

# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School, The Northern Road, Crosby L23 2RQ



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## This Week

Some children celebrated Tamil and Sinhala New Year on Tuesday, coming together to enjoy a joyful and meaningful occasion. They took part in fun traditional games like pin the eyes on the elephant and lively lime-and-spoon races, which brought lots of laughter and excitement. The children also shared traditional clothing and brought in books, giving everyone a chance to learn more about their cultures. They even taught each other how to say "hello" and "happy new year" in their different languages, which made the experience even more special. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to gather, connect, and celebrate this special time together. There will be some photos on our website soon!

## Sport

On Monday 13th, Great Crosby Year 6 played a Football league match against St Marys. The game started well with Archie opening the scoring to get GCP our first goal. The weather was against us and the home field advantage took control as St Marys settled into the game, ending the first half at 2-1. The second half was tough with some unfortunate decisions going against us. The game ended 7-1 to St Marys.

On Thursday 16th, Great Crosby Year 6 also played in the first round of the Griffiths cup against English Martyrs. The game started very well, with GCP securing two early goals from Francis and Paddy. The half ended 2-2. Both teams were hungry for the win and to advance further into the cup, so the second half was going to be tense. Paddy scored his second with a powerful header, beating everyone else to the ball from our corner kick. Moments later, English Martyrs brought the score back to level. Both teams were fiery and hunting for the winning goal, but in the closing few minutes, Will secured a fourth goal to bring home the victory for Great Crosby.

## CAFOD

Hendrix, Rory and Elliot from 3M kindly raised £13.70 for CAFOD, they designed and made comics to sell – well done boys!

Miss Sharrock will be running in the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April raising money for CAFOD. You can read about her on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/news/blogs/london-marathon-running-for-cafod-just-made-sense> and sponsor her at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/claire-sharrock-21>

## Stay and Pray

The next Stay and Pray will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am in the studio all are welcome.

## Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo XIV has asked that we pray for priests in crisis during the month of April, 2026.

As we celebrate the "birthday" of the priesthood this month (it was on Holy Thursday), Pope Leo has asked us to pause and to remember that those who serve us must also be served as our beloved brothers in Christ. He reminds us that, like all of us, they are human and experience times of weakness, exhaustion, sadness and loneliness.

## Sefton School Meals

Due to the rising costs of food and materials, Sefton have increased the cost of a school meal from **£2.53 to £2.61** from 1st April. The previous price increase was in April 2024.

## Whitechapel Money Boxes

Please continue to collect loose change for the Whitechapel Centre in the white boxes as part of the Great Crosby Generosity Challenge. Your box can be brought in to school after the Easter holidays.

## 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

### April

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>**: 5pm PTA Meeting

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>**: Earth Day

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>**: 8.45am Stay and Pray

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup>**: 2M/2WB Farm Trip

**Tue 28<sup>th</sup>**: 2B/2HW Farm Trip

### May

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>**: Bank holiday – school Closed

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>**: 10am 3C/3CL Into the Forest performance -2pm

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**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Thu 14<sup>th</sup>**: Y6 SATs Week

**Tue 19<sup>th</sup>**: 2HW Rejoice

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>**: RG Rejoice

**Thu 21<sup>st</sup>**: 4MW Rejoice

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri 30<sup>th</sup>**: Half Term

### June

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>**: INSET DAY

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>**: 5B Class Mass

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup>**: Reception trip to Farmer Teds

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>**: 5C Class Mass

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>**: 5M Class Mass

**Thu 26<sup>th</sup>**: 5C/5M Liverpool trip

### July

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup>**: 5J Class Mass

**Thu 9<sup>th</sup>**: 5B/5J Liverpool trip

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>**: 1.30pm End of Term

## Attendance:

This week's attendance:

**95.6%**



## PTA

The next PTA meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm all welcome.

## Earth Day 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Nursery

To coincide with Earth Day on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, our Nursery are asking if any parents have a Water Butt to donate? If so, please contact the school office, thank you!

## Eco Council Recycling Reminder

This year at Great Crosby, to celebrate Global Recycling Day and Earth Day , we are asking everyone in our school community to play their part. Whether this be through changing household habits to become more recycling friendly, or join in in engaging, at home activities, to captivate our pupils into becoming recycling responsible. If you fancy having a look into some of the people that we have looked at, try searching for Grant Searl, a Southport based artist, who uses cardboard and other materials in his paintings.

Below we have listed some fun, easy and engaging activities that you could do at home, using your recycling waste. We also ask that if you partake in any activities, that you share them with school. We ask that you do this by emailing pictures to the following email: [Geography.gcp@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:Geography.gcp@schools.sefton.gov.uk)

Fun activities:

- Turning plastic containers into planters
- Using recyclable materials to create models or pieces of art
- Making musical instruments (Have fun with this one!)
- Fashion show, design some clothing using old fabrics or clothing
- Making bug hotels
- Litter pick

## The Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word is a four-week Lent and Easter special. The focus words are, 'Holy Week', 'Easter', 'Peace' and 'Jesus'. Please take some family time to read it on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page.

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

## Parking

Please be mindful of our neighbours and each other when parking around school. Please do not park over driveways and be respectful to each other when parking and bringing children on and off site.

