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Dear Parents and Carers,

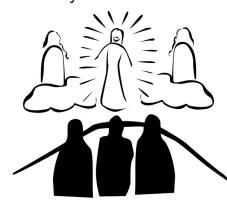
Last Sunday's Gospel reading marked the second Sunday of Lent and told the story of the Transfiguration.

We talked about the difference between hearing and listening. Peter is worried about building tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah and God has to tell them to 'listen' to Jesus who is revealed as the Son of God.

We talked about how God is revealed to us everyday through our human **EXPERIENCE** (the kindness of others for example), **CREATION** (the beauty of the world around or the complexity of the human body for example), **TRADITION** (for example saying traditional prayers or receiving Sacraments) and **SCRIPTURE** (God's words shared in the Bible). See if your children can remember these 4 ways God is revealed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Doherty



Attendance Cup

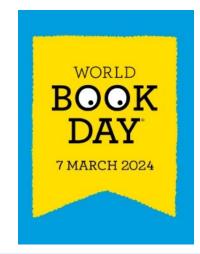
Well done to Year 3 who won the attendance trophy with 98.3% attendance! Whole school attendance to date is 94.6% - 0.2% from the previous week.

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<u>World Book Day</u> <u>coming soon!</u>

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on <u>**7th March**</u>. Start thinking about costumes if you haven't already!





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Football star



Well done to Tomasz in Year 3, who was awarded player of the match for Townmead FC on Sunday. Tomasz also scored the opening goal within 10 seconds of kick off! Amazing! Well done Tomasz.

World Book Day Costume donation

World Book Day is fast approaching (Thursday 7th March). Buying new costumes is expensive and we are a school that would like to encourage the children to reuse in order to care for creation (part of Catholic Social Teaching).

If you have any World Book Day costumes that you can donate please place them in the collection box that will be left on the school playground every morning and afternoon. If you would like to take one of the donated costumes for your child please do so. Thanking you in advance.





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Library visits

All of our classes now have dates when they will be visiting the library. Please make sure they have their library card on this day as they will be allowed to take out books. There are library card application forms in the school office if your child does not have their own card yet.

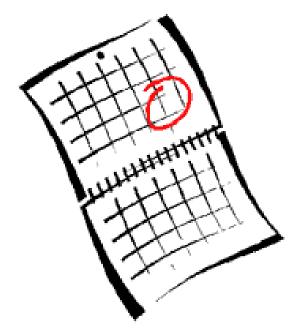
Teachers will be reminding you nearer the date and our younger classes will also be looking for parent helpers.

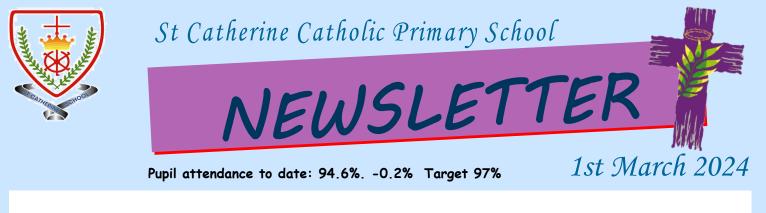
Dates: Year 6 Wed 24th April Year 4 1st May, Year 2 8th May, Reception 14th May, Year 3 15th May, Year 1



Diary date change

Apologies but our staff training day on May 24th was on last weeks newsletter (important future dates) as June 24th. Sorry for any inconvenience cause by this.





TCS Mini London Marathon 2024



I am delighted to announce that we have been invited to participate in the TSC London Mini Marathon on Saturday 20th April. The event is open to any child from Reception to Year 6 and we have been allocated 50 places. Our Mini Vinnies will decide on a charity to fund raise for as I am hoping all entrants will get sponsorship.

TCS have kindly agreed to give £10 for every child who completes the mile so that will be £500 for the school! The children will also receive a medal. I would initially like to see who would be interested. You were all sent a google form via Parentpay. Simply complete and return by **TODAY.** Thank you in advance for your support. Mr Doherty



Come fly with Reception class!

Reception had a fantastic afternoon on their trip to the airport! In the morning they completed their passports and boarding passes ready for our adventure. Once they got to the airport, the children went through check-in and passport control.

Afterwards they went through airport security and then waited in the departure lounge. Once all checks were complete, children boarded the aeroplane where they were treated to on-board snacks and music.

Once we landed, Reception went to the beach! We went digging with our bucket and spades, splashing on the shore and paddling in the sea. We also found

some beautiful shells washed up on the shore. Before long it was time to head home! We were lucky enough to have a real pilot on our flight - thank you to Mr Marsh and also our wonderful Year 6 helpers who played their parts perfectly! Mrs Marsh

