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This Week

On Monday, we welcomed Councillor Peter Harvey to speak to our KS2 children in assembly about British Values and democracy in particular. He then chatted to our school councillors and eco councillors who had been democratically elected by their classmates.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us in Nursery for the Stay and Read sessions this week.

Thank you also to everyone who came to our Parents and Teacher Evenings. We hope you found them useful.

Yesterday and today, we have welcomed Emma from Stage Door Theatre for workshops with Years 4, 3 and 2. It was wonderful to see the children getting involved, expressing themselves and having so much fun along the way!

This week Year 6 have had sessions with James Riley from the Get Away and Get Safe gangs prevention programme, which provides invaluable information about how to keep safe.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Smith (previously Ms Mason) good luck on her new adventure as she leaves us today. Mrs Smith has been with us for 10 years and has helped shape the lives of many, many pupils here at Great Crosby. She will be sadly missed but I am sure you will join us in wishing her well on her new adventure.

CATHOLIC LIFE

Rejoice

Thank you very much to 3M for their lovely Rejoice celebrating their RE topic of Creation and Covenant. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to come.

Gospel Values

Our gospel values this month are 'Kindness' and 'Justice'. We'd love to hear about how children are following these at home.

Year 5 First Holy Communion Programme

The next SS Peter & Paul's meetings are Mon 9th and Wed 11th Nov at 3.45 pm. Other dates are in the https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/diary

SS Peter and Paul's Parish Website

SS Peter and Paul's Parish has a new website. Please have a look!
https://stpeterandpaulscrosby.org.uk/

CAFOD Club

Our CAFOD Club have taken up CAFOD's invitation to write messages to the Energy Secretary in advance of COP31 next month, to take action on the climate crisis. Find out more here https://cafod.org.uk/campaign and see their prayers and ideas based on Catholic Social Teaching here https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/6g4H7soM

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

November

Mon 9th: 10am-4pm Virtual School Nurse Drop-in
3.45pm Y5 First Holy Communion Programme - Reconciliation
Mon 9th-Tue 10th:
CHET 5B, 5M
Tue 10th–Wed 11th:
CHET 5C, 5MW
Wed 11th: 9am 6T Class Mass
3.45pm Y5 First Holy Communion Programme - Reconciliation
Fri 13th: PTA Paint 'n' Sip
Wed 18th: 9am 6B Class Mass
Thu 19th: Y3/Y4 Disco
Fri 20th: Y5/Y6 Disco
Wed 25th: Y2 Advent Services

December

Wed 2nd: 8am Advent Mass
9am 6ML Class Mass
Thu 3rd: Storytime with Santa
Fri 4th: Christmas Fair
Tue 8th: 9am 1L Rejoice
10am RHB Nativity
2pm NBW Nativity
Wed 9th: 8am Advent Mass
9am 3C Rejoice
10am RB Nativity
Thu 10th: 9am 4B Rejoice
10am RF Nativity
2pm NEW Nativity
6.30pm Y5 Reconciliation Service
Sat 12th: Breakfast with Santa
Mon 14th: Christmas Party Day
Tue 15th: Santa Dash
Wed 16th: 8am Advent Mass
Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Fri 18th: Term Ends 1.30pm

January

Mon 4th/Tue 5th: INSET Days
Wed 6th: Children return

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word this week is a three-week special with focus words, 'Love', Saints' and Wisdom'. It is on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page for you to read.
https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Please keep Pope Leo in your prayers following his recent operation. 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

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

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

Attend Anywhere' Virtual School Nurse Drop-in

The next 'Attend Anywhere' virtual school nurse drop-in, will take place on Monday 9th November, between 10am-4pm. Please follow the instructions in the attachment.

Children's University

The October half term challenge was in last week's attachment and is on the Our Learning > Children's University page of our website.

Year of Reading – Southport Books Alive! Festival

This half term in Southport there is a Year of Reading event with a book trail based on the story of The Jolly Postman and special events at The Atkinson. There was a map and more information in last week's attachment and https://www.visitsouthport.com/whats-on/top-events/books-alive/
Merseyrail fares to Southport have been reduced to £2 return for adults and £1 return for children.

PTA Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 2nd November at 5pm. On Friday 13th November we have another 'Paint n Sip'. Details are on the Parents/Carers > PTA page of the website.
https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/pta

Fundraising

Well done to Caleb in 1L who has had his haircut to raise money to the Little Princess Trust, which provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair. Thank you to everyone who has donated already. If you can give to this amazing charity it would be appreciated.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/caleb-oleary-3

Well done also to Nina and Heidi in Year 4 who have raised £25 for Freshfields Animal Rescue Centre by running a 'Design your own puppy' competition.

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

Attachments

This week's attachment includes information about logging into the Virtual School Nurse Drop-in and flyers for Stage Door Theatre School and Crosby Library.