



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Despite being shorter week by one day, it was no less busy than a normal one! It was lovely to once again send children off-site as school trips are now permitted. A group of children from Philip Pullman Class had a wonderful opportunity to experience a sailing ship as part of the Mayflower 400 celebrations, taking place later than first planned due to the pandemic. Thankfully, all were delivered safely back to their parents at the end of the day! We hope that the situation continues to improve so that we can offer the children further enriching opportunities as the summer term progresses.

We were also pleased with the success of our parent-teacher meetings despite the fact that once again these had to take place remotely. We hope that the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher was beneficial and that there weren't too many technical hitches. If you didn't manage to book an appointment, please send a Dojo message to your child's teacher and they will make sure to contact you and to find a suitable day and time to get in touch.

The week ended with a wonderful celebration of maths and the children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 participated in a range of activities, applying their mathematical skills and developing their understanding of 'Financial capability' an important aspect of our PSHE curriculum. Thank you for supporting the NSPCC and for 'Dressing up for Digits'.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Summer term 1
Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May

Mission Week
Friday 21st May – 28th May
Pentecost Sunday
(The Church's birthday)
Sunday 23rd May

Half term
Saturday 29th May - Sunday 6th June

NSPCC Childhood Day
11th June

First Holy Communion
Sunday 27th June 2021

Summer Term 2
Monday 7th June – INSET day
Tuesday 8th June – Thursday 22nd July

Y6 Residential
28th-30th June
To be confirmed

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ANY COVID RELATED COMMUNICATIONS (POSITIVE RESULTS OF TESTS): covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk



Our Catholic Life – Be Friends

Jesus tells us just how much he loves us. God the Father loves Jesus very much. Jesus says he loves each one of us just as much as that. Jesus asks us to do just one thing: to love other people. Real love can hurt us. Jesus showed us what real love is when he died on the cross. Our job is to do what Jesus did and to love everyone we meet. Putting other people before ourselves is not always easy but we know that our friend, Jesus, will always help us.



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Let us Pray

Thank you Jesus for choosing me to be your friend.
Help me to be a good friend to the people I meet. **Amen**

We pray for Mrs King who has lost a beloved sister. May God bring comfort to her and to her family may the Holy Spirit bring them courage. **Amen**

Wonders of the Week

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



Julia Donaldson: Kitty for being very brave and retelling her innovated storymap in front of the class.

Allan Ahlberg: Luna for trying hard to be absorbed in her learning and listen carefully to others.

Roger Hargreaves: Marina for showing a wonderful attitude to learning and trying her very best in all that she does. Marina is a great role model to her peers.

Eric Carle: Archie for fantastic effort in maths and listening carefully during lessons.

Michael Morpurgo: Eddie for his great attitude towards his learning and for writing an effective persuasive article this week.

Quentin Blake: Esme for always being a fantastic role model to her friends and for always extending her own learning.

Roald Dahl: Anne for an outstanding attitude towards her learning, always trying to improve; this shows in her progress!

Philip Pullman: Tiago for his great enthusiasm to enjoy the day and help others on our school trip.

Emma Carroll: Joshua L for his fantastic use of magpied words and ideas to improve his writing.

J K Rowling: Abigail for trying hard to be focused in her lessons and for working hard to add lots of detail and description to her writing using figurative language.



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Gospel Values Awards: This week we have all been trying to show kindness.



Next week we will be looking out for behaviour that shows **INTEGRITY**.



Julia Donaldson: Ianis for showing kindness to his peers and sharing activities during choosing time.

Allan Ahlberg: Abby for always being kind and helpful to her friends and showing understanding to others.

Roger Hargreaves: Carter for showing such kindness and patience towards others in the class, particularly when using the chrome books this week.

Eric Carle: Lizzie for always showing kindness in school to her friends and donating her hair to a children's cancer charity. Well done, Lizzie!

Michael Morpurgo: Dominik P for always trying to help others both in and out of the classroom.

Quentin Blake: Harry for always being a supportive friend and demonstrating kindness to all.

Roald Dahl: Olivia: A model example of our Gospel Value of kindness - she always looks out for others, will help and support her peers in their learning, puts others before herself and has a kind word to say about everyone she meets.

Philip Pullman: Alex McK for showing kindness through allowing others the opportunities ahead of himself whilst on our school trip this week.

Emma Carroll: Emily W for all of her small actions to help and support everyone in class, which makes a big difference.

JK Rowling: Zuzanna for being a kind and supportive peer in classroom tasks and when in the playground.

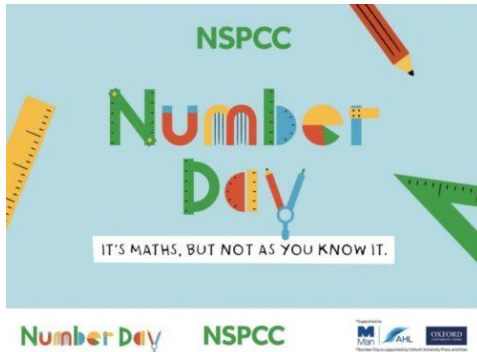


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NUMBER DAY 2021



On Friday 7th May we had a fun day of maths activities celebrated this special day by **dressing up for digits**.

