



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week here at Holy Cross. The children are all working incredibly hard and enjoying the varied and exciting curriculum we have here. Our Year 3 children are busy preparing for the Crowning of Mary assembly next Friday and the sound of hymns about Our Lady around the School has been beautiful.

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all of the children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. The Mass at Holy Cross was beautiful and it was a joy to be part of such a wonderful celebration. Thank you to all of those families who have already sent in photos, they are on display in our prayer area in the entrance hall. Please send any other pictures you have of them on their special day to Mrs Manning at [pmanning2.209@lgflmail.org](mailto:pmanning2.209@lgflmail.org)

### Year 6 SATs

This week Year 6 undertook their statutory tests. They were tested on their spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading comprehension and mathematics. I am so proud of the way they tackled each and every

test, they all tried their very best and that is all we asked our lovely children to do. Some of the questions were quite challenging, I certainly found them tricky, but the children attacked each one with determination. They began each morning with breakfast together, which meant that they were well prepared in terms of having a full stomach and also had time to spend with each other before the start of each test. Thank you to the whole of the Year 6 team, especially Mrs Mole, who has worked tirelessly to ensure the children all achieve their very best.

### Crowning of Our Lady

Next Friday, our Year 3 children will be leading a very special assembly dedicated to a very special lady, Mary our Mother. Children from each class are invited to bring in an individual flower or very small bunch of flowers for this celebration.

### Year 2 Class Trip



Today Year 2 went on a trip to a very special School. They were transported back in time to a traditional Victorian Classroom. They had an amazing time and I think they were shocked at the difference between learning that happens now and how the children during the Victorian

period were taught. Thank you to Mrs Davey for organising this brilliant trip and to all of the parents who accompanied us.



### Rosary

Thank you to everyone who attended the full Rosary this morning, I think it was our biggest crowd yet! It was led beautifully by every bench and it was the perfect end to this week. We have one more Friday of this half term and if you haven't joined us yet it would be lovely to welcome you next week starting at 8:30amm in the School Hall.

### Composer of the Week: Dolly Parton



This week, we celebrated the remarkable talent and contributions of Dolly Parton as our Composer of the Week. Parton's iconic songs and inspiring journey have captivated audiences worldwide. From her humble

beginnings in Tennessee to becoming a country music legend, Parton's music has touched the hearts of millions. Her philanthropic efforts, including her Imagination Library Literacy Programme, demonstrate her commitment to giving back to her community. Through her timeless music and charitable endeavours, Dolly Parton continues to inspire and uplift people of all ages.

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

David in Year 3 for a wonderful piece of work about Beethoven, I think it was the longest piece of paper I have ever seen!

Angel and Otto in Reception Class for amazing mathematical knowledge.

Well done to you all!

### UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, as part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools focus, we delved into Article 24 in conjunction with Mental Health Awareness Week. Our key question was, "What do you need for positive mental health?" We explored the importance of recognizing and accepting different feelings and moods, and how talking about them links to our

right to freedom of expression. We learned about the 'Zones of Regulation' and what the different colours represent.

For this week's UNICEF homework, children are encouraged to think about how to get back to the green zone if they find themselves in a different zone. They are tasked with creating their own Zones Bookmark, which will remind them of techniques that help them manage their emotions and maintain positive mental health.

### Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Paule-Hosanne
Year 1	-	Tania
Year 2	-	Jabarie
Year 3	-	Naomi
Year 4	-	Zara
Year 5	-	David
Year 6	-	Joseph

Well done to you all!!

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Catherine Mahony  
Head of School

### Message from Miss Collins:

Our lovely Year 6 children were just fabulous this week with their SATS tests. The attitude they showed was impressive and everything we would

expect of Holy Cross pupils. I know that we all felt very proud of them. Well done lovely ones!

I have been speaking to some parents about children's mobile phones and our shared concerns about the impact misuse of these phones can have. A child with a phone which can access the internet is able to see incredibly inappropriate content often without the knowledge of parents and carers. This can be harmful in so many ways. We are looking at how we can help our children to grow up safely in today's technological world. If you have any views please do come and see me. I will keep you up to date with any plans we make going forward.

I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend and get time to spend with your wonderful children.

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
10.7.24	Sports Day
16.7.24	Year 6 Performance at 6.30am
22.7.24	Leavers Mass at 1.45pm
23.7.24	School finishes at 2pm