

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a wonderful end of term today with our fun Easter Egg Hunt. The children were 'a little' excited as they roamed the school searching out the clues. What was especially lovely was to see the older children buddied up with the younger ones - something we haven't been able to do for a long time! Well done to our older children who showed great kindness and maturity when helping the younger children.

A huge thank you to Miss Buscombe and our fantastic GIFT team for organising this wonderful event.

Our Celebration Assembly was, as always, a lengthy one with so many children being celebrated for a range of achievements over the course of the term. Well done to all our star readers, our TTRS champions, our Excellent Behaviour award winners as well as our weekly WOWs and Gospel Value winners. We also had someone's special birthday to celebrate (Happy Birthday to Miss Heaton!) and sadly, a farewell to say to our most recent trainee teachers, Miss Shaw and Miss Ellicott.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and that the sun comes out so you can enjoy fun outdoor activities with your children over the holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 25th April.

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Monday 25th April
Back to School

Thursday 28th April
Drop in morning

May
Safer Journeys to School
(Further details to follow)

4th May
Football Inclusion Event
Mango Tango Signing
Assembly (KS2)

6th May
Boccia Inclusion Event

9th-12th May
Key Stage 2 SATS

Our Catholic Life

On Sunday it will be Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week. Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem by crowds of people. They pull the leaves from the trees and wave them as they shout "Hosanna!" These people have waited hundreds of years for the Messiah to save them, and now he is! On Palm Sunday we remember, however, how quickly the crowd changes. By the end of the week, the people in the crowd are shouting for Jesus to be crucified. Jesus suffers and dies because he loves us so much. No matter what happens to us, because of Holy Week, we know that Jesus will always be with us.

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Let us Pray

Dear Jesus,
Help me to always shout up for you Jesus, even if the people
around me turn against you
Amen.



Action: Follow the events of Holy Week by imagining you are one of the disciples experiencing it with Jesus and make a diary recording of what happens and how you feel.

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Wonders of the Week

Here are this week's winners of the Wonder of the Week award.

Julia Donaldson: Amayra: for being well behaved and inquisitive on our trip to Dartmoor Zoo.

Allan Ahlberg: Johan for supporting the adults in KS1 with translating for our new children who speak Malayalam.

Simon James: Archie - For acting upon the help he has been given and showing a positive learning attitude.

Judith Kerr: Aston and Louis for both blowing us away with their fantastic writing this week! Well done, boys!

David Walliams: Grace - For achieving a huge score of 20 in her science assessment. Well done Grace!

Cressida Cowell: Tno- For producing a brilliant warning tale in her writing this week. Everything we have taught you so far in English was included!

Roald Dahl: Hasviithaa for wowing us with her continual focus on her next challenge.

Louis Sachar: Yuhan - Determination to succeed means that she is making great progress. When she makes errors, she wants to know how she can improve.

Emma Carroll: Harvey - For excellent work with his reading comprehension.

Malorie Blackman: Lena - for some fabulous writing in English for the balanced argument topic.



Gospel Values Awards:

This week we have all been trying to show **Thankfulness**

Julia Donaldson: Jax for always using his manners and being grateful for all opportunities given to him.

Allan Ahlberg: Leo- for always being grateful for the help he gets in class, and having amazing manners all the time.

Simon James: Ethan - For having lovely manners and being thankful for support given



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Judith Kerr: Minaal- For always showing gratitude to everyone in our class and using wonderful manners at all times.

David Walliams: Ismail - For always being so grateful for every opportunity and being so incredibly polite.

Cressida Cowell: Joy- For always being grateful and taking every opportunity given to her.

Roald Dahl: Julia - for being a fantastic role model to others in the classroom and beyond.

Louis Sachar: Ezekiel - Perfect manners all of the time - a great role model.

Emma Carroll: Ruby - For always being polite and courteous to all children and adults.

Malorie Blackman: Jacob - for showing gratitude and being well mannered.

Top Table Awards



Simon James: Sebastian for playing nicely with his friends.

Judith Kerr: Lullah for always having a clean plate!

Allan Ahlberg: Charlie for being so well-behaved and calm in the dinner hall.

David Walliams: Sunny for his gentle play and polite manners.

Cressida Cowell: Maisie for always eating her lunch calmly and sensibly.

Roald Dahl: Millie for being a wonderful role model for other children.

