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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we learnt about the importance of Remembrance and the symbolism of the poppy.

I talked to the children about the futility of war and that remembrance, for me, is remembering the sacrifice of so many who gave their lives but also remembering how awful war is and how we should all try to be peacemakers. This starts in our homes and our school.

As war rages in the Middle East and many other parts of the world we must pray more than ever that our world leaders learn from the example of Jesus who forgave those who hurt him.

Coventry cathedral, which was bombed to destruction during the 2nd World war, has a lovely inscription behind the altar which uses the words of Jesus on the cross. It shows that despite the horrors of what happened to the people of Coventry—they were able to forgive. What a wonderful example.



Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Donating Christmas decorations

If you have any Christmas decorations that you are able to donate to the school this would be very much appreciated. The staff will be decorating the school ahead of Advent on Thursday 30th November. We are hoping that it will look extra special this year. Please drop off your donations in the box that will be placed on the playground each morning.



Christmas card orders reminder

Christmas Arts Project for Schools have extended their deadline for ordering your Christmas cards/gifts to **Sunday 19th November** if you wish to receive free postage.





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Steve Tuckwell MP visit

Thank you to Steve Tuckwell MP and his partner Rachel, who visited the school today to tell us about being an Member of Parliament and to meet the children and staff.

Steve is an ex pupil of our school, so it was lovely to welcome him back. The children asked some wonderful questions and he spoke so beautifully about his happy memories of his time at St Catherines. I hope that we are creating similar memories with our current cohort.

I am sure that Mr Tuckwell has today inspired some of our children to want to become leaders who make a positive difference to society in the future. Thank you very much to Steve and Rachel. It was our pleasure to have you in today. We hope you will come back again in the future.

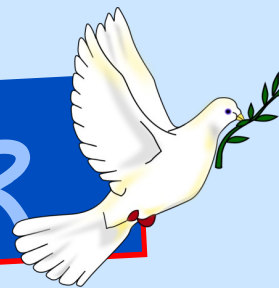


Our School Council meeting with Mr Tuckwell and his partner Rachel



Mr Tuckwell speaking with the children in assembly.





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Feast of Christ the King

The Church choir have kindly invited the school to join them on Sunday 26th November at the 11am Mass. It would be lovely to see as many children there as possible to make it extra special. This marks the final Sunday of the Church Liturgical Year so is a very special celebration.



Remembrance display

Thank you to all the families who contributed leaves and memories of loved ones that have passed away for our Remembrance display. Some of the messages are truly beautiful. We will continue to pray for them all.

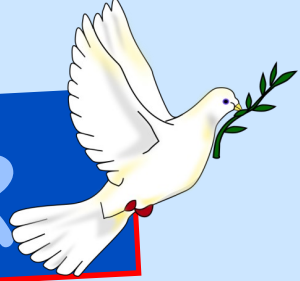
Our remembrance display



This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 95.4%. Up 0.3% from last week. Year 4 had the highest attendance rate of 97.9%. Well done Year 4! They had their attendance trophy presented by Steve Tuckwell MP!





Football news

St Catherine 2 v St Marys 2

Well done to the football team who maintained their unbeaten start to the League season with a hard fought draw against St Marys. We now top the table!

This was a tough game, yet we led twice with a super team goal from Zion and a thunderbolt free kick from Oliver.

