



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of this academic year! As always, it will be a busy one but we are very excited to be able to, once again, invite parents and carers to events such as sports day, class Masses and of course the Year 6 events - to mark the important milestone our leavers will be celebrating.

We started the term with a hugely successful staff training day where we engaged in quality discussions about how to support our children in the best possible ways. We have evaluated our curriculum and are planning ahead for next year, developing and improving our provision all the time. If you haven't already wandered down into the middle playground at pick-up time to see our new timeline, I would urge you to have a look. The children are enthralled by it and only today, one of our Foundation Stage children made a treasure chest for a fossil model he had made, inspired by the fossils he saw on the timeline. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Plymouth Charity Trust and one of our governors, Steve Hole, for the generous donation they made to the school which enabled us to purchase it. It has been a wonderful addition to our learning environment.



Our Art Day on Tuesday was a huge success and the children explored a range of different artists and their techniques. We will not spoil the surprise by sharing their work with you now as we are saving it for our exciting Art Gallery event on the 28th June (*more details will follow*).

Finally, may I ask that the children wear their school PE kit on PE days - royal blue/navy shorts and a white t-shirt (no logos/fashion-wear).

Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Every Thursday 9am
Drop-in

13th -17th June
Bikeability Year 6

14th June
Roald Dahl and Louis Sachar
Class Mass- **Parents**
welcome to attend

17th June
Primary Athletics Event at
Brickfields

18th June
First Holy Communion at
12pm

20th June
Year 5 Day at Notre Dame
and St. Boniface
Y3 Bikeability
EYFS Balance-ability

22nd June
Sports Day

24th June
EYFS/KS1 Disco
KS2 Disco

27th June-15th July
Year 4 Swimming
28th June
Art Gallery 2-3pm

4th-8th July
Year 6 Residential



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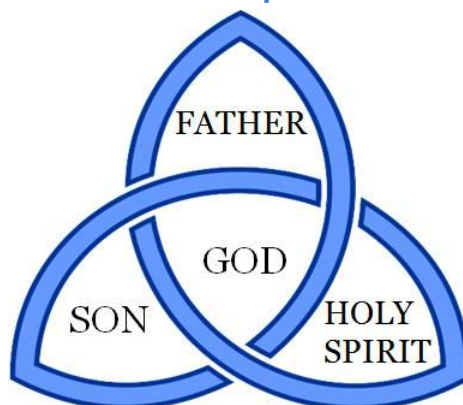
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Our Catholic Life

This Sunday is The Most Holy Trinity. In the Gospel we hear that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. Jesus knows that his friends are not able to fully understand everything he has been sharing with them during his life on earth. Now he has to go, Jesus is sending the Holy Spirit to continue his work. The Holy Spirit will help to guide Jesus' friends to the truth about Jesus, God the Son and God the Father. Together, the trinity will bring us all to the truth as we deepen our understanding of love.



*Dear Jesus,
Please help me to always tell the truth.
Give me courage to be truthful even when it is hard.
Amen*

Action: Find out if there are any special prayers to the Trinity and learn one by heart.

Wonders of the Week

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

Julia Donaldson: Iris - for showing lots of creativity during art day and producing some wonderful pieces.

Allan Ahlberg: Antonio - for amazing effort and concentration when creating his Mondrian Masterpiece.

Simon James: Bradley - For showing some great perseverance with his handwriting and making big steps with his presentation of learning

Judith Kerr: Sione - For his hard work in phonics allowing him to make excellent progress! Well done, Sione!





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David Walliams: Mahi - For being a confident learner in all subjects who is showing such independence in everything she does.

Cressida Cowell: George- For his fabulous teaching of the parable of the lost son. George even asked us questions to make sure we understood the story. Miss Goddard and Mrs Kirk are also very proud of your super lining up this week!

Roald Dahl: Blake R- for answering questions in class with carefully chosen vocabulary - you are very articulate!

Louis Sachar: Yuhan - For several pieces of writing that have been exemplary. She has listened to her next steps and shown these in her amazing story and diary entry.

Emma Carroll: Bartosz - for hitting 1.5 million words read this academic year and scoring 100% on every quiz he has taken!

Malorie Blackman: Emily - Not only does she always try her best in her learning but she also supports her peers in their learning however she can.

Gospel Values Awards:

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

Julia Donaldson: Anastasia - for always being a calm and peaceful member of our class and being a wonderful role model.

Allan Ahlberg: Piran- for always being such a calming influence in the classroom.