Louis Sachar: Holly for her beautiful smile!

Emma Carroll: Tillie for her beautiful manners and excellent behaviour.

Malorie Blackman: Emily for being a good friend to others!

Celebrating Writing

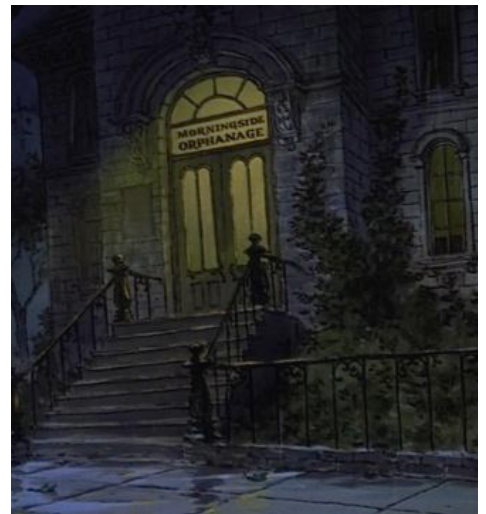
This week Louis Sachar has completed some incredible writing.

Here are two of the many fantastic stories for your reading pleasure. A copy of all of their stories will be sent home for parents to enjoy and all of the stories will be added to a class book - a book for sharing.

Ghost?

The illumination of the stars was glistening more than ever before tonight; the shimmering celestial objects stood out against the ebony darkness. "I wish I was like that - not having a care in the world about what others think, being fearless..." Arisa softly muttered to herself, still staring above - clearly distracted. Just then, she heard a rustle coming from beside her. It was her steam - filled meal from McDanny's. She closed her corroded van door and glanced at her acquaintance: Rei. They shared a similar expression on their faces - joy and exhaustion at the same time. Both of them were weary after their long shift of exploring an abandoned orphanage all day, searching for an unknown ghost.

At that moment, Rei suddenly received a phone call from the S.Ghost agency. The agency they were employed at. Why were they calling at this hour? Hesitantly, she picked up the call.



Two hours later, they arrived at their destination. Neither of them wanted to be standing on the soil of Lecrose Valley. The main building was falling apart: rickety unsturdy walls, chunks of what looked like slate from the roof scattered around, and shattered pieces of glass from rustic windows covered the perimeter of the place. As they approached, the deserted residence seemed to grow taller and taller until they reached the so-called 'door'. The 'door' seemed to be filled with an unusual clay mixture, and the foliage had long claimed the wall as its home.

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Arisa and Rei crept around the back of the building - cautiously avoiding the chips of glass on their path.

They eventually reached a sizeable window to sneak into. It was heavily cobwebbed and practically infested with arachnids, but it was most likely their best option. Arisa glared inside and nudged Rei to join in. Neither of the two said a word. They just stood there and gazed. A small coloured light flickered, coming from upstairs. It moved around out of sight like a flashlight. A low machine-like sound came buzzing from the attic. Then it all stopped. The girls stared at each other with the same thought - a spaceship?

Arisa lunged for her torch and shone it inside.

Nothing.

Nothing at all. Only four long walls and a rugged floor, partially convincing them that it was safe. They threw their gear over, leaving their torches in hand. Arisa was feeling reluctant about the idea of going in, but when she looked back at Rei, she could only see her distinctive hand waving at her from inside.

With no other choice, Arisa climbed through the frame and fell on the building's floor. "Ow!"

The lights came on again. The sounds came on again. More multicoloured lights and an even louder sound. Fear struck.

They ran towards the stairs. Curiosity had gotten the best of them. Both Arisa and Rei were making questionable decisions: they took a step up the half-missing staircase, then another step, then another. Eventually, they could just make out a strange, oblong shape exit the glowing machine - and an upbeat, echoing song came from all directions.

5 hours later, Rei awoke, lying on a torn couch. She didn't know how she got here, or where she even was. She just knew that she had to leave immediately and get home. Dazed, Rei stared at the wooden planks that made up the ceiling.

"Cheeseburger...Mm..." muttered a voice from behind her.

She turned her head and remembered that her and Arisa were investigating a 'ghost' - however, it ended up being a spaceship. The doors began to open and...

She paused. What had happened after the doors had opened?

