



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we launched our Safer Journeys to School Campaign and it has been great to see the impact that this has already had on reducing the number of cars parking on the double yellow lines opposite the school.

On Monday we were joined by Suzanne and Angelique from Plymouth Council's Road Safety Team and Angelique has been of huge support throughout, driving the campaign and supporting us all the way. She even brought Ricky the Road Safety Dog to see us on Wednesday which caused great excitement. Coverage by BBC Spotlight and the Herald has meant that our campaign has had a much wider impact and yesterday, the Deputy Chief Constable dropped by to see how everything was going. Our intrepid Junior Road Safety Officers were back on patrol this week, wearing their brand new hi- vis jackets. They were glad to see a decrease in the numbers of illegally parked cars but will be keeping a close eye over the next few weeks.

Please can I ask that you come and collect a permit if you haven't already done so as this will enable you to park at drop off and pick up times on Hampton Street and Constantine Street. We also have very useful 'Park and Walk' maps to help you find parking at a short distance from school.

Please do not park in White Friars Lane. This is residents parking only and the lane itself is a private road. Even this week I have received angry emails (including photos) about parents parking there as well as a phone call threatening police action following damage to one of the parking bollards. All I can do in these circumstances is advise that damage/illegal parking is reported directly to the police as it is not the school's responsibility to follow up these allegations.

Thank you to all those who are thinking about new places to park and enjoying a short walk back to their cars. I do know that this is a more attractive proposition in fine weather but it is equally important when it rains - and we all know how blessed we are in Plymouth with the rain!

Next week we will be celebrating The Jubilee and the children have been busy with preparations already! Thursday 26th May will be the last day of the term as we are closed on Friday 27th.

Finally Congratulations to My Boyle for his wonderful leadership of PE at Holy Cross and for the fantastic recognition of this by achieving the School Games GOLD AWARD!

Have a great weekend - there is a rumour that the sun will be shining!

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Every Thursday 9am
Drop-in

24th May (5pm)
Residential Meeting for Y6
Parents

25th May
Crowning of Mary Service.
Please bring flowers

26th May
Jubilee Day- **mufti-** red,
white and blue.

27th May
School Closed

27th May
First Reconciliation at
4.30pm

27th to 6th June (incl)
Half term

7th June
Back to school

8th June
Welcome Talk for new EYFS

18th June
First Holy Communion at
12pm



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Our Catholic Life

This Sunday is the 6th Sunday of Easter and in the Gospel we hear that Jesus is giving his friends a special present. Jesus doesn't want us to ever be worried or frightened, so is giving us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will bring us peace and help us to grow in our understanding of Jesus. If we love Jesus we will live as he asks, but there is nothing to worry about: the Holy Spirit will be with us, helping us all the way.

Jesus wants his friends to enjoy his peace. He wants them to be calm, not worry and to share his love with everyone.



We are in the month of May and in this month we particularly think about and honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We will be having a special act of worship where we honour Mary on Wednesday morning. We would like each child to bring in some flowers to present as part of the worship. Thank you for your support with this.

Let us Pray

*Thank you Jesus for sending your Holy Spirit to be with us and help us.
Thank you for sending this friend to guide us as we follow in your footsteps.
Amen*

Action: Try spending a few minutes every day being still and quiet. Relax your muscles and slow your breathing. Enjoy being calm and peaceful.



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Wonders of the Week

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

Julia Donaldson: Dante - for being a resilient learner, always trying his best and being a great role model for his peers.

Allan Ahlberg: Dawson- for amazing resilience when completing his tests this week. We are so proud of you!

Simon James: Frankie - for showing great confidence in his learning this week and never backing down from a challenge in the classroom.

Judith Kerr: Maria- Iulia- For showing creativity through fantastic writing in both English and RE this week. We are so impressed! Well done!

David Walliams: Phoebe - For showing such confidence in her learning - particularly in maths.

Cressida Cowell: Awaab- For being helpful in the hall. It is wonderful to hear such positive behaviour from our MTAs.

Roald Dahl: Laith - for his independently writing a fabulous story this week!

Louis Sachar: Cristian - He is really becoming a writing whizz; producing excellent narratives, biographies and argument texts

Emma Carroll: Marian - Showing huge improvements in his writing this week and really starting to show me how good he is. Well done Marian

Malorie Blackman: Luwan - for showing determination and perseverance with his learning - keep it up!



Gospel Values Awards:

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

Julia Donaldson: Anastasia - for being such a kind and compassionate member of our class

Allan Ahlberg: Kitty- for showing and being able to say why she is showing compassion this week.

Simon James: Amen - For always looking out for others and supporting those who need a friend at times of need.

Judith Kerr: Aston- Aston was chosen for the Gospel Value award by his peers for being a fantastic friend and always showing care for everyone in class.

David Walliams: Gabriela - For always being a helpful and thoughtful member of your class.

Cressida Cowell: Tory- For writing a brilliant reflection on how we can show God's message in our actions.

Roald Dahl: Teddy -for showing compassion to his friends.

Louis Sachar: Jaisal - A much appreciated member of our class who continuously thinks of others.

