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This Week

On Tuesday, we welcomed Laura from Sefton Children's University for this year's launch assemblies. There is more information below and on our website page Our Learning > Children's University https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/childrens-university

We had a great day on Wednesday with the Crosby schools taking part in a Readathon Relay. Our children looked fabulous with their t-shirts decorated with books and we had fun on the field welcoming the team from Sacred Heart with their chapter of the story. A team of Y6 runners took ours to Forefield.

CATHOLIC LIFE

Class Mass and Rejoice

Thank you very much to 6D for you Class Mass and 1D for your Rejoice celebration which were both marvellous. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to come.

Gospel Values

Our gospel values this month are 'Kindness' and 'Justice'. We'd love to hear about how children are following these at home.

The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word this week is 'Gratitude'. It is on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page for you to read. https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary – Gazing on Grace

October is the month of the holy rosary—a season to draw closer to Christ through Mary. Throughout this month, CAFOD invites us to unite our personal rosary intentions with prayers for peace, justice, and our global neighbours. By contemplating depictions of Our Lady from different cultures and traditions, we encounter Mary's maternal love reflected across our global family. Whether you pray the rosary daily or are looking to rediscover this prayer in a new way, join us as we gaze on grace together. Sign up for weekly reflections: www.cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/october-rosary-journey

Catholic Pic

A link to the October edition of the Catholic Pic is on our Catholic Life > Our Parishes and Archdiocese page and https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_october_2026_45df96024010aa

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention for October is for mental health ministry. *Let us pray for mental health ministry to be established throughout the church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination towards people with mental illnesses.* 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

Mass Times

Regular Sunday Mass times for our churches are:
St Helen's: Sun 10am, 4pm
Ss Peter and Paul
Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am
St Joseph's
Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11.15am

Diary Dates

October

Tue 20th:
9am 3M Rejoice
2.30pm Nursery Stay and Read
Wed 21st:
2.30pm Nursery Stay and Read
3.30-7pm Parents' Evening
Thu 22ndt:
2.30pm Nursery Stay and Read
3.30-5pm Parents' Evening
Mon 26th – Fri 30th: Half term holiday

November

Mon 9th-Tue 10th:
CHET 5B, 5M
Tue 10th–Wed 11th:
CHET 5C, 5MW
Wed 11th: 9am 6T Class Mass
Fri 13th: PTA Paint 'n' Sip
Wed 18th: 9am 6B Class Mass
Wed 25th: Y2 Advent Service

December

Wed 2nd: 9am 6ML Class Mass
Tue 8th: 9am 1L Rejoice
Wed 9th: 9am 3C Rejoice
Thu 10th: 9am 4B Rejoice

Attendance

96.6%

Children's University

Children will be able to gain credits by attending school clubs at lunchtimes or after school. They can also gain credits at clubs that have signed up as Children's University Learning Providers, where they can have their passports stamped. All the credits count towards the graduation rewards at the ends of Years 2 and 6. The October half term challenge is included in this week's attachment, giving children the opportunity to earn extra credits.

Year of Reading – Southport Books Alive! Festival

This half term in Southport there is a Year of Reading event with a book trail based on the story of The Jolly Postman and special events at The Atkinson. There is a map and more information in this week's attachment and https://www.visitsouthport.com/whats-on/top-events/books-alive/
Merseyrail fares to Southport have been reduced to £2 return for adults and £1 return for children.

PTA Annual General Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 2nd November at 5pm. On Friday 13th November we have another 'Paint n Sip'. Details are on the Parents/Carers > PTA page of the website.
https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/pta

Fundraising

Caleb in 1L is having his haircut and donating sponsorship money to the Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as alopecia. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK. The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its wonderful supporters who help the charity give hair and hope to so many children and young people with cancer each year. Caleb has asked to have his hair cut for this excellent cause on 20th October. Whatever you can give to this amazing charity is appreciated. Thank you.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/caleb-oleary-3

School Lottery

The school lottery continues. There is a winner from school every week. Sign up at
https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/great-crosby-catholic-primary-school

Mrs Solkin Recommends…

Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Solkin, recommends the bitesize online training sessions offered by the RAISE Mental Health Promotion Team. Please watch the short video at:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqkrHfox8jo Upcoming sessions include, Parental Mental Health; Emotionally-Based School Avoidance; and Child Worry and Anxiety. Bookings can be made at:
https://liverpoolcamhs.com/professionals/training/