Simon James: Victoria - For always acting peacefully towards others and having a calming and warm presence in the classroom. A fantastic role model.

Judith Kerr: Rudairo- For always being a calming, peaceful presence in our class and being an excellent role model to others.

David Walliams: Annika - For showing peace by bringing her team together in our maths lesson.

Cressida Cowell: Roland- For always being a calming presence and promoting peace in every action he shows.

Roald Dahl: Maya - for promoting peaceful relationships with her friends.

Louis Sachar: Cristian - He is calm and very supportive - he may not realise this, but he often will put others before himself - a great quality.

Emma Carroll: Tillie - For always being calm and peaceful in our classroom.

Malorie Blackman: Esme - for mediating any issues between friends and being a calm, peaceful member of our class.



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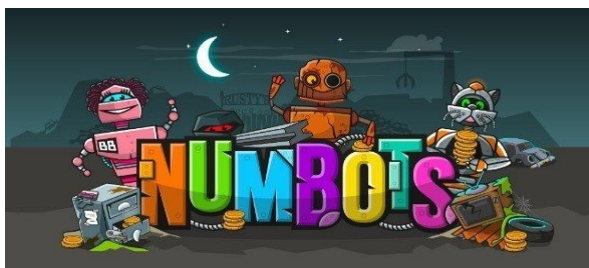
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Top Table Awards



Julia Donaldson: Rosie for her beautiful smile and her excellent behaviour.
Allan Ahlberg: Piran for always being so polite to the adults.
Simon James: Ruby for playing so happily with her friends.
Judith Kerr: Iantis for always being polite and helpful in the hall.
David Walliams: Lucas for his excellent behaviour - a great role model for others!
Cressida Cowell: Ania for being such a wonderful role model.
Roald Dahl: Grace for her impeccable manners in the hall.
Louis Sachar: Harry for his good manners and his good 'restaurant' behaviour!
Emma Carroll: Bartosz for always being so polite and helpful.
Malorie Blackman: Esme for her lovely smile and excellent manners.



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

Nikola Jaworska- Iron
Bartosz Kolecki-Copper, Steel and Chrome
Dante Eveleigh-Iron
Nico Eveleigh-Iron
Fahad Alanazi- Steel and Chrome
Ishan Baral- Iron
Tommy Barker-Wells- Iron
Ava Taylor-Iron
Charli Smyth-Copper
Ralph Harman-Brass
Thomas Cheshire- Iron



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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

Joshua Gins-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	348,666
David Walliams	34,956
Roald Dahl	435,267
Emma Carroll	266,975
Louis Sachar	189,210
Malorie Blackman	544,760



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Congratulations to our new Millionaire Readers

Saffron Danks

Bartosz Smigel

Charlie Morgan

Pranusha Bairsandram

Thomas Blight

Year 6 Events

We are now in the final term of the academic year and, for our lovely Year 6s, their final term at Holy Cross. There is plenty to keep them busy. Our focus is still very much on learning as we strive to get our Year 6s 'secondary ready' so they have the best possible start at their new schools in September. We must remain mindful that we are still mitigating the impact of the pandemic and that our children missed important learning during the lockdowns.

That said, there is plenty for them to look forward to and lots of dates for you to put in your diaries as we mark this important milestone.

13th-17th June: Bikeability for Year 6s. The booking link was shared by Mr Boyle on Class Dojo.

22nd June: Sports Day (see Sports Day section in newsletter)

4th-8th July: Year 6 Residential. Deadline for all consent forms, medical and dietary information and full payment : **10th June 2022**

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. These will be available at a later date.

19th July: Plymouth CAST Leavers' Mass at Cathedral. 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 9.30am followed by refreshments. Each child will have two tickets.



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We hope you will be able to join us for some of the events and hopefully, sharing this information with you now, at the start of term, gives you plenty of notice to make arrangements to do so.

Holy Cross Sports Day

Date: 22/06/2022

Venue: Tothill Fields (Enclosed), Lanhydrock Road

I'm extremely happy to announce the details of our first sports day in 3 years! There will be activities taking place in school and at the venue:

KS 2: Children will register as normal and then walk to the venue under adult supervision. You are more than welcome to walk with us from school to Tothill Fields. We will leave once the children have been registered as close to 0900 as possible.

KS1 & EYFS: Children will register as normal and then undertake a number of activities within school in the morning. After their lunch they will walk to the venue under adult supervision. Again, you are more than welcome to walk with us from school to Tothill Fields. We will be leaving at 1130am

Lunches: Children in EYFS & KS1 will have lunches as normal. However, it will be at a slightly earlier time - 1100am. Please provide further snacks for the afternoon - let's keep those energy levels up.

