

# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

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## This Week

This is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is 'This is my place'. In Monday's assemblies, Mrs Solkin helped us to think about all the places that we belong to. Visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> and our Well-being > Learning Mentor Advice page. Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. Classes watched an online lesson from Tech She Can, including age ratings for apps and games, staying safe online and asking a trusted adult for help. Please talk to your child about what they are doing online and check your parental controls settings. Visit our Parents/Carers > Online Safety page. On Thursday, Year 1 classes had fantastic sessions with Fay from the Maritime Museum to talk about life aboard the Titanic. Today is Times Tables Rock Stars Day. The children and staff look amazing. All children in Years 2 to 6 have accounts for Times Tables Rock Stars that can be used at home and in school. Please keep practising during the break. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all the times tables up to 12x12. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to our parents' evenings.

## CATHOLIC LIFE

### Rejoices

This week parents and carers were treated to lovely class rejoice celebrations by RFZ, 4B and 3C with the themes of Jesus life from Galilee to Jerusalem.

### SS Peter and Paul's Parish

We have a page on our website under the Catholic Life tab for SS Peter and Paul's parish, which has everything from the parish website.

### St Helen's Parish

St Helen's Church have a number of events, all in the parish centre:  
Shrove Tuesday - 17th Feb from 12pm-2pm - pancakes, tea and coffee.  
Reflections for Lent - Saturdays 21st & 28th February and 7th March at 1pm.  
Ceilidh for 'Dementia Awareness' - Sat 28th Feb 7pm, £10, children free.

### Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Please try to attend one of these Masses on Ash Wednesday so that children can receive their ashes, as they normally would when it is during in school time.

SS Peter and Paul's: 9.30am and 7pm	St Helen's: 10am
St Mary's: 12pm	St Joseph's: 6pm
	St William of York: 7pm

### Lenten Masses

During Lent we shall be having Mass for families and parishioners in school at 8am on Wednesdays (25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March).

### Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention for February is for children with incurable diseases. *Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.* 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>

13<sup>th</sup> February 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

#### February

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>-Fri 20<sup>th</sup>: Half Term  
Holiday  
Tue 24<sup>th</sup>: Y4 Author Encounter  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: 8am Lenten Mass  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup>-Fri 27<sup>th</sup>: Y6  
Residential  
Thu 26<sup>th</sup>: Y4 Chester Trip  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup>: CAFOD Family Fast  
Day

#### March

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>: 5pm PTA meeting  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: 8am Lenten Mass  
Thu 5<sup>th</sup>: 3.45pm Y5  
Sacramental Preparation –  
Eucharist Part 2  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup>-Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: Science  
Week  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: 8am Lenten Mass  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup>: 9am Science Fair  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: 8am Lenten Mass  
Tue 24<sup>th</sup>: 9am 1D Rejoice  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: 8am Lenten Mass  
9am RMB Rejoice  
Thu 26<sup>th</sup>: 9am 2B Rejoice  
Y6 Music Trip  
PTA Easter Egg Hunt  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup>: 1.30pm End of term

#### April

Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: Children return  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: Earth Day  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup>: 2M/2WB Farm Trip  
Tue 28<sup>th</sup>: 2B/2HW Farm Trip

### Attendance



95.8%

### Great Crosby's CAFOD Big Lent Marathon

Miss Sharrock will be running in the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April raising money for CAFOD. To support her, we shall be holding a Great Crosby's CAFOD Big Lent Marathon from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. During the week, Miss Sharrock will run a marathon and children will have the opportunity to run (or walk) a mile with her. This links to CAFOD's Big Lent Walk which we always support. Individuals, families and staff can sign up as well at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

### CAFOD Lent Reflections

CAFOD's Lent calendar emails offer daily prayers and reflections through your Lenten journey, alongside information about ways in which you can support CAFOD's ongoing activities. The daily emails start on Ash Wednesday and end on Easter Day. Find out more here: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

### The Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word is a three-week holiday special with the words, 'Teacher', 'Lent' and 'Sacred'. Please take some family time to read it on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission>

### Catholic Pic

This month's Catholic Pic looks forward to the Big Lent Walk and the Parish Development Strategy. It can be read on our Catholic Life > Our Parishes and Archdiocese page or at: [https://issuu.com/catholic\\_pic/docs/catholic\\_pic\\_february\\_2026](https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_february_2026)

### Children's University February Half Term Challenge

This week's attachment has the latest Children's University challenge for the half term holiday. Extra Children's University credits can be collected during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you send evidence to Sefton Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to [SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk)

### Science Week

In preparation for an exciting Science Week this year (9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March), we are looking for any parents/carers/friends who work in Science, Technology or Engineering who may be able to come into school to work with classes to develop a love of all things STEM. If you feel you may be able to help, please contact [admin.greatcrosby@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:admin.greatcrosby@schools.sefton.gov.uk)

Families are invited to enter an experiment in our Science Fair on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 9am to 10am. Please read the poster in the recent email.

### Fundraising

Well done to Hattie, Josh L and Jude in Year 4 who held a 'Design your car' competition, raising £5 for school funds.

### Dissertation Survey Request

Our former pupil, Megan Bellamy, is a third-year student studying Early Childhood at Liverpool Hope University. For her dissertation, she is conducting a study on the impacts of birth order and how sibling position affects children's intellectual, social, and emotional development. She is looking for parents with multiple children under the age of 11 to fill out a short, **anonymous** survey to support her research. All relevant information is attached to the survey. <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/lhubos/the-birth-order-effect-cognitive-emotional-and-social-developme> Our attachment has a flyer with a QR code if that is easier to open. Many thanks for your contribution.

### 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!

### Attachment

This week's attachment has a CAFOD's Lent Prayer Intentions, the Sefton Children's University February Half Term Challenge and a flyer and the early childhood survey.