



## Diary Dates

# NEWSLETTER

20th December 2023

**Monday 8th Jan**  
Staff training day

**Tuesday 9th Jan**  
Back to school

**Tues 9th Jan**  
Intermediate  
chess club  
3-4pm

**Tuesday 9th Jan**  
Music club  
(Yrs 5 and 6)  
3-3.50pm

**Tues 9th Jan**  
Multisports (KS2)  
3-3.50pm

**Tues 9th Jan**  
Irish Dancing  
school  
6pm-8pm

**Wed 10th Jan**  
BE-ACTIVE  
football  
(Years 4-6)  
3-3.50pm

**Wed 10th Jan**  
Gymnastics club  
with Mrs Doherty  
Years 1-3  
3-3.50pm

**Wed 10th Jan**  
Computing club  
with Mr Lynam  
Years 4-6  
3-3.50pm

**Wed 10th Jan**  
11+ Club with  
Dorrie/ Leap  
ahead tuition  
(Yr 5)  
3-4.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the 3rd candle was lit on the Advent wreath. This candle symbolises joy.

In Sundays Gospel John the Baptist is heard telling his followers about Jesus' coming. John had many followers and many thought that he was the Messiah but he is humble as he says that he is not fit to unfasten the sandals of the one who is to come. We hear that at the Visitation John jumps for 'joy' inside his mummy's tummy.

This virtue of humbleness is very important and does not mean thinking less of yourself but thinking of your self less.

There is great joy to be found in this approach to life. In assembly we watched a short animation called 'A joy story: Joy and Heron' and I told the children about the word 'mudita' which means experiencing joy in others happiness.

Can I take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our families for your generosity towards us this Christmas. It is lovely to know that the hard work our staff put into helping your children live lives in all their fullness is appreciated.

Have a peaceful, holy and healthy Christmas and a happy New Year everybody.

See you all in January

Mr Doherty



Today we said goodbye to Mrs Lakhanpal. I think I've said already how much the children she has taught think of her as do the whole school community.

You will be missed and you will remain in our prayers.



*May the road rise to  
meet you.*

*May the wind be  
always at your back.*

*May the sun shine  
warm upon your face.*

*The rains fall soft  
upon your fields.*

*And until we meet  
again, may God hold  
you in the palm of  
his hand.*



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Thurs 11th Jan  
**BE ACTIVE**  
football club  
Yrs 1-3 3-3.50pm

Fri 12th Jan  
Miss Wiggins'  
drawing club  
(Yrs 4-6)  
3-3.50pm

### Black belt success!



Well done to Mitchell (Year 6) who last week passed his black belt exam in taekwondo. I know how dedicated Mitchell is to taekwondo and how hard he works, which makes this achievement all the more special.

### Singing in Church

Thank you once again to all of the children who sang on Sunday at Church. You were wonderful—as always!



# Thank You!

### Thank you again!

I would like to take this opportunity to, once again, thank Mrs Stonebanks who has been working in school this term supporting in Year 1. It is amazing to have such talented and dedicated people to call upon when we need support. Mrs Stonebanks will be leaving us at the end of this term.





## Singing at Hillingdon Golf club

Thank you Mr Lynam and the Hillingdon Golf Club for inviting our children to sing at their Christmas Carols event on Thursday evening. The children sang beautifully and it was lovely to receive the following message for the Chair of Governors at BWI school, who was in the audience.

Dear staff and pupils

As chair of governors at Bishop winnington-Ingram school in Ruislip I would like to thank and congratulate you all on a lovely evening I had at Hillingdon golf club on Monday evening. The singing and behaviour of the children was exemplary. They were a credit to your school.

Thank you and congratulations  
Have a wonderful Christmas

Danny gallup

Chair of governors BWI school

This should make all of us very proud. Can I also thank the golf club for their very generous donation to the school. It was beyond generous.







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## Year 5 siniging at the Burroughs Care Home

Can I thank our children, once more, for a memorable visit to the Burroughs Care Home in West Drayton. Seeing the happiness you brought to the staff and residents was priceless. There were many happy tears shed. Can I also thank Mrs Carter for arranging the visit and Mrs Cingo for accompanying us on piano.



