

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a sunny summer term!

I had an amazing start to the term as I was lucky enough to be able to spend some time with our top DOJO point scorers from last term. We enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea party with scrumptious cakes from Friary Mill and some fruit juice. Don't worry - the teapot on the table was just a prop!

The children were very excited and proud to be gathered around the table together and offered one another some cake whilst chatting about their holidays. Modelling good manners and being good role models is so important as positive reinforcement encourages everyone to behave well which leads to a very harmonious and pleasant environment at Holy Cross. I am therefore very grateful to these children for being such wonderful leaders of our school. One of our role models was ill that day so had a little celebration of her own with a friend to keep her company!



It is so nice to have the longer evenings and to see the children in their summer uniforms. Thank you for ensuring that they are wearing the correct PE kit also - reminders were posted on Class Dojo earlier this week. It is important that we are consistent with this so all children are expected to follow our policy. Please speak to your child's teacher individually if there is any reason why your child is not wearing plain PE kit rather than logo/football kit.

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend - let's hope we get some sunshine!

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



2nd May
Bank Holiday
School Closed

3rd May
Catholic Children's Society
Assembly

4th May
Football Inclusion Event
Mango Tango Signing
Assembly (KS2)

6th May
Boccia Inclusion Event

9th-12th May
Key Stage 2 SATS

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

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

Every Thursday 9am
Drop-in

26th May
Jubilee Day

27th May
School Closed

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Our Catholic Life

It is the 3rd Sunday of Easter and in the Gospel this week we hear how after his resurrection, Jesus surprises the disciples by coming to the lake where they are fishing. Although they have spent all night working for nothing. Jesus encourages his friends to put their nets out again. They do as Jesus asks and catch so many fish they can't pull their nets in. Jesus has already prepared breakfast of fish and bread which they enjoy together on the shore. After breakfast Jesus shows Simon Peter that he has forgiven him. Jesus asks Simon Peter three times how much he loves him, cancelling out the three times Peter denied Jesus during his trial. The disciples have no doubt this is Jesus, risen from the dead, with them in their ordinary lives, giving everyone a new start.

Let us Pray

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for being with me every day.
Help me to recognise you in the ordinary things that happen to me.
Encourage me to keep on trying.
Amen

Action: Be determined and resilient this week-when you have a really hard problem to solve, keep on trying

Wonders of the Week

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

Julia Donaldson: Benji - for applying independence in his learning and challenging himself.

Allan Ahlberg: Aria- for being an amazing member of the class- we will miss you! Good luck in your new school.

Simon James: Logan - For real independence with his learning this week, making big steps inside the classroom! Well done.

Judith Kerr: Gabriel- For coming back to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn. He also has made some fantastic contributions to our geography lessons. Well done, Gabriel!

David Walliams: Dylan - for always being a resilient and focused learner and a kind member of our class.

Cressida Cowell: Alex- For persevering with maths this week and for not giving up. You sought help when needed and managed to find equivalent fractions with ease by the end!



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Roald Dahl: Maya - for her use of mathematical language to explain her thinking.

Louis Sachar: Jackson - Simply put - he is always enthusiastic, always wanting to take part and contribute to class discussions.

Emma Carroll: Hollie - For outstanding work in Maths this week.

Malorie Blackman: Katie - For being kind and helpful to everyone she meets.

Gospel Values Awards:

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

Julia Donaldson: Betsi - for being a great role model and always first to support her peers.

Allan Ahlberg: Charli - for being a great role model always putting others first.

Simon James: Thea - For really taking onboard help from adults in the classroom and for striving to improve her writing.

Judith Kerr: Ruby - For always looking out for her friends, being a great role model and doing the right thing without seeking reward.

David Walliams: Sunni - for seeking out ways to support other people including starting a group at playtimes to help others.

Cressida Cowell: Maisy - For always doing the right thing without seeking reward.

Roald Dahl: Brody - for persevering with his work and asking for help when he needs it

Louis Sachar: Olivia - A wonderful role model - someone who will go out of her way to help others. Someone who never looks for deserved praise.

