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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for making sure your children had hats and water bottles this week! We have tried to cool the school down by opening windows and placing cooling fans around the building but it has been very warm! Next week promises to be just as warm at least at the start of the week, so please continue to apply sunscreen before sending your child into school and continue to send in hats and water bottles.

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful Dartmoor experience this week and not surprisingly, were a credit to themselves, their teachers, Holy Cross and to you. They were able to apply their in-class learning to their fieldwork in the most beautiful part of the country! Thank you to the team for arranging this for the children. Y1 and 2 Pizza and Poetry was another wonderful event and we were delighted to see so many families at the event.

All reports have been sent out and I hope you are all justifiably proud of your children and of how hard they have worked this year. We are proud of all our children but I would like to make special mention of our Year 6 group who have attained significantly higher than other schools nationally (based on provisional data). Our Year 4 Multiplication Check outcomes were very strong also and will ensure that those children are ready to make strong progress as they move into Upper Key Stage 2. To do so well, following the disruption of the past two years, is a huge accomplishment. These outcomes were the result of hard work, perseverance and the determination of our children to **'be the very best they can be so they can do what God wants them to do'**. It is also thanks to you for supporting them, encouraging them and having dreams and aspirations for them. Not least, it is thanks to the hard work, commitment and dedication of the teaching team both in Y5/6 and throughout the school for nurturing and supporting each of them throughout their learning here at Holy Cross.

It isn't all about academic attainment however; we are extremely proud of our Year 6 children and the young people they have become. Next week is all about celebrating them and their achievements and wishing them well on the next stage of their journey. We are proud to have known each one of them!

Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



**Every Thursday 9am**  
Drop-in

**18th 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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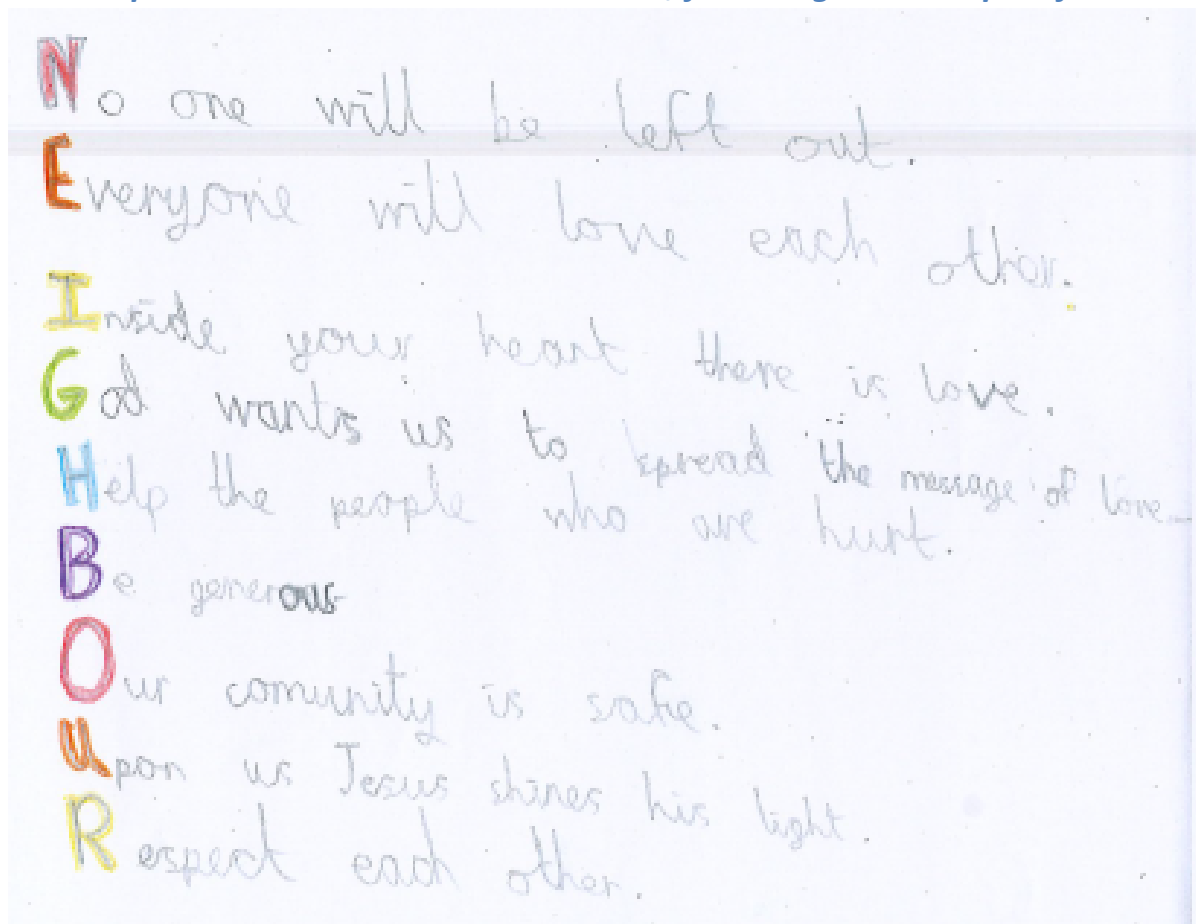
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### *Our Catholic Life*

