

HOLY CROSS VIDYA SADAN THELLAKOM

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2025 - 26

Introduction

At Holy Cross Vidya Sadan, we remain steadfast in our mission to nurture young minds with knowledge, creativity, and values through innovative education. Each academic year strengthens our commitment to shaping learners who are intellectually equipped, morally grounded, and socially responsible. As Malcolm X profoundly stated, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." These words beautifully echo the spirit of our institution—a place where students discover their potential and prepare to embrace the opportunities of tomorrow. Guided by our school's vision, "Love and Serve," the academic year has been a journey of purposeful learning, creativity, and growth. With dedicated educators, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students, Holy Cross Vidya Sadan continues to flourish as a vibrant centre of holistic education. This Annual Report is a reflection of our collective efforts, achievements, and aspirations as we march forward with renewed vision, confidence, and gratitude.

School reopening

The new academic year began with excitement and joy on 3rd June 2025. A special assembly was held to welcome all students, especially the Pre-KG, LKG, and new entrants. The school was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Ms. Anju Ann Mathew, a proud alumna, graced the event and shared her inspiring journey and fond memories. Sr. Bindu George, the Principal, warmly welcomed students and parents, encouraging them to embrace the new year with enthusiasm. PTA President Adv. Jacob D. Nellikapally also felicitated the gathering.

Teacher Training and Professional Development – 2025

In accordance with CBSE guidelines, our teachers successfully completed 50 hours of professional development through a variety of enriching programmes. Major initiatives included textbook training for KG and LP teachers, NEP training at St. Alphonsa, and a motivational workshop titled "Evolving Through Personal Transformation." Teachers also attended subject-specific workshops across

reputed institutions, strengthening expertise in core subjects. The Principal Leadership Conference at Ernakulam focused on leadership and values, while a professional empowerment session further enhanced teaching skills. These collective efforts significantly enriched the professional competence of our teachers and strengthened the teaching-learning environment of the school.

Academic Excellence Report – 2025

We are proud to announce that our school has achieved **100% results** in both the **SSE (Class 10)** and **SSCE (Class 12)** Board Examinations 2025. This outstanding performance reflects the dedication of our students, the relentless efforts of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our parents.

SSCE (Class 12) – 2025.

Full A1 Achievers

- **Ardhra B – 97.6% (School Topper)**
- **Milin Maria Roy – 95.8%**
- **Ashley Benoy – 94.2%**

Subject Toppers

- **English, Mathematics , Physics & Computer Science** Ardhra B
- **Chemistry:** Milin Maria Roy & Ashley Benoy
- **Biology:** Milin Maria Roy

SSE (Class 10) – 2025

Full A1 Achievers

- **Ashik Thomas – 96.6%**
- **Alpha Elizabeth – 96.2%**
- **Ajay Sasi – 94.2%**

Subject Toppers

- **English:** Nived V Nair
- **Malayalam:** Alpha Elizabeth
- **Mathematics:** Ashik Thomas
- **Science:** Ashik Thomas & Ajay Sasi
- **Social Science:** Ashik Thomas, Alphiya Elizabeth & Afreen Fathima
- **Information Technology:** Abhijith A S – **100/100**

The outstanding results of the 2025 Board Examinations stand as a testament to the school's commitment to academic rigor and holistic development. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our achievers and express deep appreciation to the teachers and parents who consistently supported them throughout their journey.

School Parliament Election

The School Parliament Election was held successfully on June 20, 2025, fostering democratic values and leadership among students. A "Meet the Candidates" session on June 18 and the campaigning on June 19 created great enthusiasm and healthy competition. Students from Classes 5 to 12 cast their votes, and results were announced the same day. The elected members are Master Jills Sebastian (Head Boy), Karthika K. Binod (Head Girl), Devasankar D. (Sports Club Secretary), and Ananthu N. Ashok (Arts Club Secretary). The entire election was conducted smoothly and transparently under the guidance of the school authorities.

