

# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

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**24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## Parent Teachers Association – Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec is fast approaching. Please can children bring in the following items: clean, empty glass jars with lids (jam, coffee etc); sweets (to fill glass jars); bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic for the bottle tombola); unwanted gifts (so we can wrap them and the children can buy them) and chocolates for the chocolate tombola. Also, if you have any Christmas jumpers that are too small or are unwanted, please could you donate them to the school office by Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec so that they can be sold at the Christmas Market.

## Educate Awards

Last Friday we were proud to receive the runners-up award in the Educate Awards 'Outstanding Commitment to STEM' (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) category for North-West schools. We were the only primary school on the shortlist.

## September 2024 Reception Tours

This week, we have had another school tour for parents and carers of children applying for September 2024 Reception places. We have more availability for next week's tour on Thu 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am. To book a place, please contact the school office.

## Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word for this week is 'Kindness' - the Gospel reminds us that every act of kindness done to someone else is also done to |Jesus, and will be rewarded accordingly. Please take some time to read it on our Community > Gt Crosby Catholic Life page <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/gt-crosby-catholic-life>

## Year 5 CHET Trip

5D and 5HW will be going on their CHET residential on Mon 4<sup>th</sup>/ Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5C and 5E will be going on Tue 5<sup>th</sup>/Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please check the Our Learning > Year 5 page on our website for the presentation shown at the CHET parents meeting which shows the arrangements.

## Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 will not be going swimming next week as trials for the Year 5 swimming gala are taking place.

## Cross Country

Good luck to our cross-country runners who are representing Sefton schools in Sefton Park tomorrow.

## Diary Dates

Please see our website diary for more dates.

### November

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Advent Services 10am 2E & 2WL  
2pm 2B & 2M

### December

Wed 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> Advent Masses – 8am

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> – Santa Dash

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> – 6M Rejoice

9.05am

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The Atkinson

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – 3M Rejoice

9.05am

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – 3A and 3C to

The Atkinson

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> – 1L Rejoice

9.05am

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Market

3.15 – 5pm

### Nativities

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> - RM 10am

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> - RG 10am

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – NBW 10.30am

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – NEW 2.15pm

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> - RF 10am

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – RG 10am

### Mass Times

Sunday Mass times for our churches are:

St Helen's:

Sunday 10.00am

Ss Peter & Paul

Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am

St Joseph's

Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11am

### This week's attendance



94.7%

### Y5 Girls Football

Two teams of Great Crosby girls recently played in the Chesterfield Sports Partnership Y5 Girls Football Festival. Both teams played sportingly, representing our school very well. For one team it was their first experience of playing in a tournament and they did win a game. Our more experienced team won their group. Well played everyone!

### Swimming

Congratulations to our Year 6 swimming team who won the Central Sefton Sport Partnership Swimming Gala. They have belatedly been presented with their medals.

### School Gateway

As we have mentioned before, we have introduced the School Gateway app for payments for school dinners, school trips and other fees. We will also be using it for communications and adding other content in the near future. Please download the free app by searching 'School Gateway' in your App store. Currently only about one-third of parents have downloaded the app.

### Charity Fundraising

Well done to this week's fundraisers all from Year 5. Niamh and Sophie raised £10 for Alder Hey with an Autumn picture competition. Ella, Mia, Ruby and Sophie raised £18.50 for Alder Hey with an 'Design your own planet' competition. Sadie and Maggie raised £20 for Diabetes UK with a football card.

### Advent Masses

On three Wednesdays mornings in December (6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>), we will have Advent Masses at 8am in the studio for families and parishioners.

### Santa Dash

On Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec we will be joining in the National School Games Santa Dash. Children can wear a festive accessory and should bring trainers for the day.

### Junior Eurovision

Following the excitement of Eurovision in May and our celebrations in school, the BBC are showing Junior Eurovision on BBC2 from 3pm to 5.30pm on Sunday, which is a much more child-friendly time than the main contest. The CBBC page <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/junior-eurovision-song-contest> and main Junior Eurovision website [junioreurovision.tv](http://junioreurovision.tv) have more details.

### Mapac Uniform Offer

Mapac, one of our uniform suppliers, have a Black Friday offer from Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov of 15% off school uniform and bags. <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/greatcrosbyprimaryL23>

### Veolia Recycling Discovery Centre

Veolia Recycling Discovery Centre have a free event to promote Sustainability this Christmas for the families. The *Sustainable Christmas Market* takes place at Gillmoss Recycling Discovery Centre on Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov with activities for all ages and even a visit from Santa. Families will be able view the recycling facility and find out how they can celebrate sustainably while doing a bit of Christmas shopping from local stall holders. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sustainable-christmas-market-at-gillmoss-recycling-discovery-centre-tickets-728733570727?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

**Attachment** - Arabella's First Holy Communion Wear