RD: Ishan
DW: Poppy
CC: Finch and Leena
MB: Milkyas
EC: Oli
LS: Thomas



Good Disciple Award

This week we have all been trying to be stewards of creation.

JD: Kian

AA: Luisa

SJ: Daron

JK: Michelle

RD: Loveday

DW: Aurora

CC: Thea

MB: Eva

EC: Ewan

LS: Charli



Wonderful Writers

MB: Joy

CC: Fiyin

JD: Ariana

AA: Esther

JK: Moriah

DW: Kitty

LS: Rory

SJ: Arlo

RD: Harry

EC: Carter

Dojo Points

Top Dojo Points this week go to...

JD: Wiktoria

AA: Esther

SJ: Meheli

JK: Alivia May

RD: Sophia

DW: Bartosz

CC: Finch

MB: Amen

EC: Aston

LS: Omar



***Hot Chocolate on
Monday with
Mrs Gill***

Whole School DOJO Points

2220

St Jude

2325

St Teresa

2155

St Julie

2455

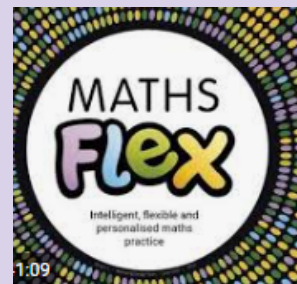
St Andrew

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this week is
95%

Well done everyone!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Well done to the Mathematicians who have shown great commitment and effort in their home learning this week.

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

Year 5- Dawson, Gabriela, Rory, Cerys

CC- Gabriella

RD-Monty, Rudairo and Loveday

DW-Bartosz, Piran, Poppy and Johan

Policies available on the school website

At the start of every year, many policies are reviewed and updated. These are all available on the school website. Please see the [safeguarding page](#) for our 2024 Safeguarding Policy and the DFE guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024.

Please return the signed **Home School Agreement** if you haven't already done so.

Uniform Reminder

At Holy Cross we pride ourselves on looking smart. The wearing of a uniform gives us a sense of belonging and supports the ethos and vision of our school. Research has shown that having a clear uniform policy supports positive learning behaviours and creates an environment where there is greater readiness to learn. It is important also that where there is a uniform policy, this is consistently upheld. Our children are regularly complimented on their appearance and their behaviour when out and about in the community, cementing the excellent reputation of Holy Cross. Please can I ask that you let us know if you require any support with uniform so that we can work together to ensure our expectations are met.

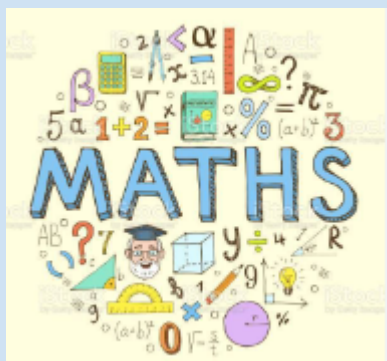
Jewellery

There has been a notable increase in children wearing hooped earrings to school. Our uniform policy is clear on this: *The wearing of jewellery, apart from watches is forbidden; however,*

pupils are allowed to wear a single plain stud in each ear but no other earrings on Health and Safety grounds.

Please note that on PE days, a child will be asked to remove their earrings before taking part in the lesson unless they have been taped by parents/carers in the morning. **If earrings are not removed and cannot be removed by the child, they will not be able to participate in the physical activity.**

Staff will be monitoring this over the coming weeks.



Bag of Number Maths Course for Parents

We are looking forward to hosting the 'Bag of Number' Maths course for parents which starts this week.

Venue: Holy Cross Primary
Starting on: Wednesday 25th September - Wed 16th Oct
Time: 1:00-3:00pm

As we are accessing funding to provide this free course you will need to enrol using the QR code. Don't worry if you have trouble doing this, just come along and we will be able to help.

You will need the following information to enrol *Course Code: ML14E32A
*Course Title: 'BAG OF NUMBER'



24/25 Enrolment form



Have a lovely weekend!