Emma Carroll: Sarah - Always being a kind and caring member of our class and always thinking of others.

Malorie Blackman: Lena - for being a compassionate member of the class and keeping focused on her learning.



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Top Table Awards



Julia Donaldson: Rosie for always being so quiet and sensible whilst eating her lunch

Allan Ahlberg: Gabriella for being such a good role model to others in the hall

Simon James: Maya for always following the adult instructions and showing such wonderful manners

Judith Kerr: Lund for being such a wonderful friend

David Walliams: Phoebe for showing how confident she can be

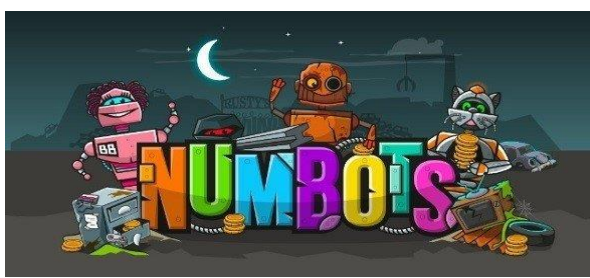
Cressida Cowell: Awaab for helping others without being asked. What amazing humility!

Roald Dahl: Laith for being polite and well-mannered at lunchtime

Louis Sachar: Alex for always being so polite. A wonderful role-model to his peers!

Emma Carroll: Talia for being such fun to be around in the playground

Malorie Blackman: Theresia for being so kind and helpful



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

Ava Taylor- Iron
Charli Smyth-Copper
Ralph Harman-Brass
Bartosz Kolecki-Copper
Aurora Rockley- Iron

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



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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

Tristan Furby- Rock Hero
Faustas Liorancas-Rock Hero
Mahi Mohammed- Rock Legend
Eitan Gaskin-Rock Legend
Julian Darmochal- Rock Legend
Bobby Scarff-Rock Legend
Joseph Bridle- Rock Legend
Ashley John- Rock Legend



In KS2 we use a programme called Accelerated Reader and when we have read a book we take a quiz to check our understanding. The following children have reached a new level.

Words read this week

Class	Words Read
Cressida Cowell	239,716
David Walliams	121,289
Roald Dahl	199,417
Emma Carroll	445,935
Louis Sachar	178,516
Malorie Blackman	378, 785



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SAFER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

Ricky the Road Safety Dog surprised the children at Holy Cross



On Wednesday afternoon, Ricky was at the school busy handing out leaflets as well as being photographed with some of the children. His visit was part of the Safer Journeys to School campaign pilot, launched on Monday

The campaign has generally received very good support from parents and carers throughout the week.

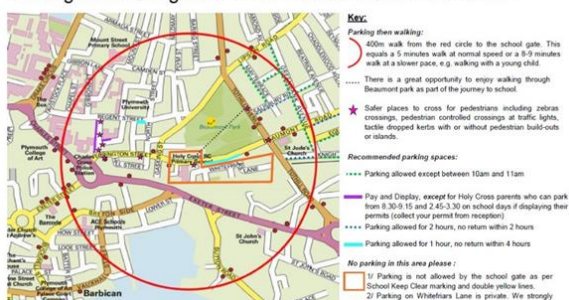
Thank you to all parents and carers who chose to park away from the school gate to allow visibility in this area to be maximised and not block pavements for pedestrians. Please be reminded that **White Friars Lane is a private housing estate and parking is not for the general public.**

If you are still choosing to park close to the school, please remember that parking a bit further away helps to make the area near the school less busy with traffic and therefore safer and more enjoyable for children walking as well as for local residents.

If you are unsure of where else to park safely and legally, please make use of the map below.

We remind parents who have to drive that they can collect a parking permit from reception allowing them to park in the Pay and Display zone on Hampton Street and Constantine Street (at drop off and pick up time only).

Parking and walking within a 400m distance from the school



Ricky and the Road Safety team would like to thank you for your continued support to ensure that everyone at Holy Cross enjoys a Safer Journey to School.

Please click on the links below for some ideas to help teach your children to be safer on the school journey.

[Tales of the Road](#)

[Education resources – THINK!](#)



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Holy Cross Sport



HOLLY CROSS CPS AWARDED THE GOLD MARK



We are delighted to announce that we, HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, have achieved the School Games GOLD Award for the 2021/22 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our physical activity and school sport achievements this year include participating and partaking in a wide number of activities and inter school competition:

KS1 & KS2 Inclusion Football, Yr4 & Y5 Swimming, KS2 Cross Country, Yr5/6 Hockey, KS1 & KS2 Inclusion Boccia, LKS2 MultiSkills, KS2 Inclusion Rowing, Yr5/6 Indoor Athletics, Yr5/6 Indoor rowing coaching, UKS2 Netball, Year 5/6 Indoor rowing festival, RC Cluster Indoor Athletics winners, Plymouth Schools Indoor Athletics finalists, Basketball, KS1 Indoor Athletics, KS1 Change4Life festival, KS2 Change4Life festival, KS2 Inclusion Archery, School Games Tri Golf

After School clubs: Gymnastics, Dodgeball, MultiSkills, Basketball, Football, Indoor Rowing
Whole school OAA Easter egg challenge, UKS2 Virtual rowing challenge to Westminster Cathedral, LKS2 MultiSkills Circuits, LKS2 MultiSkills/Yoga, EYFS Dancethon
Whole School 30 day challenges

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: Staff, children and Parents of Holy Cross





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has achieved the Gold School Games Mark
award for their commitment, engagement
in the School Games for 2021/22.



