



Holy Cross News

*One School Family, Achieving Together,
Anchored in the Love of Christ*



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Dear Families,

Since the start of the year, we have been having a school-wide focus on having high expectations for presentation and handwriting, crucial in fostering pride in our work. As such, we have implemented our 'presentation heroes' certificates, awarded to children with excellence or effort in presentation and handwriting. We are working with our children to ensure they understand that careful presentation is not just about making things look nice; it encourages attention to detail and effective communication. Good handwriting and clear number formation help ensure that our ideas are understood. When children take pride in their work, it boosts their confidence and sets a standard for their learning – it's all part of being the best we can be!

Next Tuesday, 24th September, we have the school photographer in. **If your child has PE on a Tuesday, please could you ensure your child wears their school uniform on this day.** They should still wear trainers.

We have been contacted by some of the neighbours in relation to use of St Thomas Road at school drop off and pick up. Please can I politely remind parents that St Thomas is a private road, which the residents kindly permit us to use for access to the school via the West Gate. This is for pedestrian use only, if you are using a car to drop off and pick up your child, this needs to be via our carpark school entrance.

As I'm sure you're all aware, school budgets are not overly generous, so fundraising is a fantastic way for us to boost our budget and enhance the educational experience for all our pupils. We currently run a school lottery, through the company Your School Lottery. Your School Lottery creates and runs lotteries for schools across the UK. For further information, or to purchase a lottery ticket, you can visit their website: <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/>

Another recent fundraising opportunity is 'Cashpot for Schools'. 'Cashpot for Schools' is a donation initiative operated by Asda, whereby Asda will donate 0.5% of qualifying purchases during the qualifying period to eligible schools. It's a really easy way to raise a few extra pounds for our wonderful school. Further information, and details on how to sign up, can be found on the Asda website: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Thank you for supporting with good attendance this week, ensuring your child hasn't missed out on any crucial learning experiences.

Have a lovely weekend!

Warm regards, Mrs Lucie Banks

Attendance

Our target for whole school attendance is **97%**

Holy Cross whole school attendance this week is: **97%**

- Saint Jude: 92%**
- Saint Mary (1): 88%**
- Saint Mary (2): 95%**
- Saint John: 98%**
- Saint Teresa: 100%**
- Saint Veronica: 99%**
- Saint Michael: 92%**



★ **Congratulations to Year 4 on 100%** ★

Good attendance ensures that children can develop at the right pace, gain confidence as they make progress, and ultimately enjoy school as they see themselves succeed.

Certificate Winners!

							
	<u>Saint Jude</u> Lexi		<u>Saint Mary</u> Ozzy	<u>Saint Mary</u> Molly			
			Albie	Jesse			
			Arthur	Faustina			
			Delilah				
	<u>Saint John</u> Noah E		<u>Saint Teresa</u> Sophia	<u>Saint Veronica</u> Billy			
			Charlotte	Lilly			
			Evelyn	Mikayla			
			Cameron	Autumn			
			<u>Saint Michael</u> Esme				
			Jacob	Declan			
							
							

Church News

Masses this week:

- Sun 22nd Sept** 9am Mass St Thomas's, 11am Mass St David's and 5.30pm Mass St Thomas's
- Mon 23rd Sept** No Mass today
- Tues 24th Sept** No Mass today
- Wed 25th Sept** No Mass today
- Thurs 26th Sept** No Mass today
- Fri 27th Sept** No Mass today
- Sat 28th Sept** No Mass today



No Masses during the week, as Father Jonathan is off on a much-deserved and rather belated summer holiday.

Readings for Sun 22nd. Wisdom 2:12 and James 3:16-4:3. The Gospel is taken from Mark 9:30-37.

Year of Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who face a daily struggle for the necessities of life. May God inspire us to respond to their needs, to build a world of justice and peace where all people may flourish. Amen



Development Days

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 23rd June 2025
- Thursday 24th July 2025
- Friday 25th July 2025

Presentation Heroes

Saint Mary

Ozzy
Honey
Ada
Arthur
Ryan
Lillie

Saint Mary

Lewis
Molly
Heidi
Jessie

Saint John

Felix
Noah E
Noah G
Eleanor
Reggie
Ellie-May

Saint Teresa

Lilly
Mikayla
Ieuan
Jacob

Saint Veronica

Isla
Reuben
Layla
Bella
Finola
Billy
Poppy

Saint Michael

Milo
Lily-Mai
James
Tilly
Declan
Oliver
Joey
Rio



Dates for your Diary

- 23rd Sept – St Michael (Y6)
- Winchester Science Centre trip
- 24th Sept – School photographs
- 25th Sept – Reception 2025
- Open Day, 3.30-5pm
- 27th Sept – St John (Y3) Boat
- Museum trip
- 30th Sept – St Veronica (Y5)
- Osborne House trip



Menu

Just a reminder that school dinners are **£2.95**.

★ **Don't forget school lunches are free for all of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and for those pupils who are eligible** ★

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT SPECIALS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausages Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Tomato and Herb Lentil Pasta	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mashed Potato and Beans	Cheese and Onion Pasty Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Balls in Tomato Sauce Served with Rainbow Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Strawberry Jelly	Banana Cake	Lemon Sicilian Cookie	Chocolate Ice Cream
PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day		AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit		Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice	

PE Days

- St Jude (YR) Tues & Wed
- St Mary (Y1) Thurs & Fri
- St Mary (Y2) Thurs & Fri
- St John (Y3) Tues & Wed
- St Teresa (Y4) Tues & Wed
- St Veronica (Y5) Wed & Thurs
- St Michael (Y6) Tues & Thurs

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