*In the Gospel this week we hear about Martha and Mary who are great friends of Jesus. Mary sits at Jesus' feet listening to all he has to say. Martha is kept really busy getting tea ready. It doesn't seem fair to Martha that Mary isn't helping and she asks Jesus why he doesn't seem to care. Jesus wants Martha to slow down and not worry. Taking time to sit and be still, thinking about what's important is a really good thing to do.*

*In our RE work across the school we are focusing on the universal Church and how we can consider the needs of our global family. Quinton in Year 2 wrote a wonderful acrostic poem to show us all how to do this, following the example of Jesus.*



*Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for my busy life.  
help me to keep a good balance between doing things  
and finding some quiet  
Amen*



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### Wonders of the Week

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

**Julia Donaldson: Nathan** - for becoming more confident in his learning and being very creative.

**Allan Ahlberg: Gabriela**- for being a conscientious learner who applies themselves across the whole curriculum.

**Simon James: Kesiena** - For wonderful resilience this week, not just in his learning and feedback, but in how he responds to others.

**Judith Kerr: Quinton** - for his love of learning and amazing reflections during RE making links to how we can all be good neighbours, in the way that Jesus taught us.

**David Walliams: Abby** - for being such a confident, curious and respectful member of our school who represented Holy Cross so well during the LKS2 Dartmoor trip.

**Cressida Cowell: Eva**- For her independence and determination to take every opportunity and for always having a smile on her face!

**Roald Dahl: Ewan** for being an independent learner: solving problems and focusing on his targets.

**Louis Sachar: Joshua L** - Wow is an understatement - the way he has applied himself to our leavers production is amazing. He has led from the front and shown everyone else the standard to aim for.

**Emma Carroll: Tristan** - for really pushing himself to hit 1 million words read by the end of term.

**Malorie Blackman: Gabriel** - for working hard and managing changes to the timetable and routine very well.



### Gospel Values Awards:

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

**Julia Donaldson: Bartosz** - for growing in confidence and joining in group discussions.

**Allan Ahlberg: Hanna**- for growing in confidence to be able to help their friends when they need it.

**Simon James: Logan** - For putting lots of effort into growing his confidence in and out of class.

**Judith Kerr: Steven** - for working so hard this week and joining in with group discussions and expressing his own ideas.

**David Walliams: Sam** - for showing such confidence in all he does. He shares his learning with others confidently and represented our school so well on the LKS2 Dartmoor trip.

**Cressida Cowell: Daisy**- For growing in confidence to share her learning with others and not being afraid to seek support when needed.

**Roald Dahl: Riley** for attending our Dartmoor trip this week, showing that he is keen to try new experiences.

**Louis Sachar: Elijah** - not just a great week, but a great year - his self-belief is blossoming.

**Emma Carroll: Julian** - His confidence in the Year 6 production has helped bring the character of Mrs Tickle alive!



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**Malorie Blackman: Preston** - for being patient, kind and helpful to his classmates - a wonderful friend!

