

Friday 8th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term break, although the weather wasn't quite as sunny as I had predicted! This next half term is always one of my favourites as we prepare for Christmas, in fact the sound of Christmas songs can already be heard around the School. I'm not sure who is more excited about the coming weeks, me or the children!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Catherine Mahony

Head of School

A New Newsletter!

I hope that you like our new newsletter style! We have been investigating and wanted to give our weekly information a more modern look. Please let me know your thoughts.

Maths Week

This week at Holy Cross we have been celebrating Maths Week. This has been a fun filled learning week with an exciting range of activities from a Maths hunt around the School to creating Maths stories for younger children. We shared the learning from each class during our praise assembly this morning, I think we have some fabulous Mathematicians in our midst!

Mrs Pilkington

As some of you might have noticed, Mrs Forde is not always in the School office. She is currently working three days a week at St Augustine's as their new School Business Manager. For the days that Mrs Forde is not with us, we welcome Mrs Pilkington to Holy Cross. Many of you will have seen Mrs Pilkington in the office or spoken to her on the phone earlier this week. She is looking forward to getting to know all the children and the lovely families we have here at Holy Cross, so please don't be shy and come in and introduce yourself to her.

PSA

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the meeting before half term, I am hoping that we can get a date in the diary for a meeting very soon and begin to organise some wonderful activities for the children and our very special community.

School Building Works

Over the half term we have had builders working in the School to upgrade some of the doors. There has been very little disruption for the children but the works being done will look fabulous when they are finished in a few weeks' time.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Please remember that on Wednesday, 13th November, at 9.15am, there will be a wonderful assembly led by our Year 5 class. I believe we are being transported back to the time of the Tudors! Parents and Carers are welcome to join with us.

Uniform

We are very proud of how smart our lovely children look in their school uniform. Please can I remind you that children should have a navy-blue jumper or cardigan, no jewellery including earrings and plain black shoes.

School Photographs

Next Friday, we will be having the photographer in to take individual photographs of the children. If you have siblings that do not attend Holy Cross School you will be able to come in from 8.15am to have these photographs taken. All other sibling pictures will be taken during the school day.

Cricket

This week, five different year groups have begun cricket classes in School. They have been learning skills important to cricket and how to play the game. They will continue to have this fabulous opportunity for the next few weeks.

Wall of Remembrance

Please continue to send in any names your departed loved ones to jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org or fill out form at the bottom of the letter that was sent to you. All names will be displayed in the School and will also be added to the newsletter each week. Please can you keep all of these names in your prayers throughout the month of November.

Remembrance

On Monday at 11am, the whole School will gather together for a two minutes silence, in remembrance of those men and women who made sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. Poppies are currently available to buy from the School office.

Speech and Language Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Speech and Language coffee morning on Tuesday. I know that this was a really informative session and I would like to thank Mrs Jewitt for her time and effort to organise this.

Wraparound Care

Thank you to all the families that responded to the survey that was sent out before the half term. There was a very good response and we will keep you informed about any further developments.

Head of School Awards

Michelle in Year 3 for being a wonderful story writer, well done!

Noah in Reception Class for speaking beautifully about his feelings.

Well done to you both.

Book Bingo

Each week I spend time with a different child from each class and they share all of their books and talk about the learning that has been happening in their class. It is the highlight of my week and today I was so pleased to spend time with the following children:

Reception: Joseph

Year 1: Paule-Hoasanne

Year 2: Elizabeth-Mia

Year 3: Kyle

Year 4: Timaeus

Year 5: Maely

Year 6: Amanda

Composer of the Week: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



This week, we featured Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as our Composer of the Week. Born in 1756, Mozart is one of the most celebrated composers in classical music history, known for his remarkable talent from a very young age. His compositions, including famous works like "The Magic Flute," "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," and "Symphony No. 40," are admired for their beauty, complexity, and emotional depth. Mozart's music has left a lasting legacy, continuing to inspire and enchant audiences worldwide. This week, students explored his life and works, gaining an appreciation for the genius and creativity that made Mozart one of the greatest composers of all time.