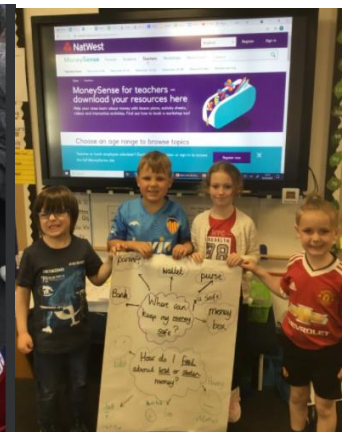
Not only did we celebrate our maths learning, but we brought our mission to life as we reached out to support the NSPCC so that they can support the thousands of children who need their help. By helping others, God can do His work through us!

'I want to be the very best I can be so I can do what God wants me to do; I want to be the very best I can be so God can do His work through me.'

Julia Donaldson Class had fun learning about money and engaged enthusiastically in their maths learning both indoors and outdoors.



Allan Ahlberg Class Today AA class immersed themselves in the wonderful world of number, to support the NSPCC! When they arrived the children had the task of finding different ways to find the age of Miss Warren, Miss Taberner and their own age! The children each brought in coins from home and together they created a 'Ring of Friendship'. They then used some of the coins to show different ways to make £1, 50p, 20p and 10p. We also applied our learning about money to the subject 'How to keep money safe.' In the afternoon, the children completed dot to dot activities, colour by number, participated in a number quiz, danced to some number songs and took part in lots of fun online games!





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Agents of Change – Eco Warriors

This week we launched our brand new Eco Warrior group. We are keen to develop pupil voice at Holy Cross and to give children as many opportunities as possible to use their voices and to make a difference to the lives of others. Initially, this may be through small actions and initiatives but as they grow in confidence, we hope that they will embrace bigger challenges and become agents of change, making the world a better place. This is central to our vision and mission at Holy Cross and we are delighted with the enthusiasm and creativity shown by our newest pupil group this week. They are passionate about their role in making a change locally and globally. Soon, they should receive their very special Eco Warrior badges

Holy Cross – A Living Community

The mission of Holy Cross calls us to follow in Jesus' footsteps so that we meet God in each other. Through worship and by praying together, we share the load and carry one another along. Through service to one another, with forgiveness and tolerance, we form one family.

This week, a little girl at Holy Cross brought this mission to life. She put the needs of others before her own. She made a sacrifice so that others could be better off. She thought about the challenges faced by those who are ill and wanted to do something to help. Lizzie had all her hair cut off in order to support a children's cancer charity. We are very proud of you Lizzie!



Ship Ahoy!!

Children in Philip Pullman class had the opportunity to go sailing on Thursday in Plymouth Sound, as part of the belated Mayflower 400 celebrations. Mr Shaw and Mrs Haines accompanied the children and kept them all safe! They experienced crew work, hoisting sails and using the helm to steer on board the Island Trust boats: Johanna Lucrieta and Pegasus. The children listened carefully to the safety briefings and worked together as a team, following the instructions of the first mate and his crew. The children were a credit to the school and as always represented Holy Cross beautifully. Well done to them all!





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Win £5,000 for your school

Fill the library with new books!

A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.

Our big prize draw is back, giving you the chance to win £5,000/€5,000 of National Book Tokens for your school's library – and if your entry is picked, you'll also get £100/€120 of National Book Tokens to spend on yourself!

Find out about other previous winners, and enter this year's competition, below. The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term.



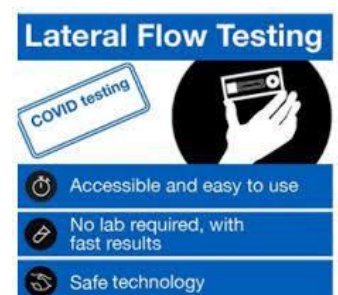
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https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=schools-prize&utm_campaign=20210506_schools

COVID19 Important Testing Reminder

As Lateral Flow Testing continues in schools and homes, could we remind you report any positive results to covid@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk or to **ring the school office immediately**, with self-isolation taking place until a confirmatory test result is received. Whilst awaiting the result, we would have to send home affected bubble(s) and report to Plymouth City Council as well as Plymouth CAST.

If the PCR comes back negative, we can then invite the bubble(s) back to school.



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Any positive PCR tests should also be shared with us along with the date of the positive test.

Please remember that if an individual (child or adult) has any of the COVID19 symptoms a PCR test should be booked straight away. Use this link to book: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. You should not take a



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Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test if you are symptomatic even if LFD testing is part of your routine. **LFD tests are for people who are asymptomatic** – i.e. not showing any symptoms. If you are not sure whether you have one or more of the symptoms then book a **PCR** test.

Please note that this applies to anyone in your household as well.

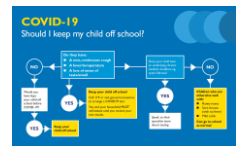
For further information on testing go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

If your child presents with a new continuous cough, a fever or is experiencing any loss of or change in their taste/smell, please do not send them to school.

If your child presents with any of these symptoms while at school, we will call you immediately. You should have your child tested and the whole household should self-isolate until you get the result.

Further action will depend on the result of the test.



Breakfast Club/After School Club

20 places available at Breakfast and After School Club.

Please ring to book places one week in advance. Staff will be allocated to particular bubbles for the week ahead so that we can follow the track and trace guidelines effectively. 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.**

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 weekend!