



## Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to finally see some sunshine this week, albeit very briefly. I am looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend and hope that I might be able to get some gardening done! The Month of May is dedicated to honouring Mary, our Mother. We will be praying the full Rosary every Friday morning and on the 24<sup>th</sup> May Year 3 will be leading the Crowning of our Lady. It would be wonderful if we all said the Hail Mary each day as a family throughout May as a sign of our devotion to Mary.

### Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, we will join with the Parish at the 9.15am Mass to celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord.

### Keeping Safe Online

For several days this week I have been on a safeguarding course. A sustainable part of the training was around keeping children safe online. Technology is moving so quickly and we need to do the very best for our very precious children by ensuring that they only access age appropriate material. If you do not have parental locks on your

broadband, or you would like to more about keeping children safe online you can find more information at <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/> Children access the internet and social media in different ways from mobile phones, tablets and games consoles and we must ensure that appropriate locks are on all devices.

### Year 5 Class Mass

Year 5 held a beautiful class mass centred around the theme of God's love. Led by Father Antony, the mass was a reflection on the profound love that God has for us, as demonstrated by the sacrifice of His Son. The readings from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians and the Gospel of John reminded us of the qualities of love and the importance of sharing that love with others. Thank you to Mrs. Ley, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Spencer's who ensured the children were well-prepared to participate with their readings and prayers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents and carers who joined Year 5 in worship, making the mass a truly special and meaningful experience.

### Rosary

This morning we had the first full rosary of this May. My thanks to all the children, parents and carers who attended, it

### Nursery Library Trip

Nursery class went on a very special trip yesterday to Torrington Library. They had an amazing time, and for many of the children it was the first time in the library. These trips are so important for the children, promoting reading for pleasure which will hopefully stay with them throughout their lives. If you haven't joined the library yet please

consider popping along this weekend, as author Garrison Keiller says: “a book is gift you can open again and again”.

### Chicks



We have new pets arrive in the School this week. Farmer David delivered the eggs on Monday and we have seen great excitement as the chicks have been hatching out. The excitement around the Year 2 class is joyous and it is experiences such as these which really enrich our curriculum.

### First Holy Communion

Many of our children will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend here at Holy Cross. We ask that you keep them in your prayers at this very special and exciting time.

### Composer of the Week: Stevie Wonder



This week, we celebrated the music of Stevie Wonder as our Composer of the Week. Stevie Wonder, a legendary singer, songwriter, and musician, has left an indelible mark on the world of music with his

soulful voice and innovative sound. From timeless classics like "Superstition" and "Isn't She Lovely" to powerful ballads like "Lately" and "I Just Called to Say I Love You," Stevie Wonder's music continues to inspire and resonate with audiences of all ages. As we explored Stevie Wonder's musical legacy, we were reminded of the power of music to uplift, unite, and inspire positive change.

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

### SATs

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 6 class will sit their statutory tests. A separate letter will be sent out to the Year 6 parents and carers next week.

### Chocolate Award for Going Above and Beyond

Reception	-	Daniella
Year 1	-	Anayiah
Year 2	-	Anita
Year 3	-	Oluwatise
Year 4	-	Sara
Year 5	-	Adesola
Year 6	-	Chloe

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

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend,

Catherine Mahony  
Head of School

### Message from Miss Collins:

Another lovely week at Holy Cross. The excitement for the chicks hatching from their shells was felt by children and staff - lots of eyes watching the eggs in the incubator as they began to rock and then the first sign of a little crack, then a beak poking through and then a new born chick, isn't nature a miracle!

Once again the OPAL provision at playtimes was commented on by staff who love the way the children play across the two playgrounds with children from across the School. There is so much creativity and fun to be had for our lovely children, it is a joy to see them.

I have spoken with a number of parents this week who had ideas and issues they wished to share with the School - I am so glad that you make use of our open door policy and come to see us when you need to. Please remember that we are always here to listen and help - together home and School make a fabulous team!

I hope that you all enjoy the long weekend - I also hope we get a glimpse of the sun!

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