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

SEND Coffee Morning

On Thursday, 14th November, there is a coffee morning for all parents and carers in Hartley Hall. Mrs Curras has organised for a wonderful speaker, Sophie Hodson from PINS (Parent Partnership Leader), it would be lovely to see many of you join with us.

Chocolate Friday for Going Above and Beyond

Well done to all of these wonderful children who have gone above and beyond this week in School.

Reception: Nyla

Year 1: Daniela

Year 2: Israel

Year 3: Connor

Year 4: Jason

Year 5: Jude

Year 6: Joel

UNICEF Rights Respecting School



This week, as part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting School work, we explored Article 38, which emphasises the protection of children affected by armed conflict, in preparation for Remembrance Day. During our weekly UNICEF assembly, Year 6 performed the powerful poem "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon, which they have been studying in class. The poem and our discussions served as a meaningful reminder of the importance of peace and the sacrifices made by others.

For homework, children are encouraged to create a display to commemorate Remembrance Day, honouring the memories of those who have served and reflecting on the importance of protecting peace for future generations.



Message from Miss Collins:

I do hope you all enjoyed the half term break and had a chance to rest and share some special times with your precious ones.

I also hope that you like the new look newsletter this week – all comments are welcomed! This layout should be easier to read on a mobile phone which we know is the most common way for our newsletter to be read.

It has been a very busy week here at Holy Cross. Mrs Mahony and myself have been at several meetings with Lewisham leaders and are excited about a range of initiatives we are bringing back to our lovely School.

Have a wonderful weekend – doesn't it feel wintery now it is getting darker so much earlier? Goodness me, with that and the Christmas preparations in music it feels almost festive!

Names for Remembrance

Please keep these names in your prayers throughout the month of November:

Vitalii Family

Moses Eboiyehi

Elizabeth Eboiyehi

Nene Eboiyehi

Frank Banks

Fiorenze Gonnella

Lola and Dennis Collingwood

Fred and Morfydd Symons

June Porritt

Leonard Porritt

Bernadette Kennedy

Tom Bevan

Oliver Wilson

Mik Wilson

Christopher Kowalski

Becky Dunn

Ogechi Uche

Margarita Family

Kircho Family

Miroslava Family

Francis Frenchy

Anacleto Gyanaprakasam

John Broadley
Charlie and Betty Broadley
Maurice and Dorothy Hart
John and Shelia O'Hara
Sheerin Family
Fr John Mulligan
Pat and Eileen Hanlon
Mary Trelford
Libby Macnamara
Francesca Candita-Simpkins
Carly Akehurst
Elizabeth Coutts
Gracey George
John and Bernie Maher
Bunty Kane
Bridget Doyle
Happi Thomas
Kitty Tyler
Graham and Erica Canelle
Lancelot Clapperton
Terry Farrelly
John Farrelly
Sean Farrelly
Martin Farrelly
John Beirne
Agnes Adebanke
Alakuro Otiko
Omowunmi Otiko Adeniyi
Julie Collins
Patrick Collins
Winifred Grundon

Leslie Grundon

Dates for the diary

12.11.24	Flu injections for Reception to Year 6
13.11.24	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am
14.11.24	SEND Coffee Morning at 9am in Hartley Hall
	Nursery Class Trip to see Dear Zoo
15.11.24	Individual and Family Photos
20.11.24	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9.15am
11.12.24	KS1 Nativity 10am for parents and younger siblings, 2pm for parents and carers
17.12.24	Class Christmas Parties
18.12.24	EYFS Nativity at 10am
	KS2 Christmas Celebration at 6.30pm in the Church
19.12.24	Christmas Dinner Day
20.12.24	School finishes at 2pm for Christmas
6.1.25	Inset Day, School is closed to pupils
7.1.25	Start of the Spring term from 8.45am
13.1.25	School's 50 th Birthday
31.1.25	Year 4 Class Assembly
12.2.25	Year 6 Class Mass at 10am
14.2.25	Academic Review Day