Merit Day, Investiture Ceremony & Club Inauguration – June 24, 2025

The school proudly celebrated Merit Day, the Investiture Ceremony, and all Club Inauguration on 24th June 2025. The function was presided over by Rev. Sr. Jyothi Thomas, School Manager, who emphasized the importance of academic excellence and responsible leadership. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Meby Mathew, Assistant Professor at Amal Jyothi Engineering College, Kanjirappally, whose inspiring address motivated students to strive for success in every sphere of life. The occasion also honored students who excelled in the SSE and SSCE Examinations 2025. Ardha B, SSCE topper, received the Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Achamma Thomas Maniyanchira Memorial Endowment and the Sr. Olivia Memorial Endowment from Sr. Bindu George, school Principal. Ashik Thomas, SSE topper, was awarded the Sr. Verginia Memorial and Sr. Olivia Memorial Endowments. Students who secured A1 grades were also felicitated for their achievements. During the Investiture Ceremony, the newly elected Head Boy, Head Girl, Club Secretaries, House Captains, Vice-Captains, and Class Representatives took the oath of office administered by the Principal. Mr. Ajith, PTA Executive Member, congratulated the young leaders and urged them to uphold the school's values with dedication and humility. The event was a fitting tribute to excellence and leadership, inspiring every student to aim higher and serve with integrity.

Club Activities

To nurture the talents and potential of every student, our school actively runs a variety of clubs, including Literary, Science, Social Science, Mathematics, Anti-

Narcotic, English, Malayalam, Hindi, IT, Nallapadam, and the School Protection Group. These clubs provide students with opportunities to explore their interests, develop skills, and grow holistically.

All clubs were formally inaugurated on 24th June by Dr. Melby Mathew, Assistant Professor, Amal Jyothi Engineering College, Kanjirapally.

Co-curricular Activities

To ensure holistic development, our school integrates a range of co-curricular activities—including yoga, guitar, keyboard, drawing, karate, dance, kung fu, abacus and more—into the weekly timetable. These programmes nurture creativity, confidence, discipline, and overall well-being, helping students grow as well-rounded individuals.

World Environment Day

World Environment Day was observed meaningfully with a series of activities promoting environmental awareness and sustainability. The school collaborated with **Sargashetra 89.6 FM, Frequenz Tree, Matha-Caritas Hospital, and Federal Bank, Thellakom Branch** for the event. Mr. Sethu from Sargashetra introduced the innovative concept of the **89.6 Frequenz Tree**, creatively linking radio frequency to the vibrancy of nature. His inspiring talk motivated students to become dedicated guardians of the environment. As part of the **“Adopt the Environment”** initiative Principal Rev. Sr. Bindu George distributed saplings to Class 1 students. Class teachers ensured that students continued nurturing the saplings received in previous years. The initiative instilled a lasting sense of environmental responsibility among students. Additional saplings provided by Caritas-Matha Hospital and Federal Bank were planted on the school campus, marking a united step toward a greener future.

International Yoga Day

International Yoga Day was observed with a special session in the school auditorium. Under the guidance of yoga instructor Mr. Mathew, students and teachers enthusiastically participated in various yoga exercises that promoted physical fitness, mental peace, and overall well-being.

Reading Week Report (19th–23rd June)

Reading Week was celebrated to foster a love for books and promote creative expression among students. A special assembly highlighted the importance of English, Malayalam, and Hindi. An “Aksharamaram” (Alphabet Tree) was created, where students hung letters in all three languages on a mango tree, symbolizing the quest for knowledge. Students also set up a Reading Corner by bringing books they had finished reading, encouraging peer sharing; it will remain active throughout the academic year to sustain a reading culture. Various competitions were held, including: Poster Making (Classes 5–9): “Books – Your Window to the World”

Poem & Story Writing (Classes 5–12): “Treasure of Reading” and “The Joy of Reading”

Storytelling (LKG–Class 2) Reading Competition for all classes in three languages to develop fluency. The week successfully inspired students to read, create, and celebrate the joy of literature.

PTA

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) serves as a dynamic platform connecting parents, teachers, and the school, fostering a collaborative community focused on student growth and well-being. Under the leadership of Adv. Jacob D. Nellickappally, the PTA conducts regular meetings, class-wise orientations, and events that strengthen communication and partnership between parents and the school, ensuring holistic development and academic success for every student.

