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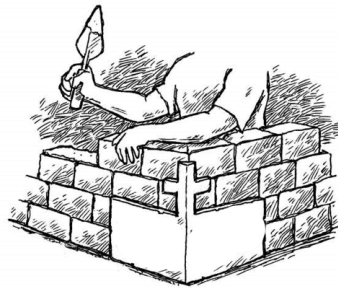
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Dear Parents and Carers,

In last Sundays Gospel Jesus told another parable called the 'tenant farmers'. In it he describes how the landowners servants are repeatedly killed when they attempt to collect the fruit from the tenants for the landowner. The story reaches its climax with the landowners son being sent and killed. This was a prophecy of Jesus' death and described how the many prophets sent before him had been rejected. The parable was also a warning.



Jesus describes himself as the 'cornerstone'. The first stone placed down and the one that the builder uses as his guide.

The children learnt that (just as in the parable) God gives us many chances but that if we truly wish to live life in all its fullness we must be guided by him and his son, just as the builder is guided by the cornerstone.

The children were taught the sign for 'second chance'. See the sign for 'chance' at the following link.

<https://babysignlanguage.com/dictionary/chance/>

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

**Mr Doherty**



## School Instagram account

The school now has an Instagram account. We will use this space to celebrate and update you on the wonderful things that are happening in school. Please follow us.

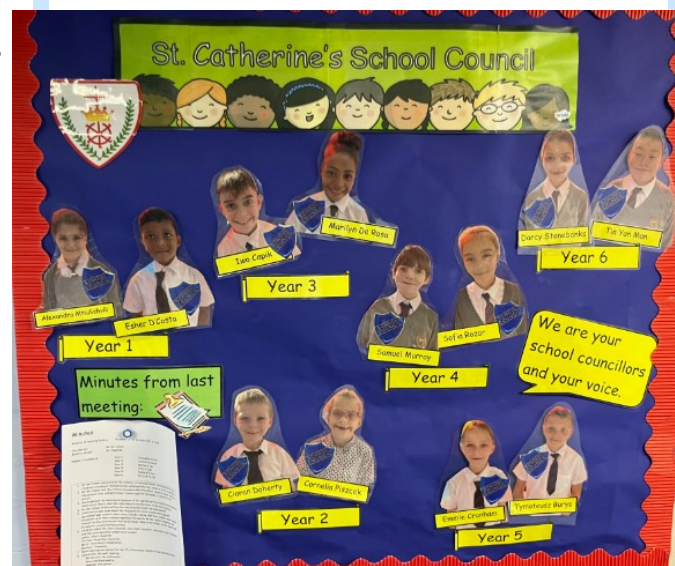
Our username is:  
st\_catherine\_socials\_



## New School Council

Our new School Council led by Mr McCosker (Chairperson) and supported by Mrs Kowalska (minute keeper) met for the first time this week.

Congratulations to the children selected in a democratic vote to represent their peers.  
Here is our school council board:





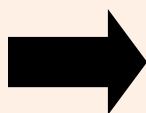
# DONATION DAY THIS MONDAY (16TH OCTOBER)

## Harvest assembly

Our annual Harvest Assembly is **this Monday**. We ask, each year, that all children bring a donation for the food bank—if you are able. You may bring more than 1 item if you wish. All donations will go to the Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank.

The children will be reminded that by supporting others we are living the Catholic Social Teachings (option for the poor/choosing to help those in need) and our school mission statement which says that we 'are for others'.

The list on this page will tell you which items the foodbank are in most need of.



If you have spare carrier bags the children can bring their items in this and we will donate them aswell.

\*\*\*WE DO NOT NEED TEA, PASTA, CEREAL OR NAPPIES AT THE MOMENT\*\*\*

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED - IF YOU CAN'T FIND THEM, ANYTHING ELSE IS WELCOME!

CARRIER BAGS - THERE IS A SHORTAGE AT THE MOMENT

ALL AND ANY TOILETRIES - WE HAVE ALMOST NONE IN STOCK

WASHING UP LIQUID

JAM/HONEY

RICE PUDDING

CUSTARD

TINNED FRUIT

SUGAR (500G OR 1KG)

MICROWAVE RICE PACKETS

TINNED FISH

PASTA SAUCE

TINNED POTATOES

INSTANT COFFEE

LONG LIFE MILK (IDEALLY FULL FAT OR SEMI SKIMMED)

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

1L FRUIT SQUASH

BISCUITS

DRIED NOODLES

TINNED SPAGHETTI

LONG GRAIN RICE



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### Stage Talent

Book a Free one-to-one Music Lesson for children aged 4+ wishing to learn piano, guitar, ukulele or drums at our school.

