

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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C.A.R.E.S we aim to help every pupil become:

Confident, Aspirational, Resilient, Enquiring, Spiritual

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Mission Statement

To enable every child to discover their talents, realise their potential and achieve their dreams, by living, learning and laughing in the love of Christ, always asking,

'What would Jesus do?'

NEWSLETTER—Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Families of Holy Cross,

I can't quite believe we are nearing the end of the Autumn Term! The children have worked so hard this term and are looking forward to their next adventures at Holy Cross in 2022.

I hope you have received my letter detailing plans moving forward along with the staffing updates. As shared the school day will start at 8:45am and finish at 3:10pm for families. Please be considerate when using the school car park at these times for the safety of our children.

As we head into 2022, we very much look forward to opening up more opportunities for you to be fully involved in your child's education and school experiences and will of course keep you updated.

On this note I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the staffing team at Holy Cross for their determined efforts this term. Their dedication to the school and to continuing the improvement journey is clear. The support, belief and kindness from our community has carried us through these challenging times we currently face both locally, nationally and worldwide.

This is my last newsletter of the year and so on behalf of myself and the Governing Body of Holy Cross I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all at 8:45am on Tuesday 4th January 2022!

Mrs Dyer

OUR AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE!

Well done to all our award winners this week!

#TeamHolyCross #Proud





JUST KEEP SWIMMING!

Congratulations to Rafe in Year 1! Rafe has completed his stage 2 award in swimming. We are so proud of you!

Anglo Saxon feast

Year 5 children made peasant bread, chicken and barley stew, leek and split pea soup and non-alcoholic mead! After trying everything the children had to fill out an evaluation form to rate each dish on appearance, flavour, aroma, and texture. Yummy! #masterchef



Year 5 Science:

As a fun end to their Science unit on, Properties and Changes of Materials, Yr5 experimented making slime from PVA glue and an activator. They learned the science behind the chemical reactions that occur causing the polymer molecules to thicken and become more elastic. They then made their own glitter slime! As you can see from the photos they had lots of fun, and Mr Wild was very pleased that they managed not to get any on the carpet!



History off The Page —Year 2

On Monday, Year 2 had the exciting experience of a "History Off the Page" day to finish their learning on the Great Fire of London.

The children took part in an interactive workshop, which gave them the opportunity to help the people of London following the devastating fire which destroyed huge parts of the city in September 1666.

The children learnt how to weave, make scent bags, mould clay candle stick holders, write letters with a quill and create embossed plaques.

It was a very busy and interesting day which reinforced the learning they had already done on the topic in class time.

The children helped each other to complete the tasks and everyone gave positive feedback on the experience.

Well done Year 2.



Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

School Dinner Menu—Week beginning 3rd January

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Specials	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers and Chips
Specials	Vegetable Burrito Wrap	BBQ Beans with Cornbread	Sweet Potato Chickpea Roast, Roast Potatoes	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Meat-Free Nuggets and chips
Other Options	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta
Vegetables	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Broccoli	Cabbage Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Berry and Peach Oaty Crumble and Custard	Orange, Sultana and Carrot Cake

Alternative Option for KS2 pupils is a filled Baguette with a filling of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna

School dinners cost £2.15 per day for KS2 pupils and FREE for Reception and KS1

Advent prayer



Christ Jesus, you entered our human story.
Write your story in our hearts.
Let our words and our actions witness
to the dignity and value of each member of
the human family.
Amen.

Uniform Expectations

Autumn/ Spring Term

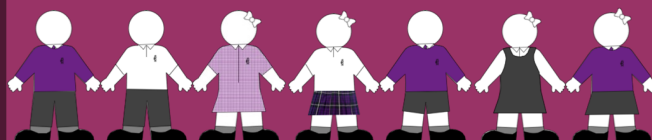
School Logo white polo shirt
Holy Cross purple cardigan or jumper
Charcoal Grey Trousers or grey skirt
Holy Cross kilt
Black sensible school shoes (NO BOOTS OR TRAINERS)

Summer Term

School Logo white polo shirt
Holy Cross purple cardigan or jumper
Charcoal Grey Trousers or grey skirt / Purple summer dress
Black sensible school shoes (NO BOOTS OR TRAINERS)

LAST DAY—21st December 2021

Children are welcome to come in Christmas Mufti to celebrate our last day and our Christmas Dinner!



Christmas Eve, 24th – 5pm Mass St David's and 10pm "Midnight" Mass St Thomas's (no additional carols beforehand);

Christmas Day, 25th – 9am Mass St Thomas's, and 11am Mass St David's;

Sunday 26th – 9am Mass St Thomas's, and 11am Mass St David's.

Masses will include carols, and possibly even a bit of incense this year at St Thomas's, as in pre-Covid times

To book a place, please email Fr Johnathan... jredversharris@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



School Development News:

This week we have been reviewing our class learning timetables, structures and routines of break and lunchtimes to support our children.

We have reflected on what each year group of children need in terms of learning opportunity and engagement and from January we will be providing a more consistent approach to learning across the school for every child.

School

Attendance

Superstars!



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School target for whole school attendance is 97%

Holy Cross whole school attendance this week is 96.10%

Well done Year 3 for 97.56% attendance!



CLOSING DATE FOR
SEPTEMBER 2022
APPLICATIONS JANUARY
15TH 2022



Holy Cross
Christ Our Light

**HOLY CROSS
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OPEN DAY, ANY DAY

Millfield Avenue,
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9.30am 12noon
please call the school office to
book a time slot
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