

# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

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## This Week

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Christmas Fair last Friday. On Monday, all of Year 6 enjoyed Computing programming sessions with Jo Hodge of Digital Schoolhouse, coding patterns using TurtleStitch that were sewn onto cloth. On Tuesday and Thursday, Year 3 visited The Atkinson Museum in Southport and enjoyed the panto in the theatre.

## CATHOLIC LIFE

### Nativities and Rejoices

Our Reception and Nursery were fabulous in their Nativities this week. Well done to 6R, 5B and 4M who presented their Rejoice celebrations wonderfully to their parents and carers.

### Mini Vinnies

Following the visit of Catherine from the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), children in Years 4 and 5 have been applying for our Mini Vinnies club.

### Advent Masses

On Wednesday morning, we have our final Advent Mass at 8am in the studio for families and parishioners – all welcome.

### Christmas Masses

Ss Peter and Paul's - Christmas Eve at 7pm and midnight; Christmas Day at 10.30am  
St Helen's - Christmas Eve at 8pm and Christmas Day at 10am.  
St Joseph's - 10pm on Christmas Eve at 10pm and Christmas Day at 11.15am.

### Carol Concerts

Wed 18th Dec – St Helen's Parish Centre 7pm. Carols and Punch - a selection of traditional carols and a sing-a-long with Sophie Clarke.

Fri 20th Dec – St Joseph's Church 7pm Crosby Community Choir's annual carol concert of Christmas favourites and seasonal readings.

Entrance for both events is £5 for adults including a glass of punch and a mince pie. There will be a retiring collections afterwards in aid of Zoe's Place.

### Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is a special edition covering Advent and Christmas. Please take some time to read it on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page.

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

### Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention

Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention for December is for Pilgrims of Hope, which is the theme for next year's Jubilee. *Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.* Pope Francis – December 2024

Find out more at <https://www.popesprayer.va/december-prayer-intention-2024/>

## Mass Times

Regular Sunday Mass times for our churches are:  
St Helen's: Sunday 10am  
Ss Peter & Paul  
Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am  
St Joseph's  
Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11.15am

## Diary Dates

### December

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> -9am 2WB Rejoice  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Santa Dash  
Christmas Dinner Day  
Reception and KS1  
Storytime with Santa  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> –  
Foodbank Collection  
8am Advent Mass  
9am 1D Rejoice  
Nursery Storytime with Santa  
Thu 19<sup>th</sup> - 9am 3CL Rejoice

### January

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> – Children return  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Chester Trip  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6JL and 6M to  
Liverpool Cathedral  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – 6R and 6T to  
Liverpool Cathedral  
Tue 28<sup>th</sup> – 9am 6JL Rejoice  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> - 9am 4D Rejoice

### February

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> – 9am 3A Rejoice  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – 9am 2E Rejoice  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> – 9am RG Rejoice  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Half  
Term Holiday

## Attendance

★ 95.2%

### **Santa Dash and Christmas Jumper Day**

On Tuesday, each class will be doing a Santa Dash on the school field. Children should wear trainers and can wear Santa hats and accessories. It's just for fun, there is no sponsorship or target distance.

### **Christmas Parties and South Sefton Foodbank Collection**

Children will have their Christmas parties on Wednesday, which will be a non-uniform day. We are also collecting for the South Sefton Foodbank on that day. The Foodbank particularly needs:- tinned meat and tuna; tinned tomatoes; tinned rice pudding; noodles; long life milk; cereal and juice.

### **Whitechapel Centre Christmas Appeal**

Thank you for helping us to support the Whitechapel Centre's Christmas Appeal with your donations.

### **Christmas Badges**

As usual, as part of our Live Simply ethos, we are offering the opportunity to all children to design a Christmas badge to wear, instead of sending Christmas cards. The machine is going from class to class, the cost is £2.

### **Parking**

We received a complaint this morning about two cars parked at the entrance to Ascot Park, causing an obstruction to other cars. The situation put children in danger. Please be considerate to our neighbours and our children when parking near school. It is likely that the traffic wardens and police will be monitoring the area.

### **Reception September 2025 School Tours**

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2025, there is a school tour on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Please contact the school by phone or email to book a place. Please check <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/diary> as more dates may be added.

### **Swimming Success**

Congratulations to Edie in Year 4 who represented Crosby Swimming Club in Wavertree last weekend, winning five medals in a variety of events.

### **Breakfast Club**

Please ensure that Breakfast Club payments are up-to-date. They are due in the first week of each month. Payments can be made by bank transfer, in vouchers or cash.

### **Fundraising**

We've had lots of children fundraising this week. Well done to Nancy and Sophie in Year 5 and Evie in Year 1, for raising £48.65 for the Whitechapel Centre by selling Christmas cards and cookies, and holding a raffle. Thanks also to Rahinu, Frankie, Sam, Oscar and Harry from Year 4 who raised £8.50 for school funds with a 'Design your own football kit' competition. Jasmine, Belle and Finulah in Year 5 also raised £8.50 for Zoe's Place with a 'Design your own lip balm' competition.

### **Attachment**

This week's attachment has flyers from Plus Education and Ultimate Kids about Holiday Clubs. All previous attachments are on our Parents/Carers > Letters page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/letters>