Register by text :  
07782503260 and include:  
Child's Name, Age, Music Instrument  
or register at:  
[www.stagetalent.co.uk/register](http://www.stagetalent.co.uk/register)



### Reading Workshop for Reception class

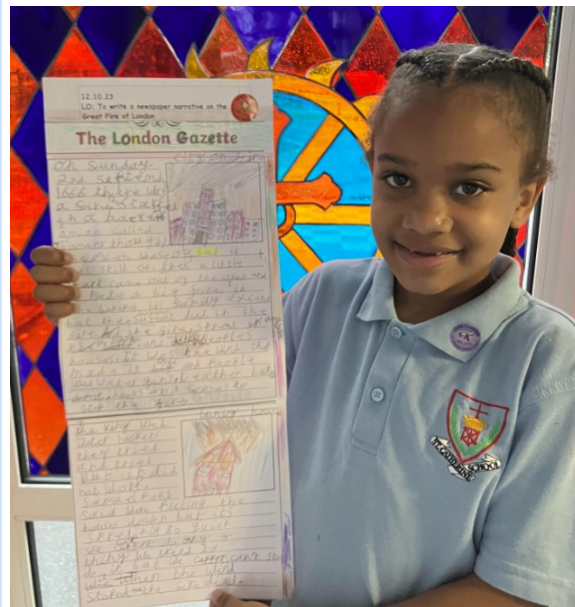
Thank you to all of our parents/carers and children, who came to our Reading Workshop for Reception class. Having support from home is critical in helping the children live life in all its fullness, so thank you.



### This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 94.9%. The same as last week. Year 2 have the highest attendance rate of 99.3%. Well done Year 2!

### Read all about it!

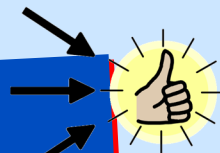


Well done to Lilliana in Year 2 who came to show me her wonderful newspaper report on the Great Fire of London. I really liked that a quote from Samuel Pepys was included. I think we may have a budding journalist on our hands!





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### Reception class welcome Liturgy

As our first half term ends and the children are settled, Reception class would like to invite parents/carers and family members to a short welcome Liturgy to be celebrated in the classroom at 2.30pm on Friday 20th October. It would be lovely to see you all there.



### Community Stay and play morning

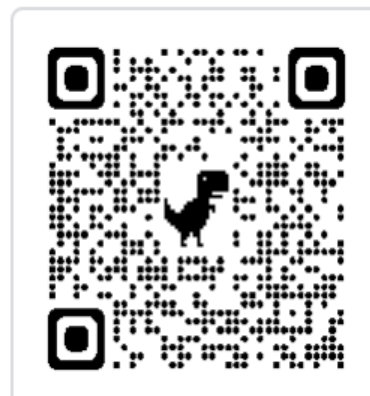
Our next community stay and play for Nursery and Reception aged children and siblings will be on Saturday 4th November between 10am and 11.30am. Please share. Many thanks in advance. Mrs Phaure and the EYFS team

### BBC 500 word competition 2023



Don't forget to encourage your children to enter the BBC 500 words competition. We have already had some wonderful entries which we will be sharing on Google Classroom and via the new website. Make sure you submit your entries via the bbc

The following link will explain how to submit an entry:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/how-to-submit/zqc8mbk>

Please feel free to share with friends and family.

# St Catherine Catholic Primary School and Nursery



Our next community Stay and Play morning for Nursery and Reception aged children and siblings will be held on:



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
10-11.30am

Please contact our school office if you wish to attend with your child/children. This is open to pupils currently attending St Catherine's and children in the community.

[office@stcatherine.co.uk](mailto:office@stcatherine.co.uk)

Telephone: 01895442839



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### Chess club payment

If your child is attending chess club please make sure you have paid the half termly fee via ParentPay. Many thanks for your assistance.