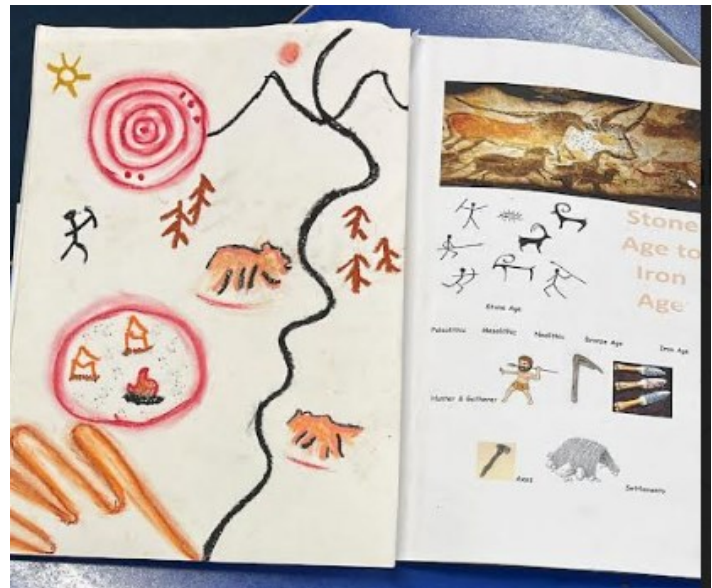




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## Stone age artwork

Check out this amazing stone age artwork by Year 6. This is part of their current history topic.





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## Singing at Mass

I was so proud after Mass this week to receive many, many compliments about the childrens singing. Worship is central to what we do at St Catherines and if you have ever been present at one of our services I think you will agree with me that there is something VERY special about St Catherine school masses.

It was therefore lovely to receive the following email from one of our grandparents, which I think sums up how very special our school is. Isn't it lovely that somebody would take the time to send this?

Dear Mr. Doherty

I attended the beautiful and very uplifting school mass this morning and have to say, what a lovely start to the Christmas celebration. The children are a credit to you, your staff and the whole school community it was wonderful to see and hear the children taking part and being so well behaved and singing so beautifully. It was amazing and emotional. Thank you for a great start to the day.

Teresa O'Sullivan (Sadie's grandmother)







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## BE ACTIVE NEW YEARS CAMP

This Christmas holiday, B-Active will be hosting a New Years camp at St Catherines 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.

**BE ACTIVE HAF Programme**  
**NEW YEARS CAMP 2024**  
**SPECIALIST MULTI- SPORT HOLIDAY CAMP**

Free places available for eligible children

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 Catherines

USE CODE SIB10 AT CHECKOUT FOR A TEN PERCENT SIBLING DISCOUNT  
**Call 07715 847 132 / 07540 984 154**  
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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**BE ACTIVE HAF Programme**

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](http://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](mailto:info@beactivesports.co.uk) or call 07715847132

## LOCATIONS

### Harrow

Roxbourne Primary  
Torbay Rd  
Harrow  
HA2 9Q

### Hillingdon

Cranford Park Academy  
Phelps Way,  
UB3 4LQ

St Catherine Primary School  
Money Lane,  
UB7 7NX

Rabbtsfarm Primary School  
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](mailto:info@beactivesports.co.uk) or Call: 07715 847 132



Scan with your smart phone



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



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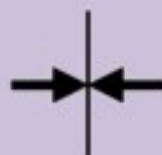
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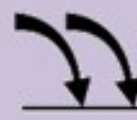


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Amen





# Spring term diary dates

Monday 8th January: Staff Training day

Tuesday 9th January: First day of Spring Term

Tuesday 16th January: Start of Term Mass in Church at 9.30am

Wednesday 17th January: Year 3/4 Badminton festival at Cranford Community College

Monday 22nd January: Year 3/4 Football tournament at ACS International School

Wednesday 31st January: Year 1 school trip to Milestone Museum

Tuesday 6th February: Parents Evening

Thursday 8th February: Parents Evening

Friday 9th February: Last day of half term. Normal finish time

Monday 12th Feb—Friday 16th Feb: Half term holiday

Monday 25th March: Start of Holy Week

Thursday 28th March: Year 6 Passion Play at 9am. Year 6 parents and families welcome to attend

Thursday 28th March: School finishes for Easter holiday at 2pm.

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April: Easter holiday