Student Awareness, Well-being, and Enrichment Programmes – 2025

Students training programmes

Throughout the academic year, the school organised a series of awareness, wellness, and enrichment programmes to support the holistic development of students. Sessions on adolescent development, waste management, first aid, drug and mobile misuse, sex education, rabies prevention, and stress management equipped students with essential knowledge, life skills, and responsible habits. A special Legal Awareness Class, conducted as per the directive of the Honourable High Court, further strengthened students’ understanding of basic laws, cyber safety, and the consequences of unlawful behaviour. The English Week celebrations added a vibrant academic spirit to the year, featuring story and essay writing, speech competitions, and an engaging house-wise quiz based on Spell Bee, Scrambled Words, Dictionary Challenge, and Riddle Challenge. Outdoor activities enhanced teamwork and provided

joyful learning experiences. Together, these programmes enriched students' personal growth, confidence, awareness, and overall well-being, making the year both meaningful and memorable.

Festivals and celebrations

Youth Festival

On 31 July and 6 August, our campus was vibrant with creativity and enthusiasm as we celebrated our cultural fest "Eclora – To Bloom." The programme was presided over by our Principal, Rev. Sr. Bindu George. The festival was inaugurated by Mrs. Libi Elizabeth Mukesh Ambani, freelance motivational speaker and edupreneur, whose inspiring address encouraged students to pursue their passions with confidence and dedication. PTA President Adv. Jacob D. Nellikapally offered felicitations, and Ananthu N. Ashok, School Arts Club Secretary, expressed gratitude on behalf of the students. The Youth Festival provided a joyful platform for students to express their talents, discover new interests, and grow beyond academics.

Teachers day celebration

Teachers' Day was celebrated in our school on September 8th. Classes 9 and 11 took charge of organizing the event. The program began with a special prayer, followed by a symbolic lamp-lighting ceremony led by our Principal, Sr. Bindu George, signifying the spread of knowledge and wisdom. Mrs. Devipriya was crowned as the Lucky Teacher. The celebration concluded with a variety of entertaining programmes and fun-filled games for the teachers.

Holy Cross Feast Celebration

On September 14th, the Holy Cross Feast was celebrated with heartfelt devotion and joy. Students warmly welcomed the Holy Cross Sisters to the school and expressed their gratitude through graceful cultural performances that showcased both talent and appreciation. Earlier, on September 11th, the Sisters hosted a festive lunch for the staff of the Holy Cross Group of Schools, where teachers honoured them for their dedicated service and inspiring leadership. Both occasions radiated a beautiful spirit of love, unity, and thankfulness, making the celebrations truly special and memorable for everyone.

Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration

In connection with Gandhi Jayanthi on October 2, our school observed the Swachhata Hi Seva initiative. Students and teachers actively participated in cleaning the school campus, vegetable garden, playground, and surrounding roads, spreading the message of cleanliness, responsibility, and care for the environment. The activity reflected the true spirit of Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a clean and self-reliant nation.

Kerala Piravi

The spirit of Kerala Piravi, marking the formation of our beloved state, was celebrated with great pride and cultural vibrancy at our school. The programme was presided over by our Principal, Rev. Sr. Bindu George. A range of engaging competitions added colour to the occasion, highlighting the artistic talent and cultural enthusiasm of our students. Among the highlights were the Malayali Manga and Purusha Kesari contests. Kumari Theresa Jaison of Class 9 was adjudged Malayali Manga, and Master Steeve Jijo of Class 9A earned the title of Purusha Kesari.

Children's Day Celebration

Children's Day was celebrated with great joy and excitement. The day began with a lively campus rally, with students dressed in cheerful pink attire, reflecting the theme of the celebration. This was followed by a variety of cultural events, including a colorful fancy-dress competition and energetic dance performances, where students expressed their creativity with enthusiasm. A special highlight of the day was the delightful dance and musical performance by the teachers, which brought immense happiness to the students and added warmth to the celebration. The entire event created a joyful atmosphere filled with fun, laughter, and memorable moments for all.

