



NEWSLETTER



Diary Dates

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Mon 11th Dec
FSCS Gift day

Monday 11th Dec
Be Active
football club
(Yr 4-6)
3-3.50pm

Mon 11th Dec
Mrs Wassef
Lego club
(Yrs 1-3)
3-3.50pm

Mon 11th Dec
Netball squad
training with
Melissa and Mrs
Doherty
3-4pm

Monday 11th Dec
Beginners Chess
Club
3-4pm

Tues 12th Dec
Nursery
Christmas
performance at
9.15 for friends
and families.
School Hall

Tues 12th Dec
KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5
and 6)
Carol Concert on
school
playground
6.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly this week we lit the first Advent candle in our Advent wreath.

This candle symbolises hope.

I explained the symbolism of the wreath including the evergreen leaves—symbolising eternal life; the cedar leaves symbolising strength; the red berries symbolising Jesus' act of love for us in dying on the cross and the laurel leaves and pine cone symbolising Jesus' victory over death.

See if your children can remember any of these symbols and their meaning.

We know that we can place all of our hopes in God because He is all of these things symbolised in the Advent wreath.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Class Christmas parties

Over the next two weeks each class will be having their Christmas parties. Children can wear their own clothes to school on their party day. The dates are below:

Mon 11th Dec: Year 5

Thurs 14th Dec: Year 4

Fri 15th Dec: Year 3

Fri 15th Dec: Year 6

Fri 15th Dec: Year 2

Mon 18th Dec: Year 1

Mon 18th Dec: Reception & Nursery





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Tues 12th Dec
Mrs Cingo Music
club Year 1 & 2
3-3.50pm

Tues 12th Dec
French club with
Mrs Curran
Yrs 3-6
3-3.50pm

Tues 12th Dec
PSD Multisports
Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Tues 12th Dec
Intermediate
chess club
3-4pm

Tues 12th Dec
Irish Dancing
school
6pm-8pm

Wed 13th Dec
Reception
Christmas
performance to
parents at
9.15am in school
hall

Wed 13th Dec
KS2 trip to the
Beck theatre for
pantomime

Wed 13th Dec
EYFS, Year 1 and
2 panto in school

Catholic Children's Society gift collection

Thank you for all of your kind donations to the Catholic Children's Society. I am sure these will be gratefully received by those less fortunate than ourselves.



Catholic
Children's
Society



Chess player of the week



Michael in Year 1 is the chess player of the week for showing huge improvements and for basically being fantastic!!!! Well done Michael. It is great to see that we have young talent coming through.

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.stage talent.co.uk/register





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Wed 13th Dec
Be Active
football
Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Wed 13th Dec
Mrs Doherty's
gymnastics club
Yrs 4-6
3-3.50pm

Thurs 14th Dec
Christmas lunch
day at school

Thurs 14th Dec
Reception Nativity
for friends and
families at 2pm in
school hall.

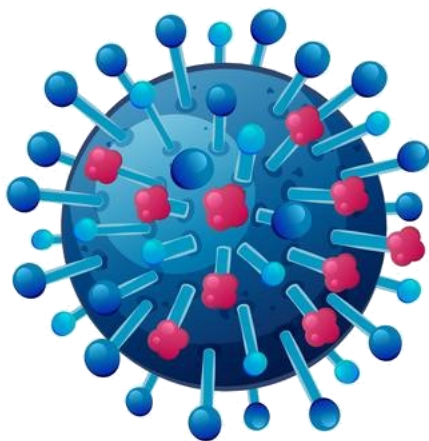
Thurs 14th Dec
Be Active
Multisports
Yrs 4-6
3-3.50pm

Thurs 14th Dec
Mrs Reardon's
library club
Yrs 1-3

Thurs 14th Dec
6pm—8pm
Irish Dancing
school

Nasal flu vaccination

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



This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 95.3%. Down 0.4% from last week. Year 3 had the highest attendance rate of 94%. Well done Year 3!

Consideration for our neighbours

Once again I have received complaints from our neighbours about inconsiderate parking and rudeness from our parents towards residents. I am so disappointed that some of our families feel it is acceptable to treat others in this way. We instil (everyday) in your children the values of tolerance and kindness to others. Please lead by example.

I have now put numerous reminders in the newsletter over the past year and it seems to have little affect. I have advised our neighbours to contact the relevant authorities should these incidents continue to occur.

In the meantime remember that it is the good name of our school that is tarnished by this behaviour.





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KS1 Advent service

Thank you to all of our families who attended Year 1 and 2's wonderful Advent service in Church on Tuesday evening. Thank you for co-operating with our no filming or taking of photos and also for raising over £160 for the school and Church.

Can I also say a special thank you to our wonderful teachers and support staff who helped prepare the children and especially those who gave their time on Tuesday evening (Miss Hobbs, Mrs Lakhanpal, Miss Todd, Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Phaure) to make it so very special. It is very much appreciated.

Finally may I say, once again, how proud I was of the children. Your read clearly, acted wonderfully and sang like angels. It was a very special evening because of you.





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Golf tournament

Well done to our Year 4 children who represented the school at the Cranford Community College Golf Festival on Wednesday. It was a wonderful experience and we finished 2nd by 1 point. So close! Thank you to Mr Lynam and Mrs Murray for taking the children.