Emma Carroll:

Malorie Blackman: Alex B - For setting a wonderful example, always being modest, encouraging to his peers and helpful to all.



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Top Table Awards



Julia Donaldson: Murphy for such wonderful table manners in the hall

Allan Ahlberg: Bertie for being polite and well-mannered at all times

Simon James: Thomas for showing kindness to all his friends in the playground

Judith Kerr: Sonia for her cheery disposition and being so helpful

David Walliams: Mahi for being so helpful to Mrs. Thomas whilst she is fasting

Cressida Cowell: Eva for being a wonderful friend in the playground

Roald Dahl: Laith for being so helpful in the hall

Louis Sachar: Alexander for superb playground behaviour and being a role-model to all

Emma Carroll: Saffron for always being so well-behaved, kind and caring in the playground

Malorie Blackman: Lily for showing wonderful manners to staff and children alike and always being a role model for her exemplary behaviour

UKRAINE



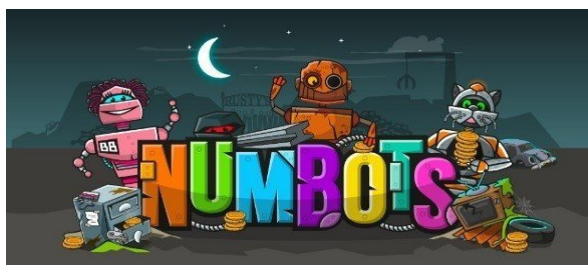
We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and in our prayers. **Our Bake Sale and Raffle raised a total of £577.97. THANK you for your generous support!**

The money has been donated to CAFOD who are doing an amazing job of supporting the people of Ukraine. Thanks

to your kind donations and support, they are able to respond quickly through the Caritas network - which CAFOD is a member of - to provide shelter, food and safe spaces for families who have lost everything. The humanitarian professionals and volunteers working on your behalf live locally and some are from the area.

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

Betsi- Julia Donaldson Class
Thomas L.- Simon James Class

The children work hard to receive coins in Numbots whilst also improving their fluency of number facts. The class who has achieved the most coins this week is **David Walliams Class** with an average of 290 coins. The following children have gained an incredible number of coins this week

Teddy from Julia Donaldson Class - 1285 coins
Betsi from Julia Donaldson Class with 1260 coins
Sunni from David Walliams with 4624 coins



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

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

Saffron- Rock legend
Charlie M- Rock legend
Joy- Rock legend
Tory- Rock legend

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SAFER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL

As you know, we have noticed a number of parents and carers parking on the double yellow lines opposite the school gate and on private parking bays on Whitefriars Lane every school day at drop-off and pick-up times.

In an effort to encourage drivers to park elsewhere, we are running a road safety campaign in May and June called ***Safer Journeys To School.***



Designed and supported by the **Road Safety Team at Plymouth City Council**, the campaign invites driving parents to:

- Find out where they can park easily, safely and for free within a 400 metre distance from the school gate.
- Make use of a free parking permit kindly approved by the Parking team on Hampton Street and part of Constantine Street only, and walk the rest of the journey to school.
- Consider including walking as part of the school journey even if the car is needed for some of it.
- Appreciate the many benefits of walking on themselves and their children.

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- Consider trying different ways of travelling to and from school occasionally without relying on the car.

The campaign is also an opportunity to remind all parents, and not only drivers, of the importance of helping their children to be safer on their journey to school when scooting, cycling but particularly walking by the road side and crossing the road. Finding the safest place to cross and using the Green Cross Code are important skills that children need to learn from an early age. The Government for Transport published a digital highway code for young road users accessible for free. Click [here](#) to open the PDF.

We hope that the ***Safer Journeys To School*** campaign will have a positive impact on the school community at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School and that parking on double yellow lines opposite the school gate and on private parking bays on Whitefriars Lane will no longer happen.