The Annual Sports Meet,

The **Annual Sports Meet *Lakshya 2025***, was conducted on **4 November 2025** with enthusiastic participation from students and parents. Parents were especially encouraged to take part in the events, and their active involvement added great energy to the programme. **Ms. Anjumol Joseph**, a wrestler and National Games bronze medalist, Senior National silver medalist, and an officer at the Regional Transport Office, Kottayam, graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**.

The event was presided over by **Rev. Sr. Jyothi Thomas**. **Principal Rev. Sr. Bindu George** delivered the welcome address. **Rev. Sr. Daphne Thomas**, Coordinator, Education Commission, Angamaly Province, and the School PTA President **Adv. Jacob D. Nellikapally** offered felicitations. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by the Staff Secretary, **Mrs. Devipriya**. We received an overwhelming response from parents, and the event provided them with a wonderful opportunity to revisit their childhood and school memories.

Rosary Month Observance – October

The month of October was devoutly observed as the Rosary Month in our school. daily recitation of the Holy Rosary was conducted, seeking the blessings of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Students and staff participated with great faith and devotion, reflecting the spirit of unity, peace, and gratitude throughout the month.

Educational Trips and Picnics – October & November

Our students had memorable experiences during the recent educational trips and picnics organized by the school. From October 29 to 31, students of Classes 9, 10, and 12 visited Kattapana, Ramakkalmedu, and Munnar. They enjoyed the beauty of nature, the cool mountain atmosphere, trekking, and the joy of spending time together with friends, making the trip a truly enriching experience. On November 7, students of Classes 1 to 8 went on a trip to Ernakulam, where they enjoyed boating, park visits, and time at the seashore. For the first standard students, this was a first-ever outing with friends, adding to the excitement and fun of the day. These trips provided students with opportunities to explore nature, bond with classmates, and create lasting memories outside the classroom.

Assembly

The regular school assemblies held every Monday and Thursday, conducted class-wise in rotation, provide a meaningful platform for students to build confidence, develop public speaking skills, and stay informed about important happenings.

Examination

Examinations form an integral part of our academic programme, helping us assess students' understanding and overall progress. Monthly tests, periodic assessments, and semester examinations are conducted systematically throughout the year. Parents are regularly updated on their children's performance, ensuring transparency and continuous support. Students requiring additional help are given focused guidance to strengthen their learning and achieve success.

Achievements

Our school takes great pride in the remarkable achievements of our students, whose dedication and talent shine brightly across various fields. A special commendation goes to Steve Jijo of Class 9A, a gifted young musician. Steve secured First Place in Classical Music at the Sahodaya competition and went on to compete at the State level, showcasing his exceptional musical ability. He further distinguished himself at the Jawahar Balabhavan competitions, Kottayam, winning First Prize in both Light Music and Classical Music.

We also applaud Nivedita Unni of Class 4, who won First Prize in Classical Music (Girls) at the same event, demonstrating impressive musical promise at a young age.

In addition, many of our students participated in the Kottayam Sahodaya Sargasangamam across various categories, earning A Grades and bringing honour to our school through their creativity and hard work.

Our UKG students added to these achievements by securing the Second Prize in the English Group Action Song competition, delighting everyone with their enthusiastic performance. These accomplishments reflect the vibrant talents of our students and inspire us to continue nurturing excellence in academics, arts, and co-curricular pursuits.

Nallapadam Activities - 2025

1. Vegetable and Flower Plant Garden

Students cultivated vegetables such as lady's finger, tomato, cucumber, green chilli, spinach, bitter gourd, and cowpea, along with flowering plants in grow bags. Through regular care—watering, weeding, and manuring—they learned practical farming skills and developed a deeper connection with nature.

2. Aksharamaram (Alphabet Tree)

A vibrant Alphabet Tree was created using colourful alphabet cut-outs in English, Malayalam, and Hindi, beautifully displayed on a mango tree. This initiative promoted creativity and multilingual learning among students.

3. Green Corner – Alphabet Green

Old books collected from students were arranged in a dedicated 'Green Corner,' offering a quiet reading space during free periods. This fostered a strong reading culture and encouraged responsible reuse of resources.

