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This Week

Some of our children have been featured on Radio Merseyside reading their replies to letters from WWII veterans, as part of a project for VE Day. There are links on our homepage. Granada Reports visited us on Wednesday to feature us in their piece about Cardinal Nichols following our video messages last week. Nursery and Reception classes visited the Imagine That art and science activity centre yesterday having lots of fun. Today Year 5 watched a film followed by a talk about the Spitfire WWII aircraft at the Plaza.

CATHOLIC LIFE

Pope Leo XIV

Today in assemblies we watched video of the white smoke from the Sistine Chapel yesterday and the announcement of Pope Leo XIV. We said a prayer for him written by CAFOD, learnt about his chosen name and hoped that he would follow in Pope Francis's footsteps. The CAFOD prayer can be found on our homepage.

Mass of thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV at the Metropolitan Cathedral

Today at 7pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral there will be a Mass of thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV. If you can't go in person, you can watch online here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/Y3262SOgfUM?si=CbfyIRRQGYWuO7dj>

First Holy Communions

Please keep in your prayers the children making their First Holy Communions tomorrow at 12noon at Ss Peter and Paul's.

Stay and Pray

Our next Stay and Pray is Fri 23rd May from 8.45am-9am in the studio. All welcome.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is 'Life'. This Sunday is traditionally 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. We are reminded that if we listen to Jesus, we can rely on him to guide our lives in the right direction. Please visit our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page.

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

Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention

Before his passing, Pope Francis set his monthly prayer intention for May to be for working conditions. *Let us pray that through work, each person may find fulfilment, that families will be sustained in dignity, and that society becomes more human.* Pope Francis 2025.

Our Catholic Life > Prayer, Liturgy and Jubilee page.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/prayer%2C-liturgy-%26-jubilee>, has quotes from Pope Francis, Pope Benedict and Pope John Paul.

Find out more at <https://www.popesprayer.va/may-prayer-intention-2025/>

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

May

Mon 12th: Y6 SATs Week starts

Thu 15th: 4pm-5pm and 5pm-6pm

Nursery Drop-in sessions

Fri 16th: Y6 to Bewilderwood

Mon 19th: Heritage Week starts

Tue 20th: 9am 1H Rejoice

5.30pm Southport 1 Mile Races

Wed 21st: 9am RFZ Rejoice

Thu 22nd: 9am 3C Rejoice

4M and 4MC Rivers Trip

Fri 23rd: 8.45am Stay and Pray

WW2 VE Day Party

Mon 26th: Fri 30th Half term

June

Mon 2nd INSET Day

Wed 4th: Y1 Trip to Formby Beach

Thu 5th: 4B and 4D Rivers Trip

Mon 9th:

9.15am Y6 Sports Day

1.30pm Y5 Sports Day

Tue 10th:

9.15am Y4 Sports Day

1.30pm Y3 Sports Day

Wed 11th:

9.15am Y1 Sports Day

1.30pm Y2 Sports Day

Thu 12th: 5C Liverpool Trip

Y6 Posh Prints Photos

Fri 13th:

9.15am Reception Sports Day

Thu 19th: 5B Liverpool Trip

Fri 27th: 8.45am Stay and Pray

July

Thu 3rd: 5BW Liverpool Trip

10am & 2pm Y6 Performance

Wed 9th: 9.15am and 10.15am

Y4 Music Concerts

Mon 14th: 6pm Y6 Leavers Mass

at St Helen's

Fri 18th: End of Term

September

Wed 3rd: Start of Term

Catholic Pic

The latest edition of the Catholic Pic has a tribute to Pope Francis and an introduction to the Most Rev. John Sherrington who will become Archbishop of Liverpool on 27th May. It can be read on our Parish and Archdiocese page or https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_may_2025

Heritage Week – Mon 19th to Fri 23rd May

Our week will centre around what it was like to live in Crosby during WW2 and is part of our work to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. We have asked parents/carers if they have any relatives who would be able to come into school during the week to talk to the children or if they have any artefacts or stories which could be sent in for the children to share with their classes. If you can help with these, please email history.gcp@schools.sefton.gov.uk. On Friday 23rd May, we would like the children to dress as children during WW2. Staff will dress from the time period too. We will be having a VE day party in the afternoon. If anyone has any red, white and blue bunting that can be donated, please pass it to the office. Thank you.

VE Day Street Party on Moor Lane

Tomorrow, Sat 10th May, there is a parade of cadets at 10.30am and from then onwards the street party will take place until about 4.30-5.00pm or possibly later. A lot of people are dressing in 1940s outfits. All the businesses are involved together with the Royal British Legion. There will be several stalls with 1940s games, for adults and children, and items for sale. The Royal British Legion will be coming to Great Crosby on 23rd May for our Heritage Week party.

Scooters

Please ensure that any scooters left at the front gate are collected at the end of the day. The gate is open until 6pm for After-School Club, so we cannot guarantee that they will be safe there.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a committed Level 2 one-to-one teaching assistant. Details are on our Key Info > Staff and Vacancies page or on the Sefton jobs page. The closing date is 12noon on Monday 12th May. https://ats-seftonschools.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/311862?ga_client_id=28384da9-6376-4f50-965f-c45f295fcbf2&type=list

Crosby Library

As mentioned in last week's attachment, Crosby Library have a history of gaming exhibition until 23rd May. There are also family sessions at 11am tomorrow and Saturday 17th.

Southport One Mile Race

The Southport One Mile Races are in Victoria Park, after school on Tuesday 20th May. An email was sent out inviting all Y3-Y6 to register if they would like to take part. Please sign up using the Google form before 3pm on Thursday 15th May. There is a £2.50 fee per child, payable on School Gateway. We want to encourage as many children as possible to enter. Times are in the Google form. <https://forms.gle/z53PzWm4u7PE3qQf6>

Fundraising and School Lottery

The next draw of our school lottery is tomorrow. Buy tickets online here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/great-crosby-catholic-primary-school> or by following the link on our Parents/Carers > Letters page. There is a weekly prize as well as the £25,000 jackpot.

Attachment

This week's attachment has flyers the Royal British Legion. Remember that all previous letters and attachment are on our Parents/Carers > Letters page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/letters>