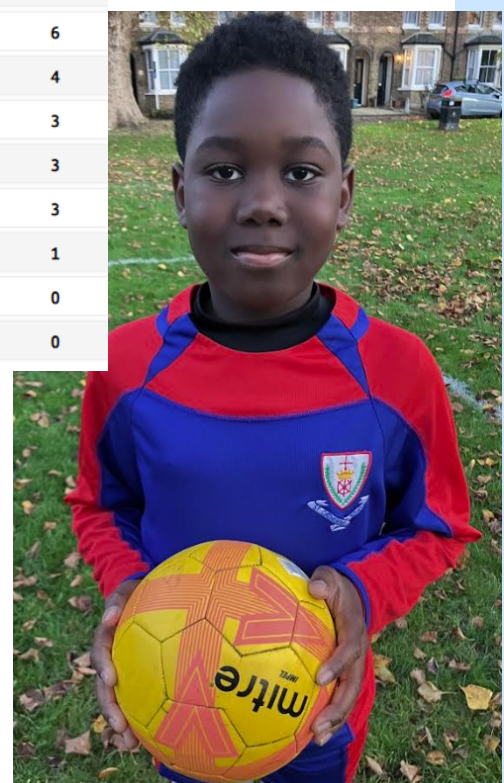
Both keepers had great games to keep their teams in it and it was a fair result in the end. I was so impressed at our defence, who kept their talented strike force at bay.

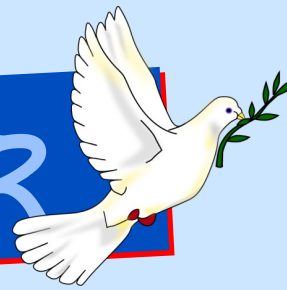
Player of the match was Sovereign for some quality wing play, crossing and shooting. Special mention also to Rocco who made his debut for the team.

Our next game is in a fortnights time against St Helens.

Team: David, Oliver (c), Mitchell, Sovereign, Zion, Riley, Emmie, Jace, Rocco, Theo

POS	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	St Catherine's	3	2	1	0	7	3	4	7
2	Heathrow	4	2	1	1	15	5	10	7
3	St Bernadette	2	2	0	0	12	2	10	6
4	St Mary's	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
5	St Helen's	1	1	0	0	6	0	6	3
6	Cowley St Laurence	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3
7	St Andrew's	4	1	0	3	6	8	-2	3
8	St Martin's	2	0	1	1	1	4	-3	1
9	St Matthew's	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
10	Laurel Lane	3	0	0	3	2	26	-24	0





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Netball player of the match—
Victoria

NETBALL NEWS!

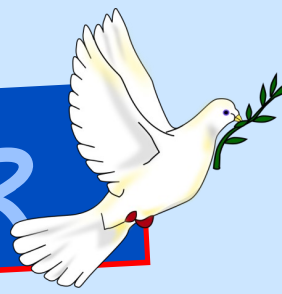
St Catherine 15 v St Andrews 0

A 15 -0 WIN yesterday playing at home against St Andrews. What a game! Melissa, Sandra and I were blown away by how amazingly well you all played. It is clear that each week you improve in so many areas! Congratulations to Victoria who was player of the match this week for her superb and relentless efforts. The speed of the game and the quality of passes was excellent. Girls, you were fantastic!! Thank you to Melissa and Sandra for coaching and umpiring, we truly are blessed to have such dedicated, passionate coaches.

It was lovely to hear from a number of parents this week about how you follow the netball and look forward to reading the report each week and wish the girls the best of luck. Thank you to you and as always thank you to the parents and grandparents of the team who come and support us each week, especially this week in the rain and the dark!! Big shout out to Sassa, who stood for 10 minutes with a flood light above his head providing some much needed light!

Next game is in the week starting 15th January away against St Bernadette's. Wish us luck!

Mrs Doherty



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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



Switching on of Christmas Lights at Civic Centre

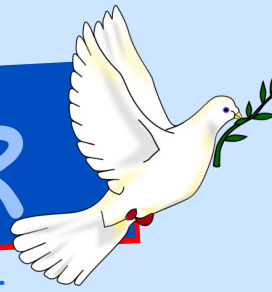
We have chosen 30 children to represent the school at next Fridays switching on of the Christmas lights in Uxbridge. Unfortunately we were unable to take any more. The event starts at 5.45pm so you are very welcome to come along and hear us sing alongside 3 other schools.



Well done Emilia!



I was so impressed with Emilia in Year 2, who not only received a certificate for submitting her 500 word story for the BBC storywriter competition but was also awarded a 5 metre swim award this week. What wonderful achievements Emilia. Congratulations!



Thank you!

