



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year and especially to our new parents/carers and families whose children have just joined us. Our new Foundation Stage children are settling so well - you would never believe that this was their first week of school. They have really impressed us with how eagerly they are engaging with all the learning opportunities as well as the general life of a very busy school!

I would like to thank the wonderful PTFA for funding our special treat today. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is of course our school feast day and the children were so excited to have a proper ice cream this afternoon - in fact several children said it was the best vanilla ice cream they had ever tasted! See Class Dojo for pictures.

Finally, at the start of a new school year, we have several updated policies to share with you. Please visit our website where you will find the safeguarding policy for 2024 here: [Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - Safeguarding](#)

Mrs Gill

Our Catholic Life

In the Gospel this week we hear about how it is not always easy to follow Jesus or to accept what God wants to happen in our lives. Even Peter, one of Jesus's disciples found it difficult. It is sometimes hard to do what God wants us to do, just like it was for Peter, because we are afraid, and we do not want to get hurt, or for those that we love to be hurt. Jesus tells us that it will not always be easy to follow him, but that we must have courage, because God will always be with us.

Christ Jesus, you call us to follow you. May we have the courage to answer that call, even in the most difficult times.

Amen.

Dates for your Diary

Please find a link to the diary dates for the year



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

Wednesday 18th September- Beginning of Term Mass

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

[Term dates 2024-2025](#)

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

Pupil Group School Parliament

The school parliament had their first meeting this week and discussed their role as representatives of their class.

Over the coming weeks they will have further discussions about the following:

- What is good about our school?
- What would you like to see again?
- What needs improving in school, community, world?
- What would you like to do this year?

One idea from this week's meeting was to show appreciation for the different staff members in the school who all play important roles so that our school runs smoothly.

Reading this week in EYFS and KS1

Our reading stars in RWM this week are

Ditty Group- Wynter
Purple- Alivia-May
Pink/ Orange- Lena
Yellow- Jenson
Blue- Hugo
Spelling Group- Arlo



KS2 Reading this week

CC Class - 9, 082
DW Class - 57, 640
EMC Class - 291, 894
LS Class - 103, 698
MB Class - 133, 485
RD Class - 18, 467

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: All of Julia Donaldson Class for a fantastic first week!

AA: Jolene

SJ: Wynter

JK: Finley

RD: Sophia

DW: Amayra

CC: Yasmin

MB: Ann Mariya

EC: Ewan

LS: Phoebe



Wonderful Writers

MB: Maya

CC: Madhav

JD:
Wiktorija

AA: Esther

JK: Lowenna

DW: Kiya

LS: Sajid

SJ: Ronan

RD: Ruby

EC: Quinton

Dojo Points

Top Dojo Points this week go to...

JD: Rayyan

AA: Daso

SJ: Jizbell

JK: Stefan

RD: Methuja and Oscar

DW: Poppyrae and Aurora

CC: Fiyin

MB: Ekkam

EC: Quinton and Louis

LS: Charli



Whole School DOJO Points

1570

St Jude

2250

St Teresa

1630

St Julie

2005

St Andrew

Attendance

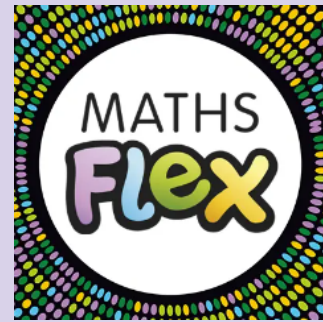
Whole School Attendance this week is
96%

Well done everyone! What a good start!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Maths Flex enables us to recognise children who show commitment to extending their learning at home through regular practice. Well done to the following children:

Year 6- Maya, Savio, Tory, Eva, Melody, Harry, Daria, Methuli, Anastazja, Grace and Luna
Year 5- Lizzie, Dawson and Gabriela
RD Class- Loveday
DW Class- Piran, Poppyrae and Alisha

Have a lovely weekend!