Please also see the flyer (next page in newsletter) for the half term chess camp in Uxbridge.



### Individual and family photos

Your children should have brought home information from Tempest photography about ordering photos taken on Wednesday. Be sure to place your order for free delivery.



### Altar servers

If any boys or girls, who have received Holy Communion, would be interested in training as altar servers at St Catherine's Church please speak to Mr Doherty or email the office directly. This is a wonderful way for our children to become active members of our parish Church.



### Occupational Therapy stay and play workshop

Our Reception and Nursery OT workshop will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 8.45am. The workshop will be followed by a stay and play visit to EYFS. All Nursery and Reception parents are welcome to attend.



# UXBRIDGE HOLIDAY CHESS CAMP

# 2023

24/10-26/10  
9:30 AM-2:30 PM



LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH HALL, OSBOURNE RD, UXBRIDGE UB8 1UE

**COST £30 A DAY OR £75 FOR 3 DAYS**  
**PAYABLE TO : UXBRIDGE JUNIOR CHESS CLUB**  
**BACS - SORT CODE: 30-99-50 A/C: 42841360**

**COME, LEARN, IMPROVISE AND HAVE FUN!**

**Trophies for the top 3 in blitz competition and puzzles winner.**  
**Cash prize for simul winners against coaches (£100 pot to share)**

**OUR COACHES: CM DAVID OKIE, DANIEL, GAGAN AND MORE**

<b>DATE→ ↓ TIME</b>	<b>24th OCT TUESDAY</b>	<b>25th OCT WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>26th OCT THURSDAY</b>
<b>9:30 AM - 11:40 AM</b>	<b>Lessons and puzzle solving</b>	<b>Lessons and puzzle solving</b>	<b>Lessons and puzzle solving</b>
<b>11:40 AM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>12:30 PM - 2:30 PM</b>	<b>ECF Rapid Graded games</b>	<b>Simul Vs Coaches</b>	<b>ECF Blitz rated competition!</b>

**FOR BOOKINGS AND QUERIES**  
**DANIEL KNIGHT**

**MOB NO: 07834267109**

**EMAIL: UXBRIDGEJUNIORCHESSCLUB@HOTMAIL.COM**



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### Football League - match news

#### **Heathrow 1 v St Catherines 2**

A huge well done to our school football team, who managed to come from 1-0 down to triumph over Heathrow on Wednesday afternoon. This was a real battle and the team had to roll their sleeves up to grind out the win.

A special mention to Emmie, who made her first appearance for the school team and didn't put a foot wrong in the heart of defence, alongside Oliver

Our goals came from Oliver (penalty) and Riley who also hit the bar with a stunning strike.

Our player of the match was David Doherty, for a stunning performance in goal. He made some big saves when we really needed him. Picked by the parents by the way!!!!

This results means we maintain our 100% record with two wins from two. Our next match is after half term as St Helens postponed next weeks game.

Team: David (PoM), Timmy, Theo, Emmie, Oliver ©, Lukas, Jace, Mitchell, Riley



David D.—player of the match

### ACS School Under 8's tournament



A massive well done to our 8's and under football team who played in a mini tournament at the ACS school on Monday evening.

The boys were fantastic throughout, winning 4 out of their 5 games and only being defeated by St Bernadettes.

It was lovely to see that not only is our near future looking bright in Year 4 but we have some super talent in Years 3 and 2. Player of the tournament went to Oskaran in Year 2.

Team: David D, Lukas, Jace, Sovereign, Theo ©, Jenson, Oskaran, Louie, Ryder, Clyde



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### Tri School football tournament at John Locke Academy

Well done to our school football A and B teams who played in a tri school football tournament at John Locke Academy on Thursday morning. Our A team reached the final having won and drawn in the group stages. Although we lost the final, there was no doubt that we gave the eventual winners a great game.

Our B team lost both their games but performed really well. Elias was the player of the tournament in goal for the B team and our captain (Oliver) was player of the tournament for the A team.



### Netball news

Cowley St Laurence 0 v St Catherine 18



An unbelievable 18-0 WIN this week against Cowley St Laurence!

Amazing performance from each player, showing superb teamwork and effort with every pass and shot! Well done girls! A big shout out to Chiara who was voted player of the match by the opposing team for how well she defended. Very well deserved. Don't they look professional in their St Catherine netball kits?

