



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

# A HUGE to our fantastic Year 6s this week!

They applied themselves 110% to their tests and tried their very best just as their teachers had asked them to do! They focused on what they had to do, reading questions carefully, answering methodically and checking (and double-checking) their responses. We are all very proud of them all and I know their mums and dads are too! They enjoyed a special treat after their final test on Thursday.

Today we welcomed Angelique from the Plymouth Road Safety Team. She spoke to the children in assembly about our SAFER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL campaign so please ask them what it is all about if you haven't heard about it. We have a wonderful group of young volunteers to help us - our Year 4 Junior Road Safety Officers - you may have spotted them at the end of the school day today dotted around the entrance to the school in their hi-vis jackets and clipboards. Today was the first of four traffic surveys that will take place throughout the campaign, measuring the impact of what we are doing to inform parents about how to park safely.

Keep an eye out for signs of our campaign on Monday morning when dropping off your children!

Have a good weekend,

Mrs F Gill  
Headteacher



**May 16th**  
*Walk to School Week  
Safer Journeys to School  
see newsletter*

**May 17th**  
*ASC cancelled due to staff  
training*

**May 18th**  
*Y3/4 Celebration of  
Learning at 2.15pm*

**Every Thursday 9am**  
*Drop-in*

**26th May**  
*Jubilee Day*

**27th May**  
*School Closed*

**22nd June**  
*Sports Day  
details to follow*



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### ***Our Catholic Life***

In the Gospel this week we hear about a new commandment. Sometimes we don't like rules and being told what to do. Part of us finds it difficult when we hear Jesus saying he is giving us a new rule. Maybe it's easier to listen to Jesus' new commandment when we remember that he doesn't just tell us what to do, he shows us. Jesus shows us how real love means putting other people first. We learn by copying Jesus how to follow his new rule of love. The happiness that love brings us will bring us more than make up for the challenge of being given a new rule!

### ***Let us Pray***

*Thank you Jesus for loving me so much.*

*Help me to follow your example and love other people.*

*Amen*

**Action: Show that you are one of Jesus' disciples by being especially kind and loving this week**

### ***Wonders of the Week***

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

**Julia Donaldson: Marley** - for talking about his learning and coming up with new ideas to improve his and his friends' learning.

**Allan Ahlberg: Kitty** - for amazing progress with her independent writing.

**Simon James: Ekkam** - For showing great confidence with his answering and learning. Making a real effort to show everyone in class how much progress he is making.

**Judith Kerr: Quinton** - For always showing such a love for learning and being excited to complete new tasks. We were so impressed by your fact file this week! Well done!

**David Walliams: Sam** - For showing such curiosity in science through asking interesting questions.

**Cressida Cowell: Ania** - For pushing herself to apply for the road safety team and for always being a quietly positive role model to everyone. You are such a super member of our class!

**Roald Dahl: Grace** - for working with determination and resilience to learn her times tables this year. Keep it up Grace!

**Louis Sachar: Louis Sachar** - In what has been a week of tests and working in different classes, the whole class have been amazing and very mature - well done everyone.

**Emma Carroll:** The whole class have been absolutely amazing during a week of upheaval and unrest. The year 6's showed a great attitude to their SATs while the year 5's were very mature moving around the school and working elsewhere during this time.

**Malorie Blackman: Year 6** - for showing perseverance and determination during their SATs.





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### *Gospel Values Awards:*

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

**Julia Donaldson: Jude** - for being kind and caring towards his friends.

**Allan Ahlberg: Eli**- for showing care for all members of the class including adults.

**Simon James: Finch** - For always caring for others, not just in class but around the world. She is always wanting to make our world a better place for future generations.

**Judith Kerr: Louis**- For always quietly showing care and compassion for everyone in our class.

**David Walliams: Lucas** - For sharing his learning and understanding in maths.

**Cressida Cowell: Olivia**- For showing care to her friends and reflecting on how her actions can impact others in a positive way.

**Roald Dahl: Wiktor** - for showing care and concern for his classmates.

**Louis Sachar: Anne** - For being a good friend and classmate: showing her concern and helping where she can.

**Emma Carroll: Joseph** - For helping his friend with day to day tasks while he had his arm in a sling with a broken hand.

**Malorie Blackman: Year 5** - for showing incredible kindness and compassion to their year 6 classmates during a very important week.



### **Top Table Awards**



**Julia Donaldson: Jude** for always showing manners and sitting quietly in the hall

**Allan Ahlberg: Callum** for focusing and eating his lunch quietly before going out into the playground

**Simon James: Ollie** for trying hard to finish his lunch and making such a big effort

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

**David Walliams: Melody** for her wonderful manners at lunchtime

**Cressida Cowell: Ziva** for being so helpful to her peers this week, showing great kindness and empathy

**Roald Dahl: Misma** for always showing such wonderful manners

**Louis Sachar: Leo** for following instructions and quietly growing in confidence

**Emma Carroll: Zakk** for always playing cooperatively with his friends in the playground

**Malorie Blackman: Emily** for always having such a positive attitude to everything



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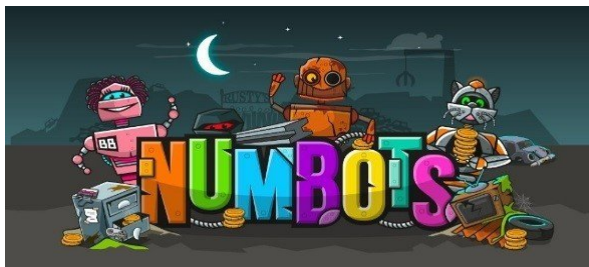
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### Holy Cross Sport



Last Friday saw Bonnie, Grace and Abby take part in a Boccia event at Plympton Academy. 11 teams took part in a round-robin style tournament. The leaders of the event commented on how many happy smiling children there were, and how, through lots of practice, accuracy improved. Well done to all who part and thank you Miss Friend for supporting the children.



