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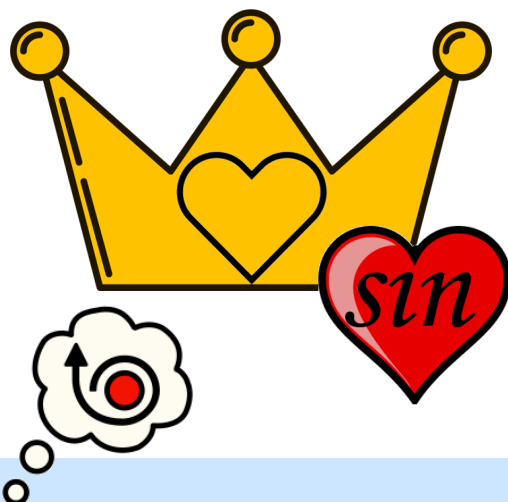
Last Sunday was the Feast of Christ the King. In Monday's assembly I told my own parable to the children about a King (the King of Hearts) who ruled over a happy kingdom that ended up rejecting him and replaced him with Kings who promised the people endless food or money and how ultimately, they were unhappy and asked for their King of hearts to return.

The children were reminded that Jesus is our King and should be the King of our hearts. Sin separates us from our King but by saying sorry and asking for forgiveness we can go back to Him.

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent and is a time when we repent and say sorry so we can turn back to God. Purple, the Liturgical colour for this time of year, symbolises repentance. Let's make sure that this year, we are more ready than ever to welcome Jesus and allow him to rule our hearts through our thoughts, actions and words.

Have a lovely weekend everybody and enjoy opening your Advent calendars!

Mr Doherty



This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 95.7%. Up 0.1% from last week. Year 5 had the highest attendance rate of 97%. Well done Year 5!



KS1 Advent service

Please note that the KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Advent service will be this Tuesday (5th December) in Church at 6.30pm.

Our Year 1 children must be dropped off at school at 6pm so that they can put their costumes on. The Year 2 children should go straight to Church but should be there by 6.15pm.

Please remember that no photographs or videos will be allowed during the service. Many thanks in advance for your co operation.





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Catholic Children's Society gift collection

This Christmas we would like to support The Catholic Children's Society by supporting their work with disadvantaged children at Christmas.

They have invited us to collect new gifts or vouchers for disadvantaged children.

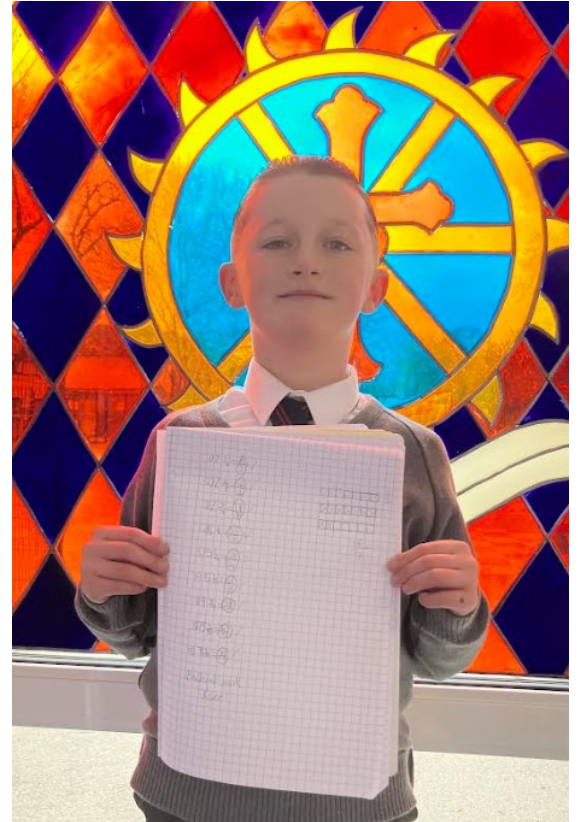
A 'gift bank' box will be placed on the playground from Monday. The deadline for dropping off a gift in Wednesday 6th December. This is when they will be collected.

Your donations will be gratefully received. Let's make Christmas very special for others.

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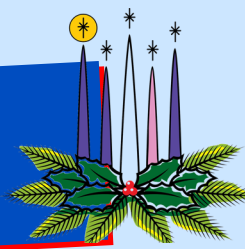


Marvellous maths



Well done to Rocco (Year 5) who was very proud of his work in converting mixed fractions to improper fractions. He was able to explain, very clearly, how he found the answer using bar models.

Rocco joined our school just 3 weeks ago and is clearly making a very good impression on his teachers. Well done Rocco!