It was so lovely to receive this thank you from the Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank. I often talk to the children about putting our faith into practice. What a wonderful example of our generosity to others. Thank you to all of our families.

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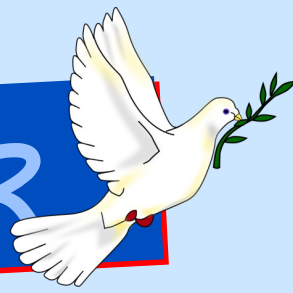
Thank you for supporting Yiewsley & West Drayton Foodbank.

Your Harvest Festival donations in October 2023 came to **182.4kg** which will make a **BIG** difference to local people in crisis.

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Flu vaccinations

The date for the flu vaccination this year is the 29th November. The Immunisation Team will offer the vaccination to all children from Reception to Year 6. Please complete the link on the letter which was sent to you last week via Parentpay. If you are having any problems accessing the link please speak to Mrs Bryant.



Chess player of the week

Well done to Aria (Year 3) who was voted player of the week in chess by Mrs K. Aria listened to coaching advice from Mr Hughes and implemented it in her next game with success. Well done Aria!



EYFS balance bike appeal

If you, your family or friends have any old balance bikes that are no longer being used we would love to have them in EYFS.

Please bring to EYFS before or after school.

Thanking you in advance.

Mrs Phaure and the EYFS team.



Year 5 class Mass

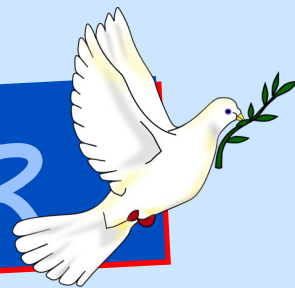
Year 5 will have their class Mass on Tuesday 21st November.

The Mass starts at 2pm and will take place in the Year 5 classroom.

Parents/carers and family are welcome to join us. Please aim to arrive at school no later than 1.50pm so that we can seat you.

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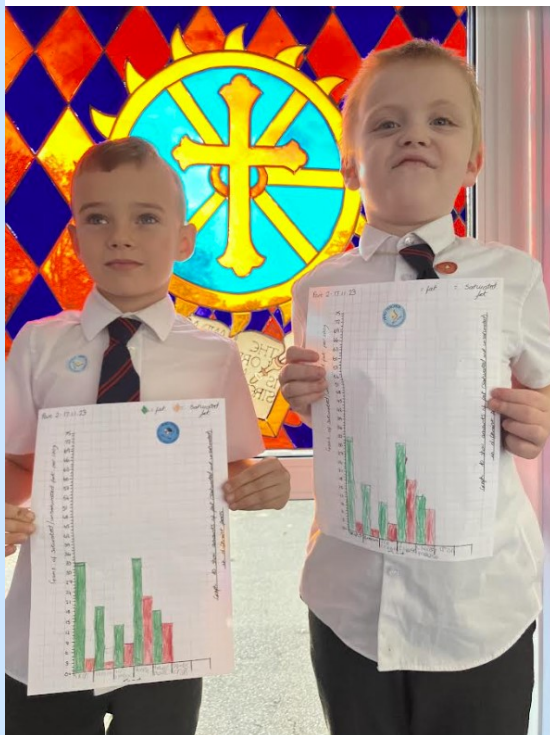
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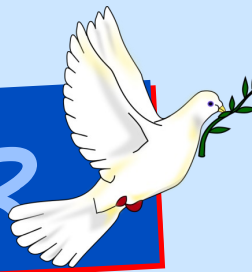
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Super science work!



Mrs Bishop and I had a lovely visit (during a meeting this afternoon) from Artur and Logan in Year 3 who created some wonderful graphs comparing fat and saturated fat content in different foods as part of their science topic. They spoke so confidently about the dangers of saturated fat and its impact on our hearts. Well done boys. Mrs Bishop and I were VERY impressed!