Rei looked back at Arisa - who was supposedly dreaming about cheeseburgers - and poked her in the shoulder. Arisa jolted up, which caused a small twig in her pocket to slip out.



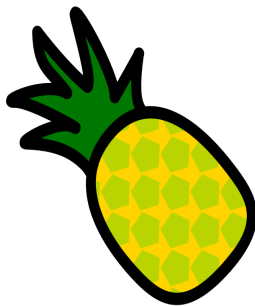
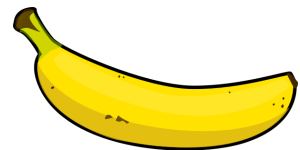
A twig with a single green spot on it. Rei watched her twirl it around in the air - when another green spot appeared. Then another.
After what had already happened tonight, neither of them were curious to know what it meant.

Written by Karolina Kolodziejczyk :)

Pineapples and bananas...

Parrots screamed, as monkeys chattered and water drops slid off the glamorous leaves. It was peaceful as Rick and Ashley were packing. **"Hurry up!"** mumbled Rick.

They saw leaves blowing frantically, but there was no wind? It was sunny and Rick wanted to take a picture for Instagram, but their phone was dead. "Put your phone away now. It isn't the best time," barked Ashley. "No it's dead." moaned Rick. Ashley sighed.



Rick and Ashley's view was horrible. It was like they were blind. Suddenly they saw a golden boomerang shaped like a banana? They were confused until a little tree fell onto their head!!!!

It was 24 hours later and for some reason Rick was in a tree and Ashley was in a hole that was like the void. "W-w-w-what happened?" said Rick. "I don't know, but I blame you," said Ashley. Rick laughed with a little cough at the end.

They went to go and tell the police, but no one believed them. The police just called them time wasters and let them get on with the rest of their holiday
But then Rick found a glowing banana in his pocket. Ashley had a glowing pineapple in his bag. What is this he said? "Rick, I don't know. Who do you think I am - Albert Einstein," mumbled Ashley. They wanted to know more...

By Marcus Angol

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The Box

This week Roald Dahl class visited The Box looking at artefacts from Ancient Egypt. As historians, we examine artefacts to tell us what life was like in the past. Artefacts give us all sorts of information including what types of foods were eaten, what types of clothing were worn, and even what types of houses people lived in.



Thank you to Miss Goddard who arranged the visit for us and for the parents who helped support us.

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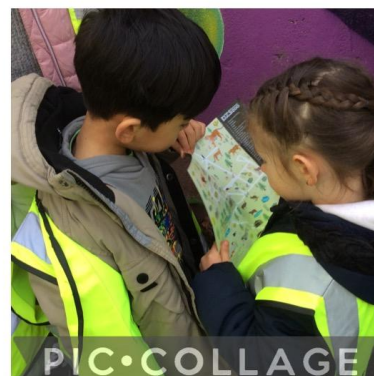


Dartmoor Zoo

Julia Donaldson class had a fantastic trip to the zoo! We explored different minibeasts and loved seeing lots of different animals. Our favourites were the baby capybaras and otters! We are so proud of how the children behaved; they were a real credit to the school. Well done Julia Donaldson class.



