



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 6 Residential was a huge success and the children (and staff) had a fantastic week on Dartmoor. Even the weather was good to them! They took part in a range of fun activities including mountain biking, orienteering, archery, climbing (and abseiling/scrambling), forest rambles and team games. On their first night, they even climbed a tor. Despite all their physical exertion however, they still had lots of energy left for evening activities before falling into bed exhausted (the adults that is!). I want to say a huge thank you to Mr Boyle, Mr Bowles, Mrs Kirk and Mrs Stevenson for taking the children on this amazing trip. They gave up hours of their free time and looked after the children so brilliantly. Trips like this don't happen without lots of goodwill from staff and luckily, here at Holy Cross, we have bucketfuls!

Year 4 have one more week of swimming and are doing extremely well in their sessions.

I would like to make special mention of Rosaleen in Year 4 who performed an amazing selfless act by donating 13 inches of her beautiful hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity who make wigs for children with cancer. She is a true Agent of Change and an inspiration to us all!

Well done Rosaleen and your new hair style is so chic!



Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



**Every Thursday 9am**  
Drop-in

**27th June-15th July**  
Year 4 Swimming

**11th and 12th July**  
Year 3/4 field trip to  
Dartmoor

**18th and 19th July**  
Year 6 Performance  
2pm and 6.30pm

**19th July 10am**  
CAST Leavers' Mass for Y6  
children

**20th July 9.15- 11.30am**  
Year 6 Leavers' Mass at  
Holy Cross followed by  
refreshments



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### *Our Catholic Life*

*In the Gospel this week we hear about the parable of 'The Good Samaritan'. Parables give us a message and Jesus uses this Scripture passage to explain what it means to love our neighbour. A man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho is attacked, robbed and left for dead. A priest and a religious lawyer come along and both ignore him. Then a Samaritan, a distrusted foreigner, comes along. It is the Samaritan who is moved to help the man, taking him to safety and paying for his care. If we love Jesus, we must be a neighbour to anyone in need, just like the good Samaritan.*

*Dear Jesus,*

Dear Jesus,

Please help me to be like the good Samaritan.

Help me to be kind to everyone, especially those who feel ignored or don't think deserve our help

Amen

**Action: Find ways to show kindness and help this week**

### *Wonders of the Week*

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

**Julia Donaldson: Angel-Mae** - for becoming more independent and showing curiosity in her learning.

**Allan Ahlberg: Joanne** - for settling into Holy Cross really well and making great friends.

**Simon James: Finch** - For showing phenomenal independence and perseverance with her learning. She always wants her learning to be the best it can be.

**Judith Kerr: Fahad** - For always being focused, doing the right thing and showing resilience in all areas of learning. Well done!

**David Walliams: Sonny** - For being Mr Consistent! Independent, polite, kind and hard-working - always!

**Cressida Cowell: Joy** - For being an all round superstar. She takes on every opportunity and always has a smile on her face.

**Roald Dahl: Lincoln** working hard to complete his tasks every day.

**Louis Sachar: David** - For being calm and patient with adults and classmates in a strange situation.

**Emma Carroll: Julia** - For persevering with angles in Maths

**Malorie Blackman: Caylum** - For showing great focus and concentration in his learning.





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### ***Gospel Values Awards:***

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

**Julia Donaldson: Murphy** - for having the courage to persevere with his learning and keep on trying.

**Allan Ahlberg: Chimdal** - for having courage to share his ideas in maths.

**Simon James: Ethan** - For showing so much courage with his learning and being braver with his answers

**Judith Kerr: Marina** - For demonstrating the ability to not give up, even when things are tough!

**David Walliams: Luna** - For showing courage in working without a partner all week. You have been so brave with your independence!

**Cressida Cowell: Ania** - For having the courage to speak up when things have been tough.

**Roald Dahl: Bonnie** - For demonstrating the ability to not give up, even when things are tough!

**Louis Sachar: Marcus** - For being a kind and caring friend and showing courage by standing up for others.

**Emma Carroll: Hollie H** - for showing courage in her learning when things get tricky

**Malorie Blackman: Euri** - For showing courage and perseverance in his learning.

### **Top Table Awards**



**Julia Donaldson: Iris** for always eating her lunch and having such wonderful table manners

**Allan Ahlberg: Joanne** for trying different foods. Well done!

**Simon James: Treh** for being such a good friend in the playground

**Judith Kerr: Jefrin** for having such kind manners and playing well in the playground

**David Walliams: Methuli and Daniel** for having such wonderful manners, always saying please and thank you

**Cressida Cowell: Joy** for always being polite and kind

**Roald Dahl: Wiktor** for showing such wonderful manners in the hall

**Louis Sachar: Leo** for playing so well in the playground with his peers

**Emma Carroll: Elsie** for always being so polite

**Malorie Blackman: Iris** for such wonderful behaviour, a great role-model!



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The following children have achieved the next level of Numbots, increasing their fluency of recall of number facts

**Fahad Alanazi-Aluminium**  
**Charli Smyth- Steel**  
**Sophia Cooke- Iron**

In TTRockstars the accuracy of the recall of times tables facts is just as important as the speed of response.

A rock hero is able to answer questions in 1 second (60+ questions a minute) and a rock legend is able to answer questions in 2 seconds (30+ questions a minute). A rock star is able to answer a question in 3 seconds (20+ questions a minute). These children achieved the status this week

**Joy Leboea- Rock Hero**



**In KS2 we use a programme called Accelerated Reader and when we have read a book we take a quiz to check our understanding.**

### Words read this week

Class	Words Read
Cressida Cowell	136,893
David Walliams	55,505
Roald Dahl	60,709



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Emma Carroll	274,046
Louis Sachar	174,245
Malorie Blackman	119,895

## EXTENDED LEARNING PROJECT

Well done to all those children who have completed an extended learning project this term. We have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about everything you have been doing and can't wait to see it all.

On Friday 15th, we would like you to bring your learning into school for us all to share and celebrate!

Parents, carers and friends are invited to view the extended learning projects on **Friday 15th July at 2:45pm**.  
Please sign in at the red church doors.



## Year 6 Events



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**18th and 19th July:** Performance - There will be an afternoon show at 2pm and an evening show at 6.30pm on both days. Each child will have two tickets for each show. Please complete the following google form to reserve the tickets you require <https://forms.gle/3TmVLPct3ND6ciRB6>

We will send out the number of tickets that you have requested. **Entry will be by ticket only**

**19th July:** Plymouth CAST Leavers' Mass at Cathedral (10am). This is a diocesan event for schools only - at present there is no plan for parents to attend as there will be children from all six primaries.

**20th July:** Holy Cross Leavers' Mass at 9.15am followed by refreshments. Each child will have two tickets. Please complete the google form if you have not already done so. We will send out tickets to those who have requested them <https://forms.gle/5v3cY6vtNBjGDEke7>

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### **Breakfast Club/After School Club**

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

**I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and for the flurry of email reminders but the school is owed a significant amount of money. DFE money cannot be used to subsidise Breakfast/After School Club and the school cannot cover these costs within its budget.**

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.

*Have a lovely weekend*