KS2 those who are entitled to Free School meals will receive a packed lunch. They will be offered a variety of sandwich fillings: Ham-Red; Cheese-Green; Egg-Yellow; Blue-Tuna.

Supporters: An area has been provided for parents to come along, support and cheer the children in their endeavours. It is important for the smooth running of the event, that parents/guardians remain in the allocated area at all times.

Presentation of the House cup is due to take place at 2:15pm

As a school, we will depart the venue no later than 2:30pm. Once we have returned and registered, the children can be collected as normal - from school.



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Tennis Tournament

Six year 3 and 4 children took on the challenge to compete against other schools in a tennis tournament. They showed great resilience and sportsmanship throughout. We were very proud of how they represented Holy Cross!



Commonwealth games board visited Holy Cross



We had the opportunity to learn about the Commonwealth games from the board visiting lots of different schools in Plymouth. We can't wait to watch the games in the summer!



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Archery



Friday 10 th June 2022 - Saw another chance for the children of Holy Cross to experience another different sport - Archery. 6 teams from PSSP schools across the city came along to take part in an Archery festival. Children from Plympton St. Maurice, Woodfield, Hyde Park, Holy Cross, Yealmpstone Farm and Morice Town all came along to learn new skills and compete against each other.

A big thank you to the sports leaders from Old Priory and the Holy Cross Staff: Miss Chafer and Miss Friend for accompanying the children.

Well done Mia, Summer, Theresia, Alvin and Sarah.



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Friday 24th June

£2

in advance via
parent pay

KS1 4:30- 5:30

KS2 5:45 - 7:00

SCHOOL DISCO

Small change for sweets.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE ON PARENT PAY



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Plymouth Science Summer Camp!

Please see the poster for all details regarding this excellent opportunity for our budding scientists at Holy Cross. There are free places for children who are eligible for free school meals.

Plymouth Science Summer Camp

FREE for children who are eligible for Free School Meals*
or
£20 per day (bring your own lunch)
£23 per day (lunch provided)

Venue: St Peters Primary School, Brentford Ave, Plymouth PL5 4HD
Days: Mon 25th July – Friday 2nd September (not including bank holidays)
Timings: 9am-3pm
Age: 6-11 years

Each day of the camps will have a specific theme although these are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as the weather.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Engineering*	Science* Mysteries/Lego	Forest* School/Lego	Food* Science/Lego	Space themed *

*Activities are subject to change depending on staffing. Table above gives general themes.



Constellation Lights



Bug Hotels



Pinhole Camera



Foil Leaf Art



Wind Turbines



Aeroplanes

To book your place visit our website and click on the poster or scan the QR code above
For any questions, please email us (bookings cannot be done via email).
Web: www.plymouthsciencecic.co.uk Email – plymouthscienceteam@gmail.com
Tel: 07933 055 506 (only during camp dates)

* Eligibility for free places is for children who receive Free School Meals. This **DOES NOT** include children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 who receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are unsure of your status, enquire with your school office. Eligibility will be checked by Plymouth City Council, and full payment will need to be made for sessions if your child is ineligible for Free School Meals.



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SEND Event for Parents

On Wednesday 15th June, Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) will hold their annual SEND & Celebration event at the Guildhall. Over 30 local groups and companies will be showcasing groups and activities that are available for children and young people with SEND. You will also be able to book to attend presentations and workshops with advisors and professionals or catch up with them for an informal discussion. This event is FREE and includes a light lunch (if you book your place before Sunday 12th June).

Further information about the event and presentations can be found on the PPCV website here: <https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/send-conference-2022/>

Everyone who wishes to join the conference must be a member of PPCV. It is FREE to join as a member. You can do it online here: <https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/join/>

PLYMOUTH PARENT CARER VOICE
Supporting and empowering
parents and carers

PLYMOUTH SEND
SEND CONSULTANTS

PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND

S.E.N.D.

(Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

CONFERENCE

When?
Wednesday 15th June
9.30 - 2.30

Where?
Plymouth Guildhall
PL1 2BJ

For parents, carers, professionals
and young people with SEND

What?
1:1 meetings with professionals.
Bookable talks and presentations.
FREE lunch.
Stalls full of information and activities for parents, carers
& families of children & young people with SEND.

Further information to be announced soon.
Priority bookings for registered members of PPCV.
Register at [Plymouthpcv.co.uk/join/](https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/join/)



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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.