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This Week

Well done to our children who represented Sefton in the Merseyside County Primary Schools' Cross-Country Championships at Wavertree on Saturday. This has been Storytelling Week. KS1 children watched an online workshop with Annemarie Anang, exploring the magic of storytelling through music. KS2 classes watched an online workshop with Alim Kamara, creating a rap and discovering how to tell stories through lyrics. Ms Miller told children about the importance of speaking to older family members and passing down family stories. On Wednesday all classes took part in the Roy Castle Foundation Walk in White to support World Cancer Day. Thank you for your donations. Today we officially opened our new Nursery play area. Look at our website for photos next week.

CATHOLIC LIFE

Candlemas

Year 1 performed their Candlemas liturgies beautifully to parents and carers on Tuesday. Well done everyone.

SS Peter and Paul's Parish

Fr John has not been able to update the parish website recently, so we have a new page on our website under the Catholic Life tab for SS Peter and Paul's parish. The newsletter is also available at <https://www.peter.ovh/newsletter>.

St Helen's Parish

St Helen's Church have a number of events, all in the parish centre:

Shrove Tuesday - 17th February from 12.00 until 2pm. There will be pancakes, tea, coffee and plenty of good company.

Reflections for Lent - Saturdays 21st & 28th February and 7th March at 1pm.

Ceilidh - Saturday 28th February 7pm start, pay on the door (£10, children free)

Take your own drinks and nibbles. It is a fundraiser for 'Dementia Awareness'.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Please try to attend one of these Masses on Ash Wednesday so that children can receive their ashes, as they normally would when it is during in school time.

SS Peter and Paul's: 9.30am and 7pm

St Helen's: 10am

St Mary's: 12pm

St Joseph's: 6pm

St William of York: 7pm

Lenten Masses

During Lent we shall be having Mass for families and parishioners in school at 8am on Wednesdays (25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March).

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention for February is for children with incurable diseases. *Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.* 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](http://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/prayer%2C-liturgy-%26-jubilee)

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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

February

9th-16th: Children's Mental Health Week
Tue 10th: 9am RFZ/4B Rejoices
Safer Internet Day
Wed 11th: 9am 3C Rejoice
3.30pm-5pm Parents' Evening
Thu 12th: Y1 Maritime Museum School Visit
3.30pm-7pm Parents' Evening
Thu 12th, 19th: 3.45pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Eucharist Part 2
Fri 13th Our NSPCC/Times Tables Rock Stars Number Day
Mon 16th-Fri 20th: Half Term Holiday
Wed 25th: 8am Lenten Mass
Wed 25th-Fri 27th: Y6 Residential
Thu 26th: Y4 Chester Trip
Fri 27th: CAFOD Family Fast Day

March

Mon 2nd: 5pm PTA meeting
Wed 4th: 8am Lenten Mass
Thu 5th: 3.45pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Eucharist Part 2
Mon 9th-Fri 13th: Science Week
Wed 11th: 8am Lenten Mass
Wed 18th: 8am Lenten Mass
Tue 24th: 9am 1D Rejoice
Wed 25th: 8am Lenten Mass
9am RMB Rejoice
Thu 26th: 9am 2B Rejoice
Y6 Music Trip
PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 27th: 1.30pm End of term

April

Mon 13th: Children return
Wed 22nd: Earth Day
Mon 27th: 2M/2WB Farm Trip
Tue 28th: 2B/2HW Farm Trip

Attendance

95.8%



Great Crosby's CAFOD Big Lent Marathon

Miss Sharrock will be running in the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April raising money for CAFOD. To support her, we shall be holding a Great Crosby's CAFOD Big Lent Marathon from Monday 16th to Friday 20th March. During the week, Miss Sharrock will run a marathon and children will have the opportunity to run (or walk) a mile with her. This links to CAFOD's Big Lent Walk which we always support. Individuals, families and staff can sign up as well at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

CAFOD Lent Reflections

CAFOD's Lent calendar emails offer daily prayers and reflections through your Lenten journey, alongside information about ways in which you can support CAFOD's ongoing activities. The daily emails start on Ash Wednesday and end on Easter Day. Find out more here: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

The Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word is 'Goodness'. Please take some family time to read it on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission>

Catholic Pic

This month's Catholic Pic looks forward to the Big Lent Walk and the Parish Development Strategy. It can be read on our Catholic Life > Our Parishes and Archdiocese page or at:

https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_february_2026

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The children will be doing some activities during the week. Visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> and our Well-being > Learning Mentor Advice page <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/learning-mentor-advice>

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February is Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. Please read the attached Top Tip for Parents/Carers and visit our online safety page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/online-safety-1>

NSPCC/ Times Tables Rock Stars Number Day

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

Science Week

In preparation for an exciting Science Week this year (9th - 13th March), we are looking for any parents/carers/friends who work in Science, Technology or Engineering who may be able to come into school to work with classes to develop a love of all things STEM. If you feel you may be able to help, please contact admin.greatcrosby@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Fundraising

Well done to Anais and Indie who raised £5.50 for CAFOD with a 'Design your own hair bow' competition. Well done also to Ella, Crystal, Willow and Emilia who raised £8.50 for Freshfields Animal Rescue with a 'Design your own smoothie' competition.

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!

Attachment

This week's attachment has a poster for our PTA Easter Event, Children's Mental Health Week top tips for parents, Safer Internet Day top tips and half term activities at Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescot.