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This Week

Thank you to Mr Spencer from The Royal Life Saving Society who came in on Thursday to first aid skills to Year 5 classes. There will be a First Aid Club for Year 5 starting shortly. Look out for a letter soon. Thanks also to Jo Hodge from Digital Schoolhouse for working with Reception today thinking about dance move algorithms. Jo will be working with other year groups in the next fortnight.



CATHOLIC LIFE

Prayer and liturgy

In Monday's Prayer and liturgy assemblies, we heard Martin Luther King Junior's work for harmony and peace.

Stay and Pray

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for Stay and Pray with Fr John this morning in the Studio. The theme was 'Unity'. We also said St Francis's prayer for peace. Pope Leo has designated this year as a Jubilee for St Francis his year, which is the 800th anniversary of his death.

Year 5 Enrolment Mass

The Year 5 Enrolment Mass at 6pm on Friday 30th January is the final opportunity to join this year's First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation programme.

The Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word features the words 'Community'. Please take some family time to read it. Please visit our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission>

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention for January is for prayer with the Word of God. *Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.* Pope Leo XIV 2026. Pope Leo XIV's video is on Our Catholic Life > Prayer, Liturgy and Jubilee page:

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/prayer%2C-liturgy-%26-jubilee>

Catholic Pic

This month's Catholic Pic has a look back at the Jubilee Year of Hope and can be read on our Catholic Life > Our parishes and Archdiocese page or at:

https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_january_2026

23rd January 2026

Mass Times

Regular Sunday Mass times for our churches are:

St Helen's: Sun 10am, 4pm
Ss Peter and Paul

Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am
St Joseph's

Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11.15am

Diary Dates

January

Thu 29th: Y6 Plaza Trip

Fri 30th: 6pm Y5 Sacramental
Preparation – Mass of
Enrolment

February

Tue 3rd:

9.45am 1BC and 1L (surnames

A-K) Candlemas liturgy

2.15pm 1D and 1L (surnames

L-Z) Candlemas liturgy

Thu 5th: 9am 2M Rejoice

9th-16th: Children's Mental
Health Week

Tue 10th: 9am RFZ and 4B

Rejoices

Safer Internet Day

Wed 11th: 9am 3C Rejoice

3.30pm-5pm Parents'

Evening

Thu 12th: Y1 Maritime

Museum School Visit

3.30pm-7pm

Parents' Evening

Thu 12th, 19th: 3.45pm Y5

Sacramental Preparation –
Eucharist Part 2

13th Our NSPCC/ Times Tables

Rock Stars Number Day

25th-27th: Y6 Residential to

PGL Winmarleigh

26th: Y4 Chester Trip

27th: CAFOD Family Fast Day

March

Wed 4th: Walk In White

Thu 5th: 3.45pm Y5

Sacramental Preparation –
Eucharist Part 2

Tue 24th: 9am 1D Rejoice

Wed 25th: 9am RMB Rejoice

Thu 26th: 9am 2B Rejoice

Y6 to the Philharmonic Hall

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 27th: 1.30pm End of term

April

13th: Children return

22nd: Earth Day

27th: 2M and 2WB Acorn Farm

28th: 2B and 2HW Acorn Farm

Attendance 97%



Forest School

The RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch is between today and Sunday. Children in Forest School have been learning the names of different birds and the sound of bird songs. Birds need us most in the Winter especially if it is really cold, they come into our gardens looking for shelter and food. The children have made bird feeders with pine cones, lard and seed to help them survive in the winter. There are photos on the Our Learning > Forest School page of our website. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/forest-school> . Why don't you record how many birds come to visit your garden and see if you can identify them? Visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/> for details. The Big Garden Bird Watch takes one hour and can be done at any time today, tomorrow or Sunday.

Walk In White

On Wednesday 4th February, we shall once again be taking part in the Roy Castle Foundation Walk in White to support World Cancer Day. Children can wear an item of white clothing (eg school shirt) or an accessory with their usual uniform/PE kit. Classes will take turns to do laps of the field to support the charity and are invited to bring in a donation. There is more information here:

<https://roycastle.org/event/walk-in-white-for-world-cancer-day/>

NSPCC/ Times Tables Rock Stars Number Day

On Friday 13th February, we shall be holding our NSPCC/ Times Tables Rock Stars Number Day. Children will be encouraged to dress as rock stars and will take part in some fun events.

Nursery and Reception Children

Nursery and Reception children are requested to bring in spare clothes i.e. underwear, socks, tights – in case of accidents, and to bring back anything loaned from school if their child has had an accident. Thank you.

NHS Website

There are a number of seasonal illnesses around at the moment. Sefton Council have asked us to share this NHS guide for parents and carers. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> There is also a link on our Key Info > Attendance page.

School Lottery

Have you bought your school lottery tickets? They can be bought online by or following the link on our Parents/Carers > Letters page or here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/great-crosby-catholic-primary-school> There is a weekly prize as well as the £25,000 jackpot. Good luck! Since the lottery started, £2025.50 has been given out in prize money to our supporters.

Year of Reading

2026 is the National Year of Reading. This is a government initiative to encourage reading in all its forms.

On the Our Learning > Love of Reading page on our website

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/love-of-reading> you can find out more about it, how you can help at home and see photos of our 'book nooks'. Each year group page under Our Learning has a reading booklet for parents/carers and link to recommended books. Please remember to fill in your child's reading diary. The <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/> also has good suggestions.

Attachment

This week's attachment has a flyer from one of our uniform suppliers, Mapac, who are offering 10% off uniform in their sale, and Active Sports Group.