The team: Theo, David D, David H, Samuel, Ciara, Sofia, Aysha, Jace, Luana, Emily



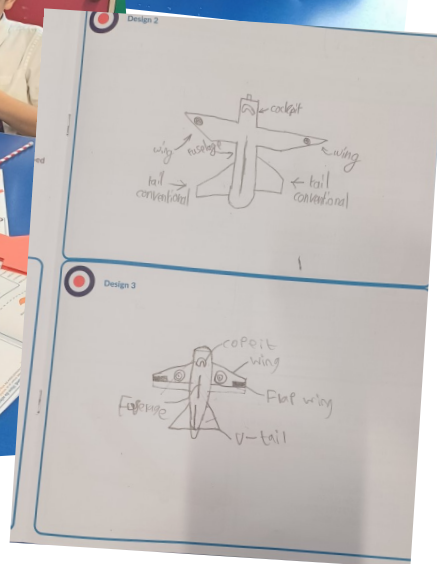
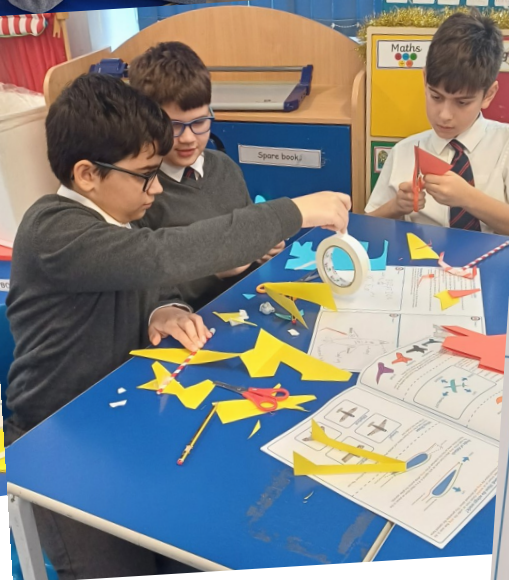
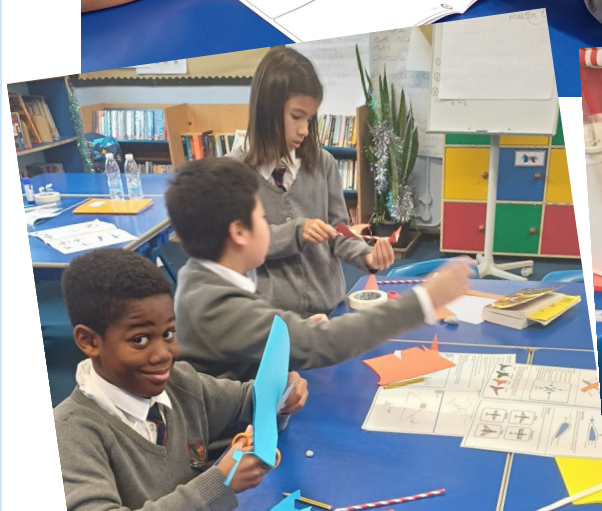


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Year 6 STEM day

On Thursday Year 6 had a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day making gliders. The activity was an interactive online session linking with other schools across the country and was provided free of charge by the Smallpeice Trust in partnership with the RAF. Well done children on your amazing gliders!



Chiara's glider flew the furthest reaching a distance of 7.5 metres!

Year 6 are now entering a national competition to design a sustainable aircraft. The prize is a trip for an entire class to the Royal International Air Tattoo. Good luck!

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Youth STEM





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Singing for the UCM

Well done to Year 3, who sang for the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) in the Parish Centre on Wednesday morning. It is lovely that the children have the opportunity to share their talents with the community in such a special way. We are really letting our light shine! I know that many of the Parish present were deeply moved by our children. Thank you Year 3 and thank you Miss Wiggins and Mrs Doherty. Your class were a credit to you both.





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BEACTIVE HAF Programme
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
Call 07715 847 132 / 07540 984 154
Email: info@beactivesports.co.uk | www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online
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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 Programme
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

1- 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
Select the chosen dates that suit you
Confirm your selection and pay via our secure online system

If you are having trouble booking online or would like more information regarding our holiday provision please contact us at:
Email: info@beactivesports.co.uk or Call: 07715 847 132

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Wow! Wow! Wow!

What an amazing Christmas fayre it was last week. It was so lovely to see everyone together enjoying themselves and getting into the Christmas spirit!!

Thank you to everyone who helped to; set up, run a stall, fold tickets, bake a cake and all the other things.

Thank you too for coming, having fun and spending lots of money!!!

We raised a massive £2000!!!!



We think this may be a record amount!! Well done everyone!!

Congratulations to Mollie (yr3) and Nancy (yr1) on winning the cinema hamper and Natalie (yr4) for winning the 100 square and finding Rudolph!!

There is still time to win a prize....



We will be selling tickets in the playground next week for our Christmas Raffle.

1st Prize £50 cash (courtesy of Whitley estate agents)



2nd Prize £30 Tesco voucher



Don't forget Gift Day is on Monday. Can you please remind your child who they are buying for as this makes it easier for us to help them. |

Dates for the Diary

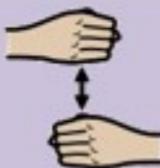


Gift Day - Monday 11th December



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

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 and Christmas jumper day).

Monday 8th January: Staff Training day

Tuesday 9th January: First day of Spring Term

