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This Week

On Monday, some of our pupils featured in a BBC Breakfast Rise and Shine piece about Crosby Wombles. They were shown at the end along with other local children as Mini Wombles volunteering in our community. The piece can be viewed on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSYLKKrMqCM> and you can find out more at <https://www.crosbywombles.com/> where there are details of how to borrow Mini-Wombles backpacks.



CATHOLIC LIFE

Feast of the Epiphany

On Tuesday, Fr John joined us as we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with Mass for KS2 and Prayer and liturgy for Reception and KS1. Fr John also reminded us that it was the end of the Jubilee Year, when Pope Leo closed the Holy Doors at St Peter's Basilica until the next Jubilee. You can watch it here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-01/pope-at-epiphany-mass-when-god-appears-nothing-remains-the-same.html>

The Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word features the words 'New Start'. Please take some family time to read it. Please visit our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission>

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention for January is for prayer with the Word of God. *Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.* 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>

Catholic Pic

This month's Catholic Pic has a look back at the Jubilee Year of Hope and can be read on our Catholic Life > Our parishes and Archdiocese page or at:

https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_january_2026

Mass Times

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

Diary Dates

January

Thu 15th and 22nd: 3.45pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Eucharist Part 1
Wed 14th: 6pm Y6 Parents and carers SATs/Residential Meeting
Fri 30th: 6pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Mass of Enrolment

February

Tue 3rd: 9.45am 1BC and 1L (surnames A-K) Candlemas liturgy
2.15pm 1D and 1L (surnames L-Z) Candlemas liturgy
Thu 5th: 9am 2M Rejoice
9th-16th: Children's Mental Health Week
Tue 10th: 9am RFZ and 4B Rejoices
Safer Internet Day
Wed 11th: 9am 3C Rejoice
3.30pm-5pm Parents' Evening
Thu 12th: 3.30pm-7pm Parents' Evening
Thu 12th, 19th: 3.45pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Eucharist Part 2
13th Our NSPCC/ Times Tables Rock Stars Number Day
25th-27th: Y6 Residential to PGL Winmarleigh

March

Thu 5th: 3.45pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Eucharist Part 2
Tue 24th: 9am 1D Rejoice
Wed 25th: 9am RMB Rejoice
Thu 26th: 9am 2B Rejoice
PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 27th: 1.30pm End of term

April

13th: Children return
22nd: Earth Day
27th: 2M and 2WB Acorn Farm
28th: 2B and 2HW Acorn Farm

Reception 2026 Applications

Applications for entry into our Reception classes for September 2026 need to be made by next Thursday 15th January 2026, by visiting the Sefton Council Citizen Portal. There is information and a link on our Key Info > Admissions page <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/admissions>

Year of Reading

2026 is the National Year of Reading. This is a government initiative to encourage reading in all its forms. On the Our Learning > Love of Reading page on our website

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/love-of-reading> you can find out more about it, how you can help at home and see photos of our 'book nooks'. Each year group page under Our Learning has a reading booklet for parents/carers and link to recommended books. Please remember to fill in your child's reading diary. The <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/> also has good suggestions.

NHS Website

There are a number of seasonal illnesses around at the moment. Sefton Council have asked us to share this NHS guide for parents and carers. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> There is also a link on our Key Info > Attendance page.

NSPCC/ Times Tables Rock Stars Number Day

On Friday 13th February, we shall be holding our NSPCC/ Times Tables Rock Stars Number Day. Children will be encouraged to dress as rock stars and will take part in some fun events.

Reception Request for Phones

If anyone has any old mobile phones/old fashioned dial phones, please could Reception have them for their roleplay corners. Thank you.

School Lottery

Have you bought your school lottery tickets? They can be bought online by or following the link on our Parents/Carers > Letters page or here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/great-crosby-catholic-primary-school> There is a weekly prize as well as the £25,000 jackpot. Good luck! Since the lottery started, £2025.50 has been given out in prize money to our supporters. Well done to Clare Rimmer, who won £48.75 last week.

