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This Week

A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend the Reception Stay and Read sessions. It was wonderful to see so many adults and children reading together.

It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart for their school photos. Let's keep up the high standards.

Year 4 enjoyed their visit to Crosby Library for a poetry workshop with the author A.F. Harrold.

A massive thank you to all the families that raised so much money in our sponsored event last week. We raised a fantastic £7236.54. This money will go directly to the children, helping to fund iPads, PE equipment and many more resources for the children across the school.

Thank you for all the generous donations to South Sefton Food Bank today. They were gratefully received.

Thank you once again to our PTA and everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week. We collected £83 in cash and there was also the option to donate online at <https://donation.macmillan.org.uk/>

CATHOLIC LIFE

Celebration of the Word

On Monday, our CAFOD Club led our Celebration of the Word with the theme of harvest. In the gospel, we were told that good words are not enough, we need to put our faith into action. They told us about CAFOD's work helping schoolchildren in rural Zimbabwe to have access to clean water. For today's Family Fast Day, they encouraged us to give up a treat or a takeaway this weekend and to donate the money to CAFOD, in church or online at <https://cafod.org.uk/envelope>. They also told us about Fair Trade Fortnight and the work of the Food Bank.

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word this week is 'Messenger'. It is on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page for you to read.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission>

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary – Gazing on Grace

October is the month of the holy rosary—a season to draw closer to Christ through Mary. Throughout this month, CAFOD invites us to unite our personal rosary intentions with prayers for peace, justice, and our global neighbours. By contemplating depictions of Our Lady from different cultures and traditions, we encounter Mary's maternal love reflected across our global family. Whether you pray the rosary daily or are looking to rediscover this prayer in a new way, join us as we gaze on grace together. Sign up for weekly reflections: www.cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/october-rosary-journey

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

October

Mon 5th: 6pm PTA AGM

Wed 7th: Y3 Author Encounter

6pm Y5 CHET Parents Meeting

Fri 9th: Y1 Liverpool Trip

Wed 14th: Readathon Relay

9am 6D Class Mass

Thu 15th: 9am 1D Rejoice

Tue 20th:

9am 3M Rejoice

Wed 21st:

3.30-7pm Parents' Evening

Thu 22nd: 3.30-5pm Parents' Evening

Mon 26th – Fri 30th: Half term holiday

November

Mon 9th-Tue 10th:

CHET 5B, 5M

Tue 10th-Wed 11th:

CHET 5C, 5MW

Wed 11th: 9am 6T Class Mass

Wed 18th: 9am 6T Class Mass

Wed 25th: Y2 Advent Service

December

Wed 2nd: 9am 6M Class Mass

Tue 8th: 9am 1L Rejoice

Wed 9th: 9am 3C Rejoice

Thu 10th: 9am 4B Rejoice

Attendance



96.5%



Catholic Pic

A link to the October edition of the Catholic Pic is on our Catholic Life > Our Parishes and Archdiocese page and https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_october_2026_45df96024010aa

Year 5 First Holy Communion Preparation

Application forms for Year 5 First Holy Communions in 2027 are available from SS Peter and Paul's, St Helen's and St Joseph's churches, and should be returned to the relevant parish office.

For the parish of SS Peter and Paul's parents/carers will be invited to one of the introductory meetings in the Sunshine Room, on Monday 5th or Monday 12th October at 6.30pm.

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention for October is for mental health ministry. *Let us pray for mental health ministry to be established throughout the church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination towards people with mental illnesses.* 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>

PTA Annual General Meeting

The Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) is at 6pm on Monday 5th October. All parents/carers are very welcome to review the last year, help to make plans for this school year and to elect a committee.

Fundraising

Caleb in 1L is having his haircut and donating sponsorship money to the Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as alopecia. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK. The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give hair and hope to so many children and young people with cancer each year. Caleb has asked to have his hair cut for this excellent cause on 20th October. Whatever you can give to this amazing charity is appreciated. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/caleb-oleary-3>

School Car Parks

We remind parents and carers that they should not be using the car park entrances to walk through. Staff were concerned this morning to find children and parents are walking in the car park while a car was also driving in.

Lost Property – Children's Coat Hangers Request

Over the next few weeks, our PTA and Eco Councillors will be busy sorting and organising our lost property. However, we can't do it without your help! We are desperately in need of children's clothes hangers to help us get everything organised. If you have any spare hangers at home that you could kindly donate, we would be incredibly grateful. Please drop them off at 3E.

Sports News

A big well done to all of the KS2 pupils who ran in the cross-country race at Litherland Sports Park this week. It was great to see so many children participating and representing the school - thank you. The next one is next Thursday 8th, at Bootle Cricket Club.

School Lottery

The school lottery continues. There is a winner from school every week. Sign up at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/great-crosby-catholic-primary-school>

Mrs Solkin Recommends...

Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Solkin, recommends the bitesize online training sessions offered by the RAISE Mental Health Promotion Team. Please watch the short video at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqkrHfox8jo Upcoming sessions include, Parental Mental Health; Emotionally-Based School Avoidance; and Child Worry and Anxiety. Bookings can be made at: <https://liverpoolcamhs.com/professionals/training/>