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Chess queen

Well done to Molly in Year 3, who was voted player of the week by Mrs Kowalska for her 'development of the centre of the board' when playing in matches. I am really impressed at what I am hearing each week. The children all seem to be making enormous progress. Keep it up chess players!

Super singing!

Thank you, once again, to all of the children who came to Mass on Sunday to sing with the Church choir. Once again you did yourselves, your families and your school proud. Mrs Doherty told me that you all sounded angelic! Well done!





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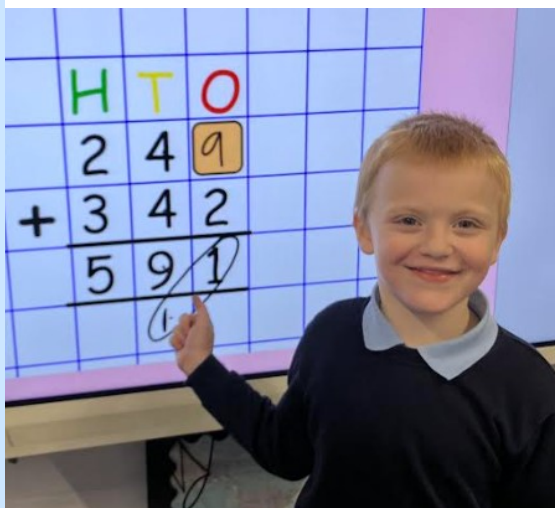
Stage Talent

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



Maths wizard

It is a joy for me to get back into the classroom, on occasion, and I was blown away by how well Year 3 are doing in maths with their column addition. The star of the show was Artur with his clever way of solving missing number problems. I will be teaching column addition differently from now on Artur!



Fantastic number work



Well done to Carter in Year 1 for his fantastic number work. Carter is recognizing and drawing numbers to 9 and was able to show me them on his fingers. Great work!

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.





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Gymnastics star!

Well done to Hanna, in Year 3, who won gold at her Heathrow gymnastics competition last weekend. Hanna does gymnastics for 2 hours every Sunday and practices at home most days. This shows what can be achieved with hard work and dedication.



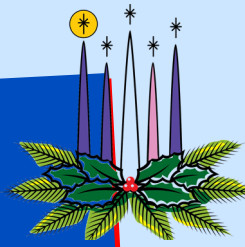
Wolf brother inspired writing.

I was so happy this week to have two Year 6 pupils sent to me with their wonderful writing inspired by their class novel—Wolf Brother.

Ruby and Leo had drafted and edited a piece of writing and produced these amazing persuasive writing passages where they had to convince another character to join their clan.

This book is linked to the Year 6 topic on the Stone age and Iron age.





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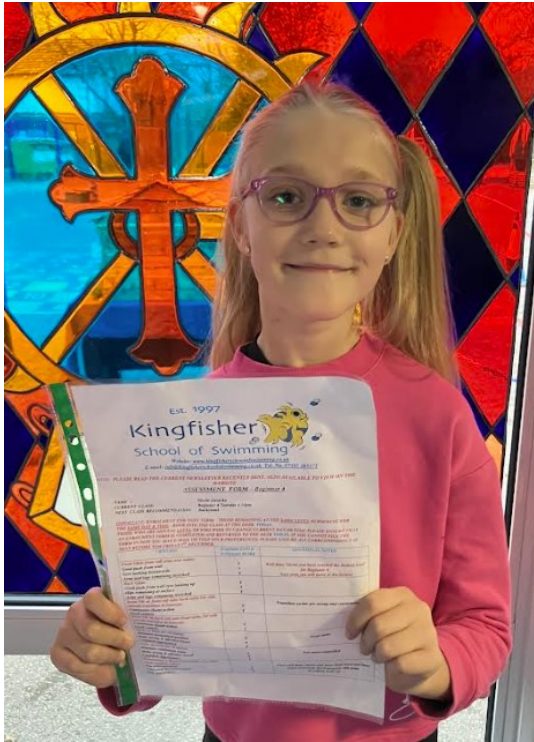
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Well done Nicole!



Well done to Nicole in Year 3 who received her Stage 4 certificate from Kingfisher swimming. Nicole can now swim 20 metres! Amazing achievement Nicole and what a wonderful life skill to have.

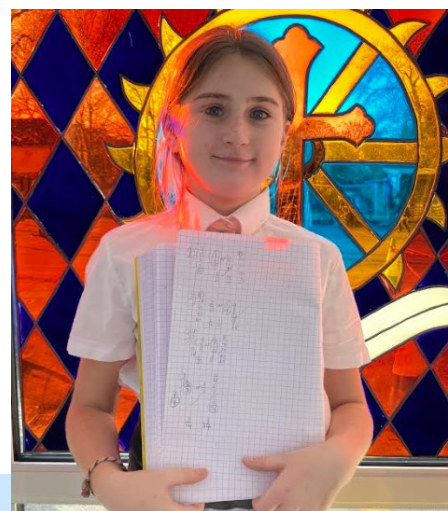
Thank you!