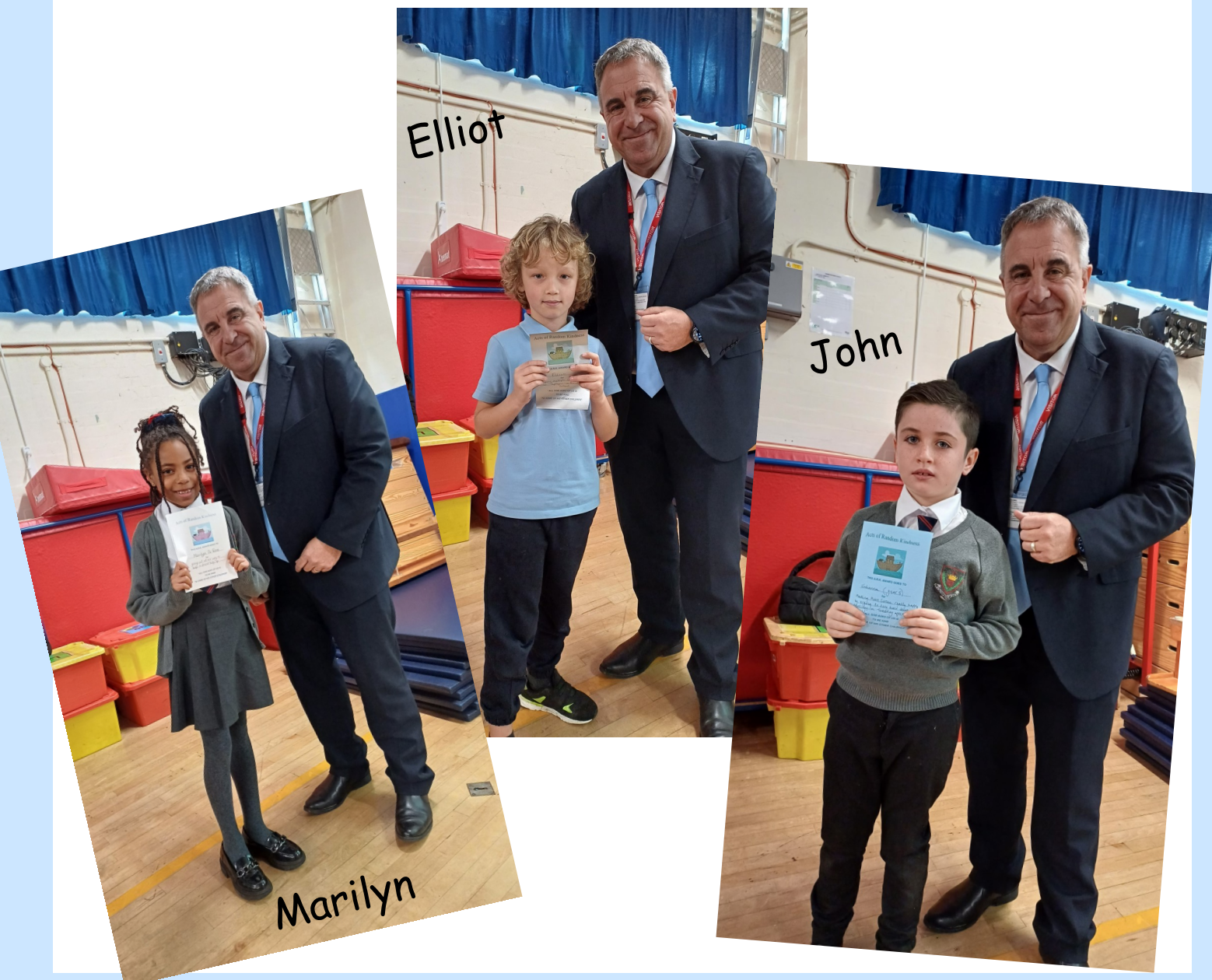


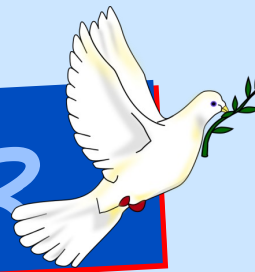
Acts of Random Kindness Awards

Acts of Random Kindness (ARK awards) are given by staff who notice the small (often unseen) good deeds that happen every day in school. They are very special at the best of times but when delivered by a Member of Parliament they become even more special!