Thank you once again to the parents and grandparents who ensured all the girls were able to be there and for supporting them whilst enduring the rain! Thank you to Mr Lynam for all your help and support this week. Next game is at home on Tuesday 17th October against Laurel Lane. Please come along and support our fantastic team.

Mrs Doherty

We are delighted to announce that Be Active will be running another Multi-Sport club at St Catherine's Primary School during the October half term! They will be running 5 days of fun filled activity in a range of sports. Please see details on the flyer attached.



# BEACTIVE

## OCTOBER CAMPS 2023

**SPECIALIST MULTI- SPORT HOLIDAY CAMP**

**USE CODE SIB10 AT CHECKOUT FOR 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**



**For Children in aged 4-12 years**  
**Bookings now open from Friday 29th September**  
**Dates: Monday 23rd October- Friday 27th October**  
 \*PLEASE SEE DATES ON THE BACK OF THE FLYER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

Roxbourne Primary School | St Joseph's Primary School | St Catherine Primary School | Belmont School | Kew Riverside Primary School



**DAILY COSTS**  
**STANDARD DAY**  
 9.00-3pm- £20

**ADDITIONAL DAILY COSTS**  
**LATE PICK UP**  
 3.00-3.30pm- £5

**Call 07715 847132 / 07702545621**

Email: [info@beactivesports.co.uk](mailto:info@beactivesports.co.uk) | [www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online](http://www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online)

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 **FOOTBALL**



# BEACTIVE

**BE ACTIVE SPORTS AND CLUBS PROVIDES CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY, LEAVING THEM WANTING TO COME BACK FOR MORE.**

-  **FOOTBALL**
-  **BASKETBALL**
-  **DODGEBALL**
-  **CRICKET**
-  **ARTS AND CRAFTS**
-  **TAG RUGBY**
-  **HOCKEY**
-  **ATHLETICS**

## LOCATIONS

Harrow	Kew Gardens	Hillingdon
Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October	Monday 23rd October - Wednesday 25th October	Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October
Belmont School Hibbert Road, HA3 7JT	Kew Riverside Primary School Courtlands Avenue, TW9 4ES	St Catherine Primary School Money Lane, UB7 7NX
Monday 23rd October - Thursday 26th October		
St Joseph's Primary School Dobbin Close, HA3 7LP		
Monday 23rd October - Thursday 26th October		
Roxbourne Primary School Torbay Road, HA2 9QF		

## HOW TO BOOK

Visit our website  
<https://www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online>

Select the venue you would like your child to attend

Select the chosen dates that suit you

Confirm your selection and pay via our secure online system

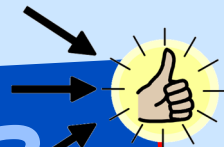


Scan with your smart phone

If you are having trouble booking online or would like more information regarding our holiday provision please contact us at:  
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## Singing at Church

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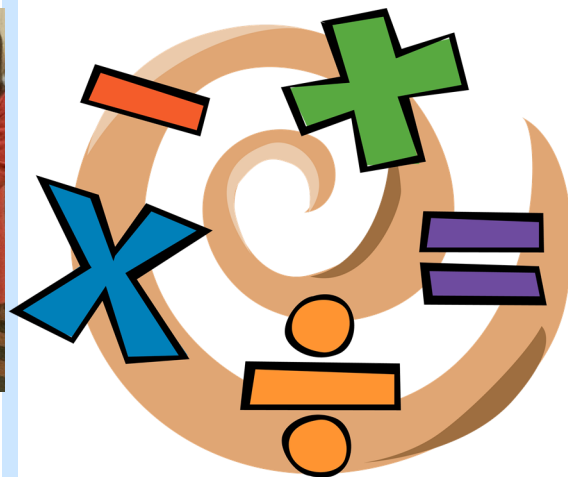


## Maths workshops for parents

Thank you so much to our Year 3 and 4 parents and carers who attended our maths workshop on Thursday.

Again it was a wonderful turnout. I can't help thinking how lucky our children are to have such supportive parents.

On Wednesday October 18th (at 6pm) we will be holding the third of our four maths workshops (for Years 5 and 6) aimed at giving you an insight into how we teach maths (number and calculation) at St Catherine's and introducing you to some of the resources that are used in school to support your children.