Thank you to all of our families who kindly donated Christmas decorations over the past few weeks. We hope we have done them justice! Can I also say thank you to our staff who stayed behind on Thursday to help make the school look extra special for the children.



Fantastic number work

Well done Santana in Year 5 who was sent to me with her wonderful fractions work. She was comparing fractions by finding common denominators.





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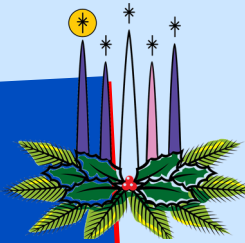
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Football stars!

It is wonderful to see so many of our children taking part in extra curricular activities outside school hours. Last weekend Mateo (Yr 4) was awarded 'trainer of the week' with his Under 9's team at Townmead FC.

David (Yr 4) won 'trainer of the week' on Saturday for his under 9's team and was then awarded 'player of the match' on Sunday! Wonderful achievements boys! The footballing future at St Catherines looks bright!





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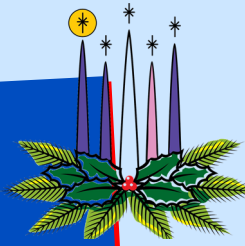
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Switching on the Christmas lights at the Civic Centre

Thank you to the staff and parents who helped last Friday with taking the children to the switching on of the Christmas lights at the Civic Centre. What a special afternoon and evening it was. The children did our school proud and I know they wowed a lot of shoppers in Uxbridge with their impromptu busking outside Uxbridge station! Check out our video of the children singing on our Instagram account.





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Visit from Mrs Clements

Thank you to Mrs Clements (one of our parents) who came in today to speak to the children about publishing and designing covers for childrens books. We are so lucky to have parents willing to come in and talk about their jobs. Hopefully these visits inspire our children and opens their eyes to a world of possibilities in the future.

Years 1 and 2

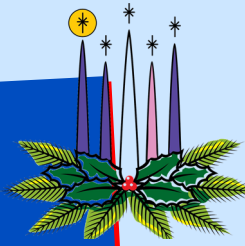


Years 3 and 4



Years 5 and 6





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Chrismons

This year we began a new tradition of decorating our school Christmas tree with symbols made by all of the children from Nursery to Year 6. These images are known as Chrismons (Christ monograms) and they help us remember that Christmas is about the birth of Jesus. Chrismons are traditionally white and gold. White symbolises Jesus' purity and perfection and the gold is a symbol of His majesty and glory.

Please ask your children about the symbols they made and their meaning. Find out more about Chrismons at the following website:

<https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/chrismons>





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BEACTIVE HAF Programme
Free places available for eligible children

NEW YEARS CAMP 2024

SPECIALIST MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMP

For Children aged 4-12 years
Bookings now open

Wednesday 3rd January-Friday 5th January

PLEASE SEE DATES ON THE BACK OF THE FLYER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

Roxbourne Primary School | St Catherine Primary School | Cranford Park Academy | Rabbtsfarm Primary School

DAILY COSTS STANDARD DAY
9.00-3pm- £20
* Rabbtsfarm Primary School £17.50

ADDITIONAL DAILY COSTS* LATE PICK UP
3.00-3.30pm- £5
* Late pickup not available at St Catherine's

USE CODE SIB10 AT CHECKOUT FOR A TEN PERCENT SIBLING DISCOUNT

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BE ACTIVE NEW YEARS CAMP

This Christmas holiday, B-Active will be hosting a New Years camp at St Catherine's on Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January. This is free to children entitled to means tested free school meals. Your child should have taken this leaflet home today.

Please note that the more children that attend the more money the school receives for allowing them to use our premises.



BEACTIVE HAF WINTER 2024

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.

Free funded spaces available for benefit related free school meal children, including a hot meal!
REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!

HILLINGDON Department for Education **YOUNGHARROW** foundation

To book your child's FREE place visit our website www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online

2- Select either Hillingdon HAF Programme or Harrow HAF Programme depending on what venue you are choosing to book

3- Select the venue you would like your child to attend

4- Click 'Book Now' (you will need your unique 6 character HAF reference code in order to complete the booking form- HILLINGDON HAF ONLY)

If you are having trouble booking online or would like more information regarding the HAF programme please contact us via email: info@beactivesports.co.uk or call 07715847132

LOCATIONS

| Harrow | Hillingdon | St Catherine Primary School | Rabbtsfarm Primary School |
|--|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Roxbourne Primary Torbay Rd Harrow HA2 9Q | Cranford Park Academy Phelps Way, UB3 4LQ | Money Lane, UB7 7NX | Gordon Road, UB7 8AH |