4. Children's Newspaper and Class Magazine

A monthly Children's Newspaper highlighted school events and student creativity. Additionally, every class from 1 to 12 prepared a Class Magazine, showcasing teamwork, artistic expression, and writing skills.

5. Adoption of Ten Families

The school adopted ten economically disadvantaged families, providing essential items throughout the academic year. This initiative instilled empathy, responsibility, and a sense of community service among students.

6. Sneha Kudukka (Share Love Programme)

On birthdays and special occasions, students contributed a part of their pocket money to support people facing hardships. This programme nurtured kindness, generosity, and a spirit of sharing.

7. Visit to Snehabhavan

Students visited Snehabhavan, where they interacted with physically handicapped and mentally challenged children and adults. They spent meaningful time with the inmates, shared gifts, and offered support. The visit deeply touched the students and helped develop compassion, sensitivity, and respect for individuals with special needs.

8. Visit to Old Age Homes

During Onam and Christmas, students visited old age homes and spent time with the elderly, offering gifts and sharing joy. These visits encouraged respect, empathy, and emotional bonding with senior citizens.

9. Toy Collection and Distribution

Students collected new and gently used toys and distributed them to Anganwadis, supporting the developmental needs and happiness of young children, while learning the value of sharing.

These Nallapadam initiatives nurtured environmental care; social responsibility, compassion, and community engagement, helping our students grow into responsible and empathetic citizens.

Infrastructure and Academic Enrichment

To enhance the overall learning experience, the school has strengthened its infrastructure by installing smart boards in classrooms and establishing a state-of-the-art AI Robotics Lab. These additions support interactive learning and prepare students for future technological advancements. To promote communicative English, a range of activities is conducted throughout the year, including an afternoon radio programme during the lunch break, the Best English-Speaking Class award, multi-round Spell Bee competitions, and a vibrant English Week celebration. These initiatives, led by our team of efficient and dedicated teachers, create a dynamic and engaging learning atmosphere. The school has also ensured improved accessibility with the installation of a lift, further enhancing convenience. Overall, these developments contribute to a more enriching, inclusive, and future-ready educational environment.

Annual Day celebrations:

Holy Cross Vidya Sadan burst into a symphony of joy and pride on December 16, 2025, when the school hosted its Annual Day celebration, Vibrance, starting at 2:00 PM. The event, held in the DM Convention Centre, showcased the talents, achievements, and unity of the Crossian family, drawing students, parents, staff, and dignitaries.

Key Highlights

Welcome: Mrs. Devipriya, Saff Secretary.

School Annual report: Sr. Bindu George, Principal.

Presidential Address: Rev. Sr. Rosily M. Thomas, Provincial, Angamaly Province

Key note address: Mr. Benny Sebastian, Excise officer, Kottayam.

Inauguration: Mr. Rethu Guinness, Flowers TV.

Benedictory speech : Rev. Fr. Chacko Puthenpurakal, Vicar, St. Mary's Church, Thellakom

Felicitation: PTA President Jacob D. Nellikapally

Magazine Release (Cross Blooms): School Manager Sr. Jyothi Thomas,

Vote of Thanks: School Head Girl.

The formal proceedings transitioned into vibrant cultural programs, featuring dances, skits, and performances that highlighted student talent. The program concluded on an inspiring high, reinforcing the spirit of "Journey Together." The celebration reaffirmed Holy Cross Vidya Sadan's commitment to nurturing joyful, well-rounded learners.

Conclusion

I express my sincere gratitude to our respected Provincial, Rev. Sr. Rosily M. Thomas, our esteemed Chief Guest Mr. Benny Sebastian, honoured guest Ms. Rithu Guinness, and Rev. Fr. Chacko Puthenpurakal for their gracious presence and inspiring support. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to our School Manager, Rev. Sr. Jyothi Thomas, our Principal, Rev. Sr. Bindu George, our PTA President, and all our benefactors whose generous support has greatly strengthened the growth of our institution. My appreciation further goes to our beloved sisters, dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and dear students for their wholehearted cooperation throughout the year. With continued teamwork and God's grace, we look forward to reaching greater heights in the coming year.

Thank you.