Our remaining workshops will be as follows:  
EYFS 6th November 6-7pm.





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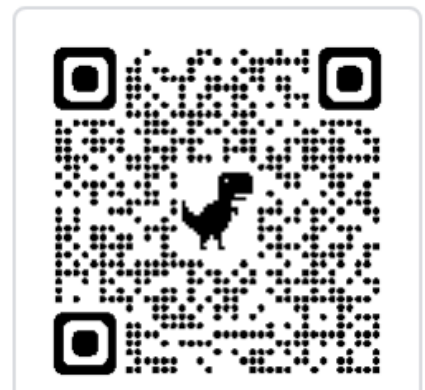
Parent's Evenings are on Tuesday (from 4pm) and Thursday (from 3.30pm) this week. Please make sure you arrive on time for your given 10 minute time slot. The children's books will be left out for you to look at and you are welcome to bring your children along.

The school playground will be open for parking on both days. On Tuesday we will not be able to open the gates for parking until 4.30pm because we have a netball match.

### Is your child too sick for school?

As we enter Autumn and Winter and there is an increase in the number of cold and flu cases you may find the following link from the NHS is useful in deciding if your child is well enough to come to school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>





### Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

Year 2 really enjoyed their Great Fire of London workshop on Wednesday. This is linked to their current topic in History. The children acted out the fire and the events that led to it starting in Pudding Lane.





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The AGM is on Thursday 9th November this year. This meeting gives YOU the opportunity to become part of a friendly hard-working team, working to raise much needed funds for our school.

In the last few years we have only had a treasurer and ordinary committee members. Ideally, we would like to fill all the roles: chair, vice chair, treasurer vice treasurer, secretary and ordinary committee members. Whether you want to stand for a role or just suggest ideas for the forth coming year, we would like to meet you at this meeting.

Letters for the applications are available in the school's office.



### **BAGS2SCHOOL**



Thursday 2nd November, drop off before 8:30am in the playground.

If you needed an excuse for an autumn clean & clear out, do it this half term! Fill some bags with your unwanted clothes and items to help raise money for our School.

We are looking for clothes, hats & scarves, paired shoes handbags and soft toys.

A full list is available at

<http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

### **Dates for the diary**

#### **Bags2School-**

Thursday 2nd November



#### **AGM-**

Thursday 9th November 7pm.



The letter below (for nomination for officer/member of the FSCS Committee) is available from the front desk in the Reception area.



Executive Headteacher: Mrs C Acres  
Head of School: Mr P Doherty  
Admin Officer: Mrs T. A. Beagley

**St. Catherine Catholic Primary School**  
**Money Lane**  
**West Drayton**  
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4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## **FSCS Annual General Meeting** **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 7pm**

Dear Parents,

The Friends of St Catherine's School (FSCS) hereby gives notice that the FSCS Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 7pm in the school hall.

The FSCS plays a vital part in the school community to raise funds for the benefit of all children at the school. All parents and staff are members of the FSCS and can attend any meeting. However, a successful FSCS needs a thriving committee who are elected to be the driving force behind school events. The AGM is an opportunity for you to elect the FSCS committee, to represent the association throughout the forthcoming academic year. We are hoping to appoint new committee members – could this be you? If so the nomination form below should be handed to the school office by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, ready for election in the evening. You can stand to be one of the officers of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Vice Treasurer or Secretary or as a Committee Member. Please note, all elected members of the FSCS automatically become Trustees of the Charity.

The meeting will consist of:

- A short report by the treasurer on last year's finances
- A short report from a committee member on last years' activities
- The election of new committee members
- A short discussion about the organization of upcoming events

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7pm.

Friends of St Catherine's School

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### **Nomination for Officer/Member of the FSCS Committee:**

Please return to the office by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Position of: Chair / Vice Chair / Secretary / Treasurer / Vice Treasurer / Committee Member**  
**(please mark one)**

Proposer (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Seconders (print): \_\_\_\_\_

(sign): \_\_\_\_\_

(sign): \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to my nomination for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



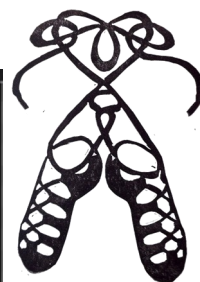
St Catherine Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



Pupil attendance to date: 94.9%. Target 97%

If you are interested in joining the Irish Dancing club on Thursdays please contact Rubie Caulfield. Contact details below.