## Top Table Awards



**Julia Donaldson: Rosie** for trying hard to be independent

**Allan Ahlberg: Raedan** for always following instructions and doing the right thing

**Simon James: Logan** for always being polite and kind to staff

**Judith Kerr: Ruby** for being very polite and helpful

**David Walliams: Grace** for being such a great role-model with her wonderful behaviour

**Cressida Cowell: George** for following instructions carefully

**Roald Dahl: Mason** for being such a good friend to his class mates

**Louis Sachar: David** for always showing wonderful manners in the hall

**Emma Carroll: Summer** for always smiling and being cheerful to those around her

**Malorie Blackman: Annouska** for always being so polite-what a wonderful role model!



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

**Oli Mitchell- Steel**

**Fahad Alanazi- Kevlar**

**Charli Smyth-Steel**

**Noah Molnar- Brass and Tin**

**Ethan Jinu- Tin**





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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

**Conor Paraskeva- Rock Hero**

**Jaisal Jino- 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	117,127
David Walliams	43,794
Roald Dahl	62,407
Emma Carroll	270,413
Louis Sachar	16,667
Malorie Blackman	162,298



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## **Year 1 and 2 Able Writers Day**

**On Monday Piran, Leena, Loveday and Maria-Iulia spent an inspirational day with the children's author Anne Stairment at Bishop Cornish School. They particularly enjoyed having alpacas as the inspiration for their writing.**



## **School Parliament Debate**

Thank you to our fantastic School Parliament who spoke so eloquently in our Key Stage 2 debate today. Each child had their say and cast their vote. They democratically decided that our next focus will be around the issue of food waste.





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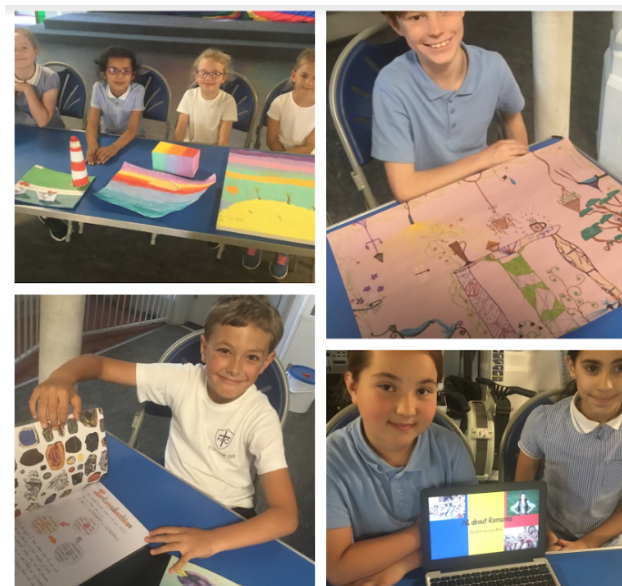
### Year 3 & 4 visited Dartmoor this week!

We completed a fieldwork study, observing the human and physical features of Princetown.  
*"Visiting Princetown has helped me make sense of what we are learning in class. I know Princetown well; I know what it feels like."*



### EXTENDED LEARNING PROJECTS

Well done to all those children who have completed an extended learning project this term. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all your work and learning about your interests and future aspirations.







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### KS1 Poetry and Pizza night

On Tuesday, KS1 held a Poetry and Pizza night. We wanted to celebrate poetry and the enjoyment we can get from reading all the variety of poems that there are. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Austen of the Plymouth Library Service and he read us some of our favourite poems. Then the children had a go at performing their own poems and some of their personal favourites. Thank you to everybody who bought a ticket and came along!





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## Year 6 Events

**18th July:** Performance - There will be an afternoon show at 2pm and an evening show at 6.30pm on both days. 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. We will send out tickets to those who have requested them

***Entry will be by ticket only***

## **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.

**After School Club on Friday 22nd will finish at 5pm**

*Have a lovely weekend.*