



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week here at Holy Cross, the children work incredibly but also have so much fun. It is always a joy to walk around the School, and listen to excitement about their learning. I am very proud of all of amazing children and staff who make Holy Cross such a special place to be a part of.

### Year 1 Assembly



Today our fabulous Year 1 children performed their assembly all about the different seasons. The children have worked incredibly hard for this assembly and all their hard work shone through today. They performed dances, poetry, used instruments and amazing songs! Wow! Well done

Year 1. My thanks to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Downton and Mrs Ley for all their work and efforts behind the scenes.



### Rosary

As next week is the beginning of May we will be holding the full Rosary on each Friday morning. This will begin at 8.30am in the hall. It is a wonderful occasion for the School community to come together in prayer during this special month.

### Year 3 Library Trip

Year 3 went to Torrington Library yesterday, for a session about the Romans. They clearly loved the session and were very keen to tell me that Roman's think it's polite to burp! Thank you to all the parent helpers who made this trip possible.

### Walk and Wheel Winners

Well done to all of the children who entered the recent walk and wheel poster competition. The standard was extremely high, and I know that the Junior Travel Explorers had a difficult time judging the entries. Well done to the winners:

EYFS:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Aneira, Reception  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Benjamin, Reception

KS1:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Shaji, Year 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Sophie Year 1

KS2:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Nethumi Year 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Tobenna year 6

### School Photographs

The children all looked wonderful having their class photographs taken on Wednesday. The weather was thankfully dry and the children were all smiling! Please order the photographs through VanCols, the children have taken home the order form home.

### Year 5 Class Mass

Next Wednesday at 10am, our fabulous Year 5 class will be having their class mass. These are always very special occasions. Year 5 parent and carers are very welcome to join with us for this.

### Composer of the Week: Leonard Bernstein



This week, we are celebrating the life and work of Leonard Bernstein, a renowned composer, conductor, and pianist. Bernstein was born on August 25, 1918, in Lawrence, Massachusetts, and passed away on

October 14, 1990, in New York City. He is best known for his compositions such as "West Side Story," "Candide," and "On the Town," which have left an indelible mark on the world of music. Bernstein's innovative style and ability to blend classical and popular music genres have earned him widespread acclaim.

You can learn more about the composers that we are exploring in school by visiting the Music section of the school website.

### Head of School Awards

Olivia in Year 4 for fabulous writing in English, well done!

### Book Bingo

I had the pleasure of spending time with these amazing children and sharing their fabulous learning,

Reception	-	Olivia
Year 1	-	Remo
Year 2	-	Heiden
Year 3	-	Clarence
Year 4	-	Nataniel
Year 5	-	Sienna
Year 6	-	Tilly

Well done to you all, you should be very proud of your wonderful learning!

## UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, we commemorated Earth Day by reflecting on the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22nd, serves as a reminder of our collective responsibility to protect and preserve our planet for future generations. In our UNICEF lessons, we discussed how each of the Sustainable Development Goals contributes to environmental well-being, from Goal 13 (Climate Action) to Goal 15 (Life on Land).

As part of our Earth Day activities, children are tasked with creating an Earth Day themed poster advocating for actions to care for our planet. This homework encourages everyone to express their commitment to environmental stewardship and raise awareness about the importance of protecting our natural world.

### Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for cleaners, ten hours a week, 4pm - 6pm, working Monday to Friday. For more information please speak to the office or email [tforde2.209@gffmail.org](mailto:tforde2.209@gffmail.org)

### Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Nathaniel
Year 1	-	Ronan
Year 2	-	Heiden

Year 3 - Stefano

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - David

Year 6 - Eilish

Well done to all of you for being superstars this week!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

### Message from Miss Collins:

Another busy week has rushed by but at least as I stood on the gate at the end of the day, I was not frozen as I have been on other days this week! When is summer coming? Goodness me!

The children have all worked wonderfully as always this week and the staff have been their usual fabulous selves. Nothing is ever too much for the staff of Holy Cross and I thank them for their dedication to our children - we are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy a rest - I hope you do all get some sort of rest!

1.5.24	Year 5 Class Mass at 10am
17.5.24	Year 2 Class Trip to the Ragged Museum
24.5.24	Crowning of Mary at 2pm led by Year 3
27.5.24	Start of Half Term
3.6.24	Inset Day - school closed for children
4.6.24	Schools starts at 8.45am

12.6.24	Year 6 Theatre Trip
19.6.24	Reception Class. Assembly at 9.15am
28.6.24	Year 3 Class Mass Big Summer Sing
4.7.24	Year 1 and 2 Beach Trip
16.7.24	Year 6 Performance at 6.30am
22.7.24	Leavers Mass at 1.45pm
23.7.24	School finishes at 2pm