Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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Holy Cross Weekly News and Updates

Friday 30th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a wonderful half term break and it will be wonderful to welcome everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November. Thank you for all of your continued support in Holy Cross. Our children have settled really well into their new classes last half term. It was fantastic to see so many of our parents and carers attend our class Learn and Share events that we had last half term. Congratulations to all of our Stars of the week – keep up the amazing effort!





Parents and Carers evening was also really well attended and our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. This is our second year having the Fair in school and it is always well received. School will receive a donation of the money spent on books, once we have this amount we will share it with you all and hopefully our School Council will be able to choose some new Non Fiction books for our school library as we celebrate Non-Fiction November this month.

Each class created peace chains which are displayed on our prayer table in the hall reminding us that Peace does begin with us and we can all play our part in this world to be a peacemaker. Year 5 had a superb Stem Science day where they created their own rocket and have entered a competition with Stem with their incredible rocket designs!





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On Wednesday 21st October Years 3-6 attended mass in Holy Cross Church with Father Jino, our children's singing in mass was beautiful and it was a lovely start to our new school week. Father Jino reminded us of the different ways we can be thankful for everything we have.



Our Scholastic Book Fair was enjoyed by everyone in Holy Cross, each class visiting it throughout the week! Year 1 loved visiting the Book Fair with their Year 6 buddies.







A special thank you to Gaynor from St Helens Rotary for organising another incredible Careers Fayre for Year 6. It was wonderful to welcome Year 6 from Parish Primary School as well as some Year 6 from St James Primary School. Congratulations to two of our Holy Cross superstars for being nominated for the St Helens All Stars Outstanding Friendship Award and Inspirational Role Model Award. We are all so proud of you both for this great achievement. We have places in our Nursery and Reception classes – please spread the word if you know any children who are 3 and need a school place, Holy Cross is the place to be!

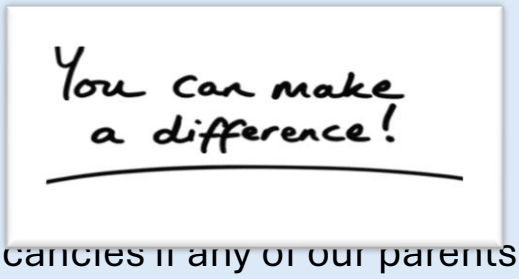




We have appointed a new Chair and Vice Chair of Governors in school, Mr Liam Henry and Mr Ian Thomson. Mr Henry has been our Vice Chair of Governors for the past year. We thank Mrs Yvonne Allen for her support and dedication over the past year as our Chair of Governors, Mrs Allen will continue to be a foundation governor for Holy Cross which we are really appreciate of her and all of our governors for their generosity with their time and expertise. Mr Henry has sent the following email to introduce himself to our Holy Cross families in his new role.

Dear Parents and Carers,
I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.
In addition to my role as Chair of Governors in Holy Cross, I am also a Foundation Governor in Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School and an Assistant Headteacher in a secondary school within our Archdiocese. As such I have a strong understanding of the principles and priorities that underpin effective Catholic education.
As Chair of Governors, I will work closely with Miss Walsh, Mr Platt and Mr Thomson and all our Governors, to provide effective strategic oversight, support and challenge, and to ensure that Holy Cross continues to develop and flourish. Your children are, and will always remain, at the heart of all we do. **I look forward to working with the whole school community.**

Mr Liam Henry
Chair of Governors



We currently have two parent governor vacancies if any of our parents are interested. More information about this will follow in the next week.
Father Jino has asked us to invite everyone to mass on Sunday for All Saints Day at 10am. On Monday Years 4-6 will be attending Holy Cross Church for mass at 12:15pm for All Souls Day. You are all very welcome to join us.

We will be sending out a questionnaire this week – please look out for this on School Spider. We always appreciate your feedback. Don't forget to check Instagram for all the wonderful photos of learning and events throughout school! Scan the QR code below which will take straight to our Instagram page.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!
Best wishes
Miss Walsh and Mr Platt

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
2nd Nov	Autumn Term 2nd half begins	8:45am	All
2nd Nov	Years 4-6 to mass in Holy Cross Church	12pm	Years 4-6
2nd Nov	Poppies on sale in school this week for The Royal British Legion	All day	All
6th Nov	Times Table Rockstar day – children can dress up as a rockstar	All day	All
8th Nov	First Holy Communicants preparation session 3	10am	First Holy Communicants
9th Nov	Saints Mascot Boots to visit each class	9am	All
11th Nov	Remembrance Day		
15th Nov	Family mass in Holy Cross Church – refreshments served after mass	10am	All
15th Nov	First Holy Communicants preparation session 4	10am	First Holy Communicants
16th Nov	Agents of Change performance from Altru Drama for Anti-Bullying week	9am	Years 1-6
24th Nov	Manacto performance of A Christmas Carol	1pm	Years 1-6
27th Nov	Own clothes day – donation for Christmas Fayre	All day	All
29th Nov	First Holy Communicants preparation session 5	10am	First Holy Communicants
3rd Dec	Hands BSL performance Year 5 with parents and carers	2:30pm	Year 5 parents and carers
4th Dec	Own clothes day – donation for Christmas Fayre	All day	All
6th Dec	First Holy Communicants preparation session 6	10am	First Holy Communicants
11th Dec	Own clothes day – donation for Christmas Fayre	All day	All
11th Dec	Year 6 to Mansion House to sing carols as part of Chocolate Orange Appeal	9-11am	Year 6
13th Dec	Family mass in Holy Cross Church – refreshments served after mass	10am	All
13th Dec	First Holy Communicants preparation session 3	10am	First Holy Communicants
14th Dec	EYFS and KS1 nativity	9am	EYFS and KS1 parents and carers
14th Dec	Santa visit to EYFS and KS1	Am	EYFS and KS1
14th Dec	Children can wear Christmas jumper with uniform all this week	All day	All
15th Dec	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day	Lunchtime	All
16th Dec	Advent mass in Holy Cross Church	10am	Years 3-6
16th Dec	Christmas Fair	All day	All
18th Dec	Finish for Christmas holiday	1:30pm	All
18th Dec	Christmas disco/film day – can wear own clothes	Am	All
5th Jan	School reopens for Spring Term 1st half	8:45am	All