Well done to Marilyn, Elliot and Indianna (whose certificate was accepted on her behalf by her brother John) for your amazing acts of kindness towards other pupils and staff.

It makes me so happy when I receive these because I know that these acts of love are done without the expectation of reward.





CHRISTMAS FAYRE 🎄 -

The Christmas fayre will be on Friday 1st December
3pm-5pm at the Parish Hall!!



The Christmas boards are going up! 🎄 🥳 Thanks
to everyone who gave their address to help us
advertise the fayre

Can you help??

We really NEED volunteers to run a stall at the Christmas
fayre. 🎄

We are also looking for volunteers to help in any way setting up
on the day, cake donations and clearing away.
Please let's us know if you can help.

Thanks in advance for your support and for helping us raise
vital funds for our school.



Gift Day 🎁



You should have received your letter about Gift day,
one of the best days of the year!
If you haven't received yours yet please ask in the office.

Gift Day is a non-profit event run by the Friends of
St Catherine's School to provide the opportunity for children
to select their own gifts for family. It is a great chance for
children to get a real-life shopping experience in a safe
and secure environment.

All details will be on the letter but If you have any questions
please ask.

Dates for the diary

Donation days- (children can wear their own clothes for a donation)

Chocolate- Friday 24th November



Bottles - Friday 1st December

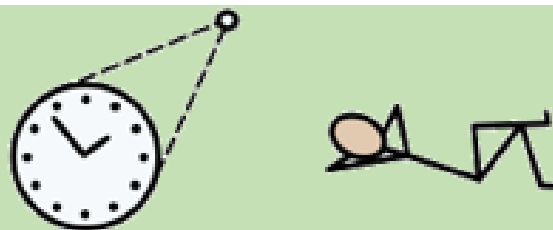


Christmas Fayre-

Friday 1st December



Our prayer for November is the Eternal Rest prayer. In November we remember all those who have died. This is a beautiful prayer and one with which the children should be familiar. Please try to say this prayer at home with your children during the month of November.



Eternal rest



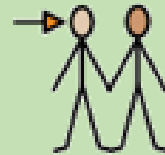
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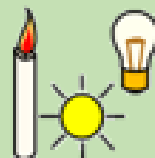


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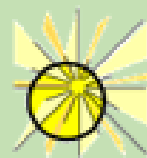


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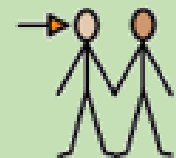


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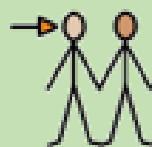


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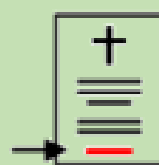


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Amen

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Friday 24th November: Chocolate donation day for Christmas Fayre (children can wear own clothes)

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

Friday 24th November: Switching on of Christmas Lights at Civic Centre

Sunday 26th November: School joining Church choir at 11 am Mass

Saturday 25th November: St Catherine's Feast Day

Friday 1st December: Bottle donation day for Christmas Fayre (children can wear own clothes)

Friday 1st December: Christmas Fayre in the Parish Hall

Sunday 3rd December: Start of Advent

Wednesday 6th December: School Advent Penitential for children and staff only

Monday 11th December: FSCS Gift Day

Tuesday 12th December: Nursery Christmas performance for parents at 9.15am in school hall

Tuesday 12th December: KS2 Carol Concert on playground at 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December: Reception Nativity for parents at 9.15am in school hall

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

Thursday 14th December: Reception Nativity for parents at 2pm in school hall

Thursday 14th December: Christmas Lunch day in school

Monday 18th December: School children singing at The Burroughs Care Home

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

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

Monday 8th January: Staff Training day

Tuesday 9th January: First day of Spring Term

