

# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

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## This Week

Thank you to our PTA for organising our Christmas Fair today. On Tuesday all of Year 5 enjoyed Computing programming sessions with Jo Hodge of Digital Schoolhouse, learning about repetition to code patterns using TurtleStitch that were then sewn onto cloths.

## CATHOLIC LIFE

### Advent

In our Prayer and liturgy assemblies on Monday, we lit our first candle for 'Hope'.

### Mini Vinnies

On Thursday we welcomed Catherine from the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) to talk to Years 4 and 5 about the Mini Vinnies club that we are planning to start in the new year. They will be living out their mission to 'See-Think-Do' helping the school community and beyond to provide practical assistance to people in need.

### First Holy Communion children

On Wednesday our Ss Peter and Paul's First Holy Communion children made the Sacrament of Reconciliation, supported by our school staff.

### Advent Masses

On Wednesdays mornings in December (11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>), we have Advent Masses at 8am in the studio for families and parishioners – all welcome.

### Advent Calendars

CAFOD's online Advent calendar can be found at <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>. The St Vincent de Paul Society's Advent calendar is at <https://svp.org.uk/advent-calendar-2024-doors-hope>.

### Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word is 'Preparation'. Please take some time to read the Wednesday Word sheet 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/>

### Catholic Pic

The latest edition of the Catholic Pic can be read on our Parish and Archdiocese page or [https://issuu.com/catholic\\_pic/docs/catholic\\_pic\\_december\\_2024](https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_december_2024)

6<sup>th</sup> December 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

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> - 8am  
Advent Mass  
Tue 10<sup>th</sup> - 8.45am 3C &  
3CL to Southport  
9am 6R Rejoice  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> -  
9am 5B Rejoice  
10am Reception Nativity  
2pm Nursery Nativity  
7.30pm Ss Peter & Paul's  
Parish Carol Concert  
Thu 12<sup>th</sup> - 8.45am 3A &  
3M to Southport  
9am 4M Rejoice  
10am Reception Nativity  
Tue 17<sup>th</sup> - 9am 2WB Rejoice  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> - 9am 1D Rejoice  
Thu 19<sup>th</sup> - 9am 3CL Rejoice

### January

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> - Children return  
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

## Attendance

 94.2%

### Whitechapel Centre Christmas Appeal

During Advent, we are supporting the Whitechapel Centre's Christmas Appeal. Each classroom has a money collection box to collect cash donations. If any families would like a collection box to take home, please contact the school office. We are also collecting the Whitechapel Centre's Wish List items: toiletry gift sets; new pyjamas & underwear; selection boxes; hat, scarf & glove sets; stocking fillers and Christmas food treats. Please send anything you can by **Thu 12th Dec**. Thank you very much for your support.

### 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.

### Mrs Solkin Recommends... EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance)

This website has useful information and activities to help children and families who are struggling with school attendance due to emotional difficulties, known as EBSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance).

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/wellbeing-in-education/ebsa-emotionally-based-school-avoidance/ebsa-resources-for-children-and-families> The link is also on our Wellbeing > Learning Mentor Advice page.

### Eco Club

Thank you for all the bottle tops that have been brought in.

### 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://greatcrobycatholicprimary.com/diary> as more dates may be added.

### In Another Place Assembly Team

The Assembly Team from In Another Place are based in The Strand at Bootle and have a special event – 'The Secret at Christmas', which is on for the public tomorrow from 10.30am. They would love some families to visit and can offer discount tickets for online bookings. Please see last week's attachment. They also run the Bootle Strand grotto. Both events celebrate Christmas including the surprise free extra revelation about the very first Christmas when Jesus was born. There is an unusual addition to a grotto but one which many families are delighted with.

### 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

Well done to Sadie in Year 6 who raised £20 for Diabetes UK with a football fundraising card. Our Poppy Appeal donations amounted to £370.19, for which we have received a thank you certificate from the Royal British Legion.

### Attachment

This week's attachment has flyers from Liverpool and Everton Women's football teams. All previous attachments are on our Parents/Carers > Letters page. <https://greatcrobycatholicprimary.com/letters>