**The Caulfield Academy**

## Irish Dance Classes

St Catherine Catholic Primary School  
Money Lane  
West Drayton  
UB7 7NX

18:00 - 19:00 Beginners  
18:00 - 20:00 Advanced

£5 per hour

To Register Please Contact Us At:  
thecaulfieldacademy@gmail.com  
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DBS Checked - Fully Insured - Registered Academy - Age 3+  
Home to Champion Dancers within The Academy

**Enrolling Now!**




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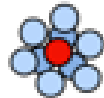
Our prayer for October (the month of the Rosary) is the Hail Mary. This is a prayer that all our children should know. Perhaps you could look at the meaning of some of the words with your child, if they already know it. Encourage your children to say this prayer during October and try to make it a prayer they say regularly.



   
Hail Mary




    
Hail Mary full of grace




    
The Lord is with thee



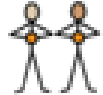

     
Blessed art thou amongst women


     
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus



     
Holy Mary, mother of God

    
Pray for us sinners

     
Now and at the hour of our death

  
Amen



# Autumn term diary dates

## Autumn (1st half) term

Monday 16th October: Harvest Assembly—donations to West Drayton food bank



Tuesday 17th October: Occupational Therapy Workshop 8.45am  
in school followed by stay and play (Nursery & Reception)

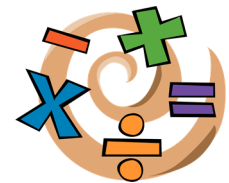
Tuesday 17th October: Parents Evening (whole school) 4-7pm



Wednesday 18th October: Year 4 trip to Hampton Court

Wednesday 18th Oct: Maths Workshop for Year 5 and 6 parents/carers 6-7pm

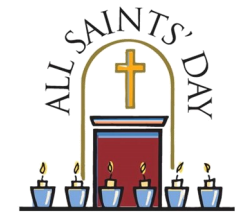
Thursday 19th October: Parents Evening (whole school) 3.30-5.30pm



Friday 20th October: Reception class welcome Liturgy at 2.30pm

Friday 20th October: Last day of half term. Normal 3pm finish time.

Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October: Half term



Wednesday 1st November: All Saints Mass in Church at 9.30am

Thursday 2nd November: Bag2School day

Saturday 4th November: Community Stay and Play day 10am-11.30am

Monday 6th November: EYFS Maths Workshop 6-7pm



Tuesday 7th November: Year 5 and 6 Healthy eating afternoon with  
The Pantry (our school meals provider)

Thursday 9th November: FSCS AGM at 7pm in school



Friday 24th November: St Catherine Feast Day Mass at 9.30am in Church

Wednesday 13th December: Pantomime at Beck Theatre for Years 3-6

Wednesday 13th December: Pantomime in school for Nursery,  
Reception and Years 1 and 2

Tuesday 19th December: 9.30am end of term Mass in Church



Wednesday 20th December: Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm

Monday 8th January: Staff Training day

Tuesday 9th January: First day of Spring Term



# St Catherine Term Dates 2023/2024

## Autumn Term 2023

***Mon Sept 4th - INSET DAY***

Start of term - Tuesday 5th September 2023

End of term - Friday 20th October 2023

**Half term - Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023**

Start of term - Monday 30th October 2023

End of term - Wednesday 20th December 2023

***Thurs 21st December - INSET DAY***

***Christmas Holidays - Friday 22nd December 2023- Friday 5th January 2024***

## Spring Term 2024

***Monday 8th January - INSET DAY***

Start of Term - Tues 9th January 2024

End of Term - Friday 9th February 2024

**Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024**

Start of Term - Monday 19th February 2024

End of Term - Thursday 28th March 2024

***Good Friday - Friday 29th March***

***Easter Holidays - Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April 2024***

## Summer Term 2024

Start of Term - Monday 15th April 2024

End of Term - Thursday 23rd May 2024

***Friday 24th May - INSET DAY***

**Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024**

Start of Term - Monday 3rd June 2024

End of Term - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

***Wednesday 24th July - INSET DAY***