

# Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

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## This week

This week, our Year 2s presented their lovely Advent service to their families and to Key Stage 2. We also welcomed Richard Cooke from CAFOD Liverpool to celebrate our fundraising for CAFOD this year, in which we have raised the fantastic total of £2,649.83. Year 5 took part in the national Protecting Our Planet online event.

## Parent Teachers Association – Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec is almost with us. 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. Some parents/carers may work for companies that have match funding schemes as ways of boosting fundraising. If you are able to enquire about it, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Year 5 First Holy Communion Programme

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) for Year 5 children who are making their First Holy Communion at Ss Peter and Paul's Church next spring is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm at St Helen's Church.

## 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 availability for next week's tour on Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am. To book a place, please contact the school office.

## 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.

## Prayer Tree of Christmas Wishes Request

Mrs N Murphy is creating a prayer tree of Christmas wishes for the school, like the ones at Chatsworth House. If anyone is able to help by donating an artificial Christmas tree and warm white LED lights, please contact the school office. In an ideal world, Mrs Murphy would like a 6 feet green tree and 300-500 warm, white lights in total, but she knows she can't be fussy.

## Diary Dates

Please see our [website diary](#) for more dates.

### 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

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> - 3B and 3M to  
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> – RHL 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 11.15am

### This week's attendance



94.0%

### Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word for this week is 'Prayer' – prayer brings us closer to God and closer to each other. Please take some time to read it on our Community > Gt Crosby Catholic Life page

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/gt-crosby-catholic-life>

### Cross Country

Congratulations to our cross-country runners who are represented Sefton schools in Sefton Park last Saturday in the Merseyside Primary Schools Cross-Country Championships. They helped Sefton to come third overall and won bronze 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.

### Sacred Heart Academy Mission Statement

Our feeder secondary school, Sacred Heart Catholic Academy, is reviewing its Mission Statement and they want to hear from parents and carers. Please use the link below to complete the short questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/e/hD6dS2RDxz>

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all the donations to the Poppy Appeal this year. We were delighted to receive a certificate of thanks from the Royal British Legion as we raised £616.85.

### Charity Fundraising

Well done to this week's fundraisers: Max, Tom, Joel and Jacob from Year 6 who raised £21.57 for CAFOD with a 'Design your own city' competition; Kitty and Greyer from Year 5 who held a 'Design a snow globe' competition raising £19.50 for the RSPCA and Isla, Martha and Agnes, also Year 5, who raised £10 for the Shy Lowen Horse and Pony Sanctuary with a 'Design a Disney character' competition.

### 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.

### Waterloo Partnership

St Helen's and St Joseph's churches have maintained the link with the town of Waterloo in Sierra Leone, which in the past has seen teachers from Sierra Leone visiting us and Great Crosby teachers visiting there. The Waterloo Partnership charity has funded lots of projects for the town. There is a Christmas Gift Scheme which you might like to consider to help support projects in Sierra Leone. You can find out more at <https://www.waterloopartnership.co.uk/> or take a form from one of the churches.

**Attachments** This week's attachments are a poster for the Christmas Sale at St Helen's Church tomorrow, Saturday and a flyer for Arabella's First Communion Wear shop in Ormskirk.