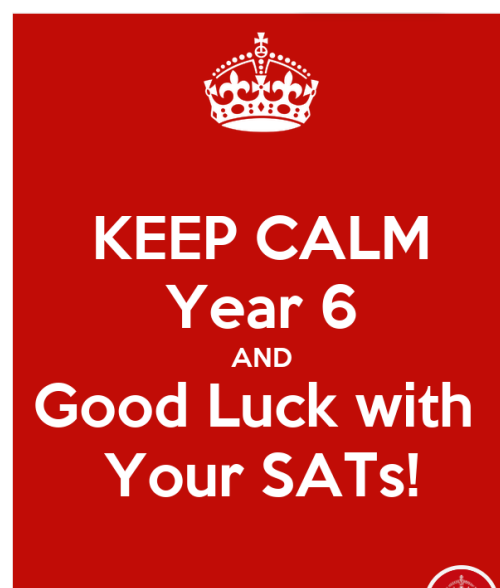
The campaign will be launched on **Monday 16th May** and further information will be shared in next week's newsletter.

KS2 SATS

The Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests for all **Year 6 children** across the UK, will take place from Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May inclusive. Below is the timetable of the tests the majority of which will take place between 9.30 and 11am each day. All tests, when there are two in one day, will be completed by lunchtime.

Please ensure your child is in school each day.

A breakfast bap will be provided to those arriving early - please see the letter sent home by the Year 6 team regarding this.



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When are Year 6 SATs 2022?

Date	What Happens
Monday 9 th May	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Papers 1 and 2)
Tuesday 10 th May	English Reading
Wednesday 11 th May	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Paper 2 (Mathematical Reasoning)
Thursday 12 th May	Maths Paper 3 (Mathematical Reasoning)
Tuesday 28 th June	Deadline for teacher assessment
July	SATs results returned to school and released to parents.

How long do the tests take?

Paper	Length
Reading	1 hour
Spelling	No time limit, but generally about 15 minutes.
Grammar and Punctuation	45 minutes
Arithmetic	30 minutes
Mathematical Reasoning	40 minutes for each of the two papers.

What are the Year 6 SATs used for?

The results of the tests and the teacher assessments will be passed onto the school that the child is attending in Year 7. How these schools use the results vary, but they are often used to set or stream children for English and maths (and possibly other subjects). However, many primary schools have robust transition arrangements which include detailed discussions with Year 7 tutors about individual children. If, for example, a child did not perform to the best of their ability during the tests, this information will often be passed on. Schools and Local Authorities will also use the data to judge the effectiveness of the education within the setting. The government additionally publishes league tables which rank schools according to the percentage of pupils that achieve the expected standard in English and maths.

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Jess Rowe will be coming to Holy Cross on Wednesday 4th May to lead KS2 pupils and staff in a singing assembly! We hope the children will be inspired to perhaps join the **MANGO TANGO** choir.

The Uniform Store Plymouth is a free service for families to kit out their children for school. Through donations of good quality school uniforms, we give these items out to those in need, free of charge – no referral is needed.



We run a pop-up shop in Plymouth City Centre throughout the school summer holidays, and a Click and Collect service that runs throughout the year, where parents/carers can order the uniform that they need for their children and collect it from our collection point. To place an order for school uniforms, families should [use our website](#).

Our collection point is at Redeemer Church, St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN.

For more information, please email hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk

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COVID19 Information from 1st April 2022

Specific Guidance for Schools regarding COVID 19 has now been withdrawn. Guidance has now been issued by UKSHA for Respiratory infections, including coronavirus (COVID-19)



COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS

Did you know?

We're currently running a number of Outreach Vaccination Clinics that are offering COVID-19 vaccinations in community settings such as libraries and community centres.

Our clinics are walk-in only (no booking required) for anyone aged 5 years or older to receive a vaccine. *Please note: in order to receive a vaccine, you must be COVID-19 free for 4 weeks if over 18 years, and COVID-19 free for 12 weeks if under 18 years old.*

To find your nearest clinic, please visit this website or scan the QR code:
<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/coronaviruscovid19information/walkin/vaccinationsessions>



Guidance for children in educational settings included in People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to an education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to do so by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day, they took the test.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

We will continue to highlight the importance of handwashing, good respiratory hygiene, ventilation and a robust cleaning regime in order to limit transmission in school.

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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.

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. (Early finish of 5pm on 8th April 2022)**

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.