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

**Ralph Harman- Tin Level**  
**Fahad Alanazi- Copper level**

The children work hard to receive coins in Numbots whilst also improving their fluency of number facts.

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

Congratulations to  
**David Walliams Class** with 97% accuracy  
**Emma Carroll Class** with an average of 1,964 correct answers per child



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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 Legend**  
**Eitan Gaskin- Rock Legend**  
**Ezekiel Manesh- Rock Legend**  
**Elijah Adesanwo-Rock Legend**  
**Harvey Gilmore- Rock Legend**  
**Tno Rahman- Rock Star**  
**Sonny Cooper- Rock Star**  
**Joshua Laiju-Rock Star**  
**Tiago Svolik Da Costa- Rock Star**  
**Faith Mureza- Rock Star**



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.

**Alexander McKenzie- Ready Reader 5**  
**Joshua Langrishe- Ready Reader 4**  
**Ezekiel Manesh- Ready Reader 3**  
**Garima Baral-Ready Reader 3**  
**Julia Krol- Ready Reader 3**  
**Sadie Ryder- Ready Reader 3**  
**Annouska Faulkner- Ready Reader 2**  
**Stewart Gillard-Pearce- Ready Reader 2**  
**Grace Norsworthy-Ready Reader 2**  
**Katie Thompson- Ready Reader**  
**Rosie Trejnowska-Ready Reader**



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### Words read this week

Well done to Louis Sachar class with the highest number of words read.

Class	Words Read
Cressida Cowell	391,634
David Walliams	114,979
Roald Dahl	408,035
Emma Carroll	309,246
Louis Sachar	372,736
Malorie Blackman	544,549

## SAFER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

As you may be aware, we are launching our new Safer Journeys to School campaign on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May at the school. When dropping-off and picking-up your children next week, you will see three parking buddies, which are child-size cut-outs placed outside Holy Cross Catholic Primary School in Beaumont Road holding important road safety messages for all drivers. The parking buddies will be displayed on the School Keep Clear markings and on the opposite pavement where some parents park on the double yellow lines making visibility and walking on the pavement difficult for pedestrians.

In addition, three large banners will be placed on the school site reminding parents and carers of our three main messages:

- parking away from the school gate
- driving and parking in a considerate and legal way
- consider alternative and more sustainable ways of travelling to and from school

We would also like to encourage parents and carers to make use of the map below when planning where to park away from the school gate and within a 400m distance from the school.

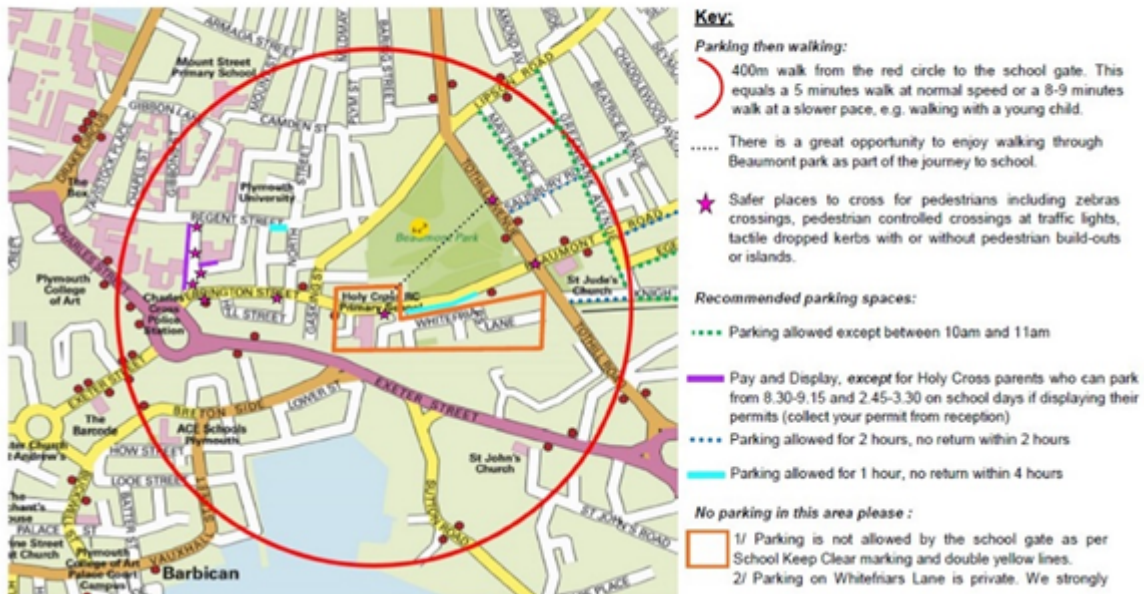


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### Parking and walking within a 400m distance from the school



Don't forget, for parents and carers that as part of the pilot, we are issuing temporary parking permits to be used only on the Pay and Display zone on Constantine Road and Hampton road on school days between 8.30 to 9.15 and 2.45 to 3.30 only. You can come and collect your permit at reception.



This afternoon, the Road Safety Officer at Plymouth City Council spoke to the children about the campaign during our assembly. A group of keen young volunteers then conducted their first of four traffic observations by the road side to help evaluate this new campaign.

As parents and carers teaching road safety is very important, children copy bad behaviour as well as good one. Please click on the links below for some ideas to help teach your children to be safer on the school journey.

[Education resources - THINK!](#)

[Tales of the Road](#)



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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.

**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.

**After School Club on Tuesday 17th May is cancelled for Staff Training.**

*Have a lovely weekend.*