HOW TO BOOK

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

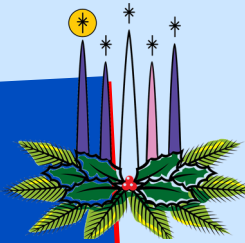
Select the venue you would like your child to attend

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Confirm your selection and pay via our secure online system

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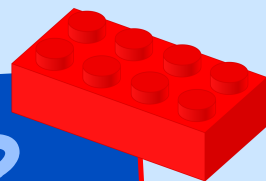
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Last week Mrs Reardon's library club were painting a cover for Michael Morpurgo's book 'The Little Albatross'. I think you will agree that they look AMAZING!





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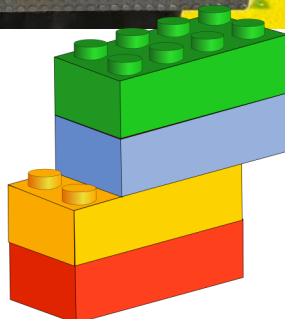
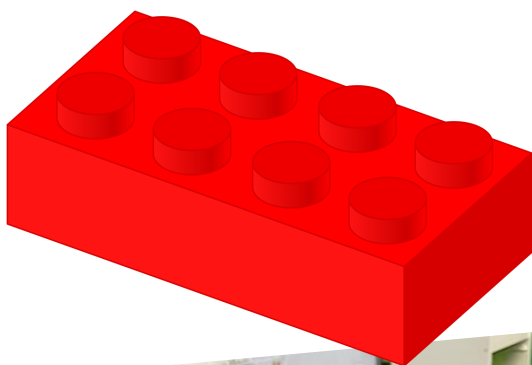


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Lego club

This week in lego club the children had to be creative in constructing their own name or initials out of lego. I was so impressed at the children's creativity! Well done!





Football news

St Catherine 1 v St Helens 0

Mr Doherty got the perfect Christmas present as the school team signed off the first half of the season with the hardest of fought wins against St Helens.

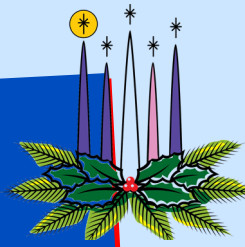
Zion grabbed the winner with just 10 seconds remaining after we had weathered some storms at the back. This was bodies on the line defending, at times in the second half, as we went for the win. Captain Oliver was heroic once again as was David in goal but the star of the show was Mitchell with some awesome tackling and the most dynamic of defensive performances.

We finish the year top of the table and ready to go again in January. Well done to the entire squad who have played this term. Once again you are doing the school proud. Keep it up. Our next game is at the end of January against St Matthews in the Cup.

Team: David, Theo, Sovereign, Timmy, Zion, Oliver ©, Mitchell (POM), Rocco, Jace

| POS | Team | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|-----|--------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1 | St Catherine's | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 10 |
| 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 | Cowley St Laurence | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| 6 | St Helen's | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 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 |
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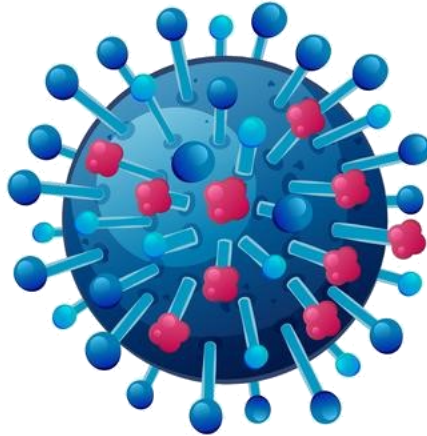
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Nasal flu vaccination

If your child did not receive the flu vaccination this week but you would like them to then please call the flu vaccination team on 01895485740 to make an appointment.



Monday 11th December—Gift day.

Our prayer for December is the Act of Sorrow. Advent is a time when we prepare for Jesus' coming. We prepare ourselves by saying sorry for the times when we haven't been like him and ask for His forgiveness. The colour purple, used for the candles and altar cloths at this time of year, is a symbol of repentance or turning back to God.

The Act of sorrow

Oh my God because you are so good

I am very sorry

that I have sinned against you

and with your help

I will try not to sin again.

Amen

Autumn term diary dates

Sunday 3rd December: Start of Advent

Tuesday 5th December: KS1 Advent service in Church at 6.30pm

Wednesday 6th December: School Advent Penitential for children and staff only (is school during school day)

Thursday 7th December: Year 6 STEM day challenge

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 (Accesorize day).

Monday 8th January: Staff Training day

Tuesday 9th January: First day of Spring Term