Dartmoor Zoo



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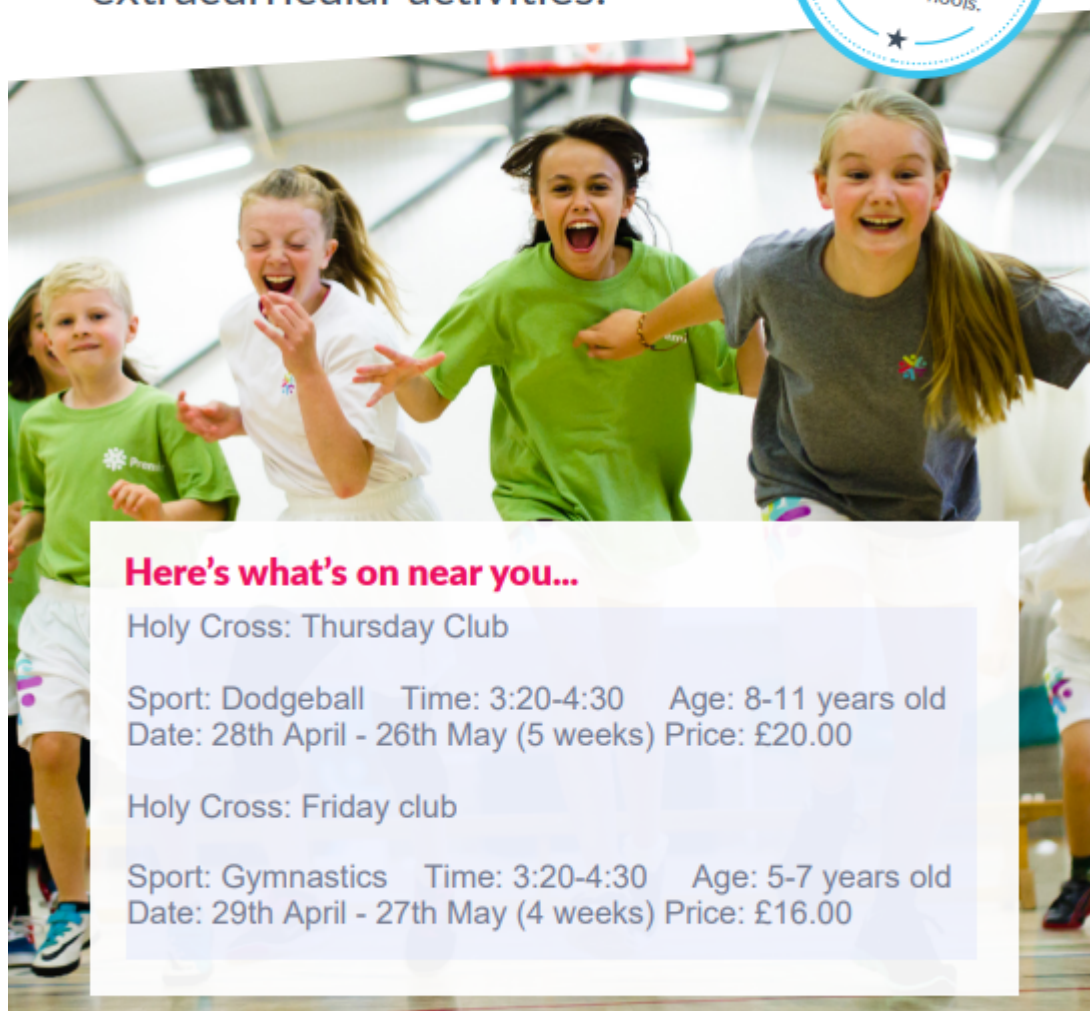
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You are invited...

to Premier Education's
extracurricular activities!



Here's what's on near you...

Holy Cross: Thursday Club

Sport: Dodgeball Time: 3:20-4:30 Age: 8-11 years old
Date: 28th April - 26th May (5 weeks) Price: £20.00

Holy Cross: Friday club

Sport: Gymnastics Time: 3:20-4:30 Age: 5-7 years old
Date: 29th April - 27th May (4 weeks) Price: £16.00

To discover the activities available and to book today, visit
premier-education.com

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Extra Curricular after school opportunity

A message from Plymouth Argyle Community Trust. Youth Cricket provision this upcoming summer :

All Stars for children between 5-8 years old + Dynamos Cricket Manadon Sports and Community Hub on Tuesday's with the following times and dates:

All Stars (5-8 year olds) : 10th May – 28th June (8 weeks - £40) 5pm-6pm with 32 spaces – Booking link below:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/27ffd867-db28-4935-9fc-c-e8f20322b801>

Dynamos (8-11 year olds): 10th May – 28th June (8 weeks - £40) 6pm-7pm with 32 spaces – Booking link below:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/bc4e4da9-5b95-4dba-a5e4-37f9da352f9f>

Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis but each programme will come with cricket specific benefits which are listed in the above links.

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KS1 Lunchtimes



It was lovely to see Mrs Boghian playing with the children at lunchtime this week. They were all having great fun playing Duck, Duck, Goose!

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Next term we are hoping to be able to hold two discos, one for EYFS and KS1 and one for KS2. Such events can only happen with the support of our parents. If you feel you would be able to volunteer, to set-up, support the children during the disco or to clear up afterwards you would be most welcome. All our volunteers would need to have a current DBS which we can arrange through the school office. Please contact Miss Buscombe via email sbuscombe@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk or Justine or Andrew on hc.ptfa@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer

Volunteers Needed!