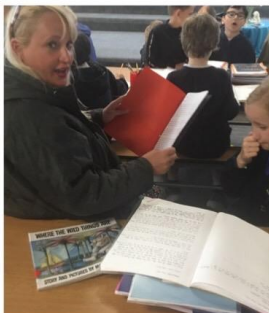
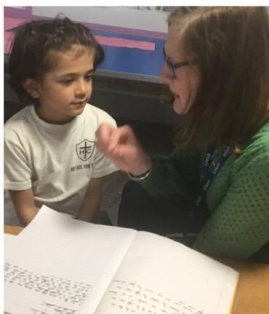


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Celebration of Learning - Year 3 &4



Thank you for taking the time to join us this week to celebrate the fabulous learning of our year 3 and 4 pupils.

The children were thrilled to share their books with you. It was such an honour to hear them all speak so eloquently with you about their learning.

The children at Holy Cross work very hard. We are all so proud of each and every one of them!

We look forward to doing it all again soon!

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Once upon a time in Plymouth....

ONCE UPON a TIME in Plymouth

Tues 21- Fri 24 June 2022

12pm, 1pm, 2pm for adults & 3.40pm, 4.20pm for families

Pop-up Performances

free of charge in city centre, open to all
artemis-storytelling.co.uk/plymouth

Stop by and hear one!

Logos: H! PLYMOUTH OFFICIAL POP TEE BOX VITAL SPARKS ARTEMIS STORYTELLING

Once Upon a Time in Plymouth
devised and performed by Katy Cawkwell

Endurance
The story of Shackleton who left Plymouth for Antarctica on the eve of WW1

Resilience
Plymouth in the Blitz

Emergence
Armada Way was originally to be called Phoenix Way: the legend of this mythical bird

Fri 24 Jun
Frankfort Gate
12pm, 1pm & 2pm aimed at adults

Tue 21 & Thu 23 Jun
Old George St. nr Messenger statue & Theatre Royal

Wed 22 Jun
Outside Crispy's Armada Way
3.40pm & 4.20pm after-school entertainment for families

Detailed schedule of which shows are happening where and when can be found at artemis-storytelling.co.uk/plymouth

Each show lasts approx. 20 mins. Free of charge: just drop in! Look for the gazebo. Limited seating available. Children and dogs must be supervised.

Once Upon a Time in Plymouth is a project funded by Plymouth High Street Sparks. Katy Cawkwell will be performing three specially-devised short shows under a gazebo in three different city centre locations. The shows at 3.40pm and 4.20pm each day are aimed at family audiences.

The shows are called:

Endurance - the story of Shackleton who left Plymouth for Antarctica on the eve of WW1

Resilience - Plymouth in the Blitz

Emergence - Armada Way was originally going to be called Phoenix Way: the legend of this mythical bird

More details here: <https://www.artemis-storytelling.co.uk/plymouth>



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Do you want to support your child to become a confident language learner in YEAR 7?

SEE YOU IN CLASS

Our new tutor NATALIE has developed a course of lessons to transition from **PRIMARY** language learning to **SECONDARY**, giving your child a head start in September.

- 3 hour workshops over 3 weeks
- Consolidates KS2 learning
- Acquire skills for KS3 learning
- Songs, games, story telling and FUN
- Work book provided
- Certificate upon completion

Contact Becky on 07971 906 744 or email beckym@kidslingo.co.uk
www.kidslingo.co.uk

Kidslingo who run our after-school Spanish club have just launched some exciting new workshops for Year 6 students to attend at The Kidslingo Hub during the summer holidays, a transition between Primary and Secondary languages, in order to give them a head start for Year 7. These sessions will take place on 3 consecutive Mondays, each being 3 hours long.

Spaces are limited and all information can be found on the website, under the 'Holiday sessions' section:

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/french-classes-plymouth-2/>

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-plymouth-2/>

After School Clubs - Premier Education

You are invited...

to Premier Education's extracurricular activities!

The UK's No.1 provider of sports & physical activities to primary schools.

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

Holy Cross: Thursday Club

Sport: Archery Time: 3:20-4:30 Age: 8-11 years old
Date: 9th June - 14th July (6 weeks) Price: £24.00

Holy Cross: Friday club

Sport: Multi-Skills Time: 3:20-4:30 Age: 5-7 years old
Date: 10th June - 15th July (6 weeks) Price: £24.00

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



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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.

We will no longer be taking bookings for Breakfast Club/After School Club if payments are outstanding. If you are a regular and payments are outstanding, your session will be cancelled so please check your Parent Pay account.

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.

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

Have a lovely weekend.