We are now able to have volunteers back in school to support the children. If you feel that you have some time and you would like to volunteer to support in class, hear children read, accompany the children on school trips or support with events such as school discos we would love to hear from you. As our volunteers haven't been in school for a while, all volunteers would need to have a new DBS check which we can arrange. If you would like to know more please contact me via dojo or email on sbuscombe@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk

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After School Clubs

Summer Term 2022

	Club and Timings	Staff
Monday	Spanish-KS1 3.15-3.45pm https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-plymouth-2/	Kidslingo
	Y5/6 Tag Rugby 3:15-4:15pm (max 16)	Mr. Boyle
Tuesday	KS1 Book Club- 12.20-12.40 (by invitation)	Miss Buscombe and Mrs. Gill
	Holy Communion Preparation-enrolled children 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Buscombe and Mrs. Kirk
Wednesday	Choir- open to all- 3.15-4.15pm (Hall)	Mrs. Shaw and Miss Buscombe
	Engineering- Y3/4 (18 places)	Mr. Bromhead and Mrs. Thompson
	Football-EYFS and KS1- 3.15-4.15pm https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/school-clubs/plymouth-asc/	Plymouth Argyle
	Art Club- EYFS (Maximum 15)- up to half term	Miss Chafer
	Hockey- Y5/6- MUGA	Mr Boyle and Mr. Fitzsimons
	Basketball- Y5/6 To begin 8th June	Mr. Bowles

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Thursday	<p>Spanish-KS2 3.15-3.45pm https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-plymouth-2/</p> <p>Irish Dancing- (Hall) 3.30-4.30pm https://www.irishdancecornwall.co.uk/ To book Email: flanagansschool@hotmail.com</p> <p>Dodgeball-Y4, 5 and 6 3.15-4.15pm https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2555/?school=Holy%20Cross</p>	<p>Kidslingo</p> <p>Flanagan's Dance School</p> <p>Premier Education</p>
Friday	<p>Football- KS2 3.15-4.15pm- back playground https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/school-clubs/plymouth-asc/</p> <p>Gymnastics- Yr 1, 2 and 3 3.15-4.15pm-Hall https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2555/?school=Holy%20Cross</p>	<p>Plymouth Argyle</p> <p>Premier Education</p>

Clubs will begin the week beginning 2nd May. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many school staff and parents who are giving their time freely to provide these additional activities for the children. A letter for consent was emailed to all parents; should you need a paper copy please ask the school office or class teacher.

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After Easter, from Thursday 28th April there will be a drop in session for parents every Thursday morning from 9.00-10.00 in the hall to speak to Miss Buscombe, our SENCO and/or Helen Newton our PSA. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions or concerns about the individual needs of your child or family. They are always available via dojo and email throughout the week. Tea/Coffee will be available, if you would like the opportunity to chat and/or meet with other parents.



The Uniform Store Plymouth is a free service for families to kit out their children for school. Through donations of good quality school uniforms, we give these items out to those in need, free of charge – no referral is needed.

We run a pop-up shop in Plymouth City Centre throughout the school summer holidays, and a Click and Collect service that runs throughout the year, where parents/carers can order the uniform that they need for their children and collect it from our collection point.

To place an order for school uniforms, families should [use our website](#).

Our collection point is at Redeemer Church, St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN.

For more information, please email hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co

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COVID19 Information from 1st April 2022

Specific Guidance for Schools regarding COVID 19 has now been withdrawn. Guidance has now been issued by UKSHA for Respiratory infections, including coronavirus (COVID-19)

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a [high temperature](#) should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for **3 days after the day they took the test**. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.

Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

In the event of an outbreak, we will implement measures in line with DFE/PHE advice which may include the re-introduction of face coverings or other restrictions as advised. Should we need to re-introduce these measures, I will inform you. We will no longer inform you of positive cases.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

Please ring or email the office at holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk to book places one week in advance. We cannot take bookings on the day.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am and **children need to be in by 8am**. Arrivals after this time will not be admitted.

After School Club finishes at **6pm. (Early finish of 5pm on 8th April 2022)**

Please ring **07398477727** when dropping off and picking up.

Drop off and collection to Breakfast Club/After School Club is at the main red doors to the church.

Have a lovely Easter!