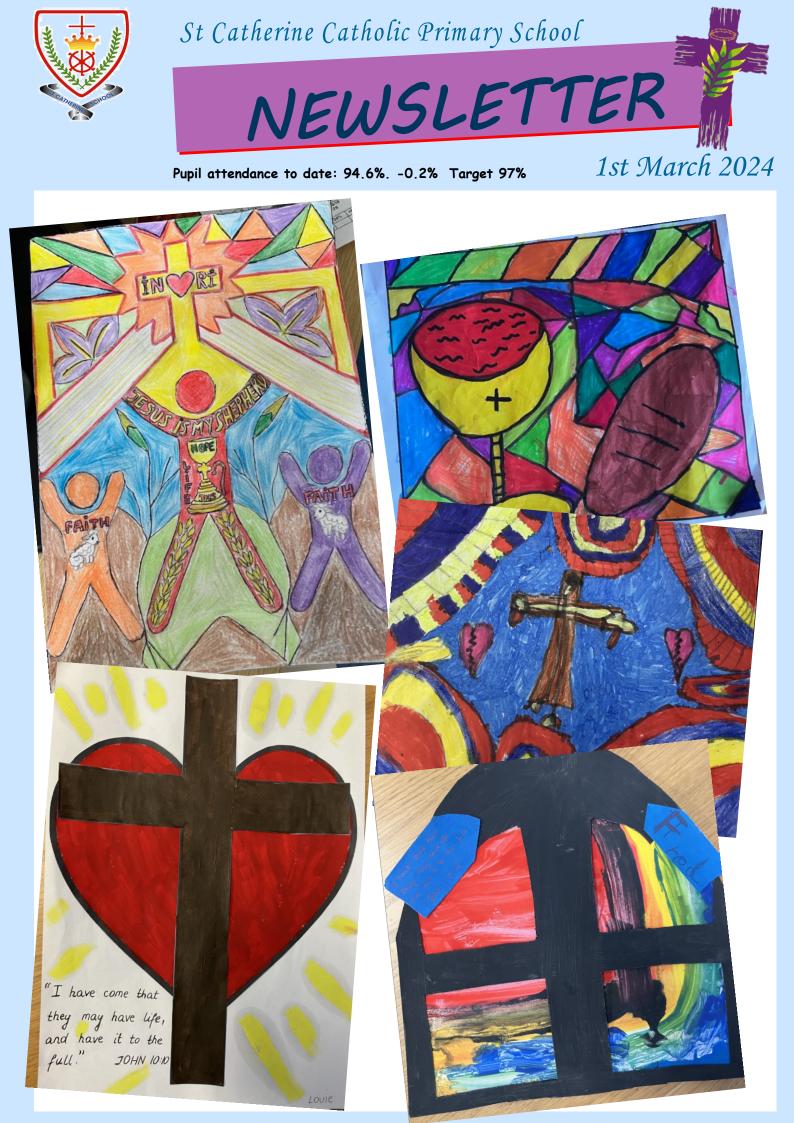




Half term creative homework

The deadline for handing in creative homework has now passed and we will be choosing a winner over the next week—to be announced in next weeks newsletter. Thank you to all of you once again for your hard work and creativity. Myself and all the school staff have been so impressed at the standards set. Here are some more wonderful entries:









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Football news

No news this week as we were due to play Cowley St Laurence but they are away on PGL. We have rearranged the fixture for Wednesday 13th March. With two games to go we remain top of the league.

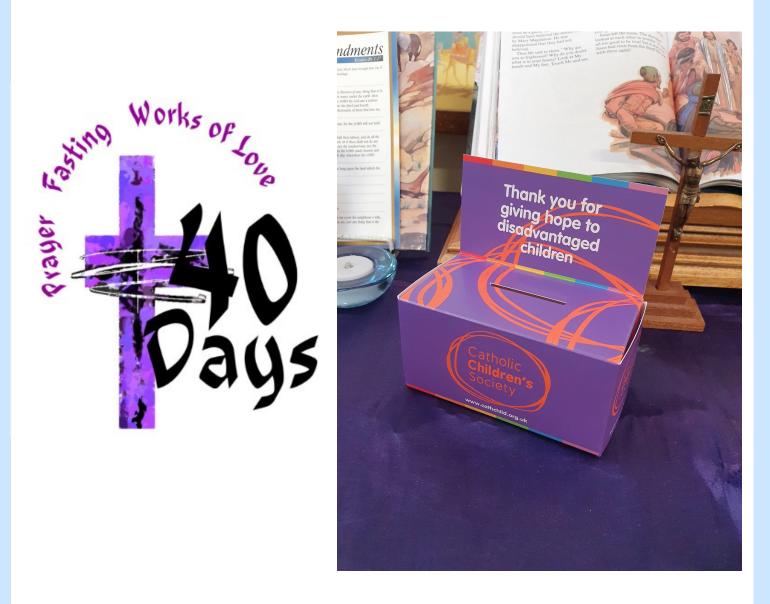
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2	St Bernadette	5	4	1	0	20	6	14	13
3	Heathrow	5	3	1	1	18	6	12	10
4	St Mary's	5	3	1	1	11	8	3	10
5	St Martin's	5	2	1	2	9	8	1	7
6	St Andrew's	6	2	0	4	10	14	-4	6
7	St Helen's	6	1	2	3	9	7	2	5
8	Cowley St Laurence	5	1	1	3	9	12	-3	4
9	St Matthew's	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0
10	Laurel Lane	6	0	0	6	6	39	-33	0





Catholic Children's Society 'My Voice Matters' Lenten appeal

Make sure you are filling your Catholic Childrens Society boxes this Lent. I reminded the children that giving to those less fortunate than us is something we should try to do during Lent. I cannot tell you how wonderful the CCS and their work is and how they have helped families in our own school in the past. They are the worthiest of causes. If you fill your box please return to the office. Many thanks again.





Netball quarter finalists On Saturday (24th February) our netball squad took part in the borough netball rally at Ryefield school. After beating Hillingdon B team 5-0 and Heathrow B 5-0 we lost 2-1 against St Bernadette's A team (who eventually won the tournament). With these scores we qualified for the quarter finals where we played Heathrow A. We came from 2-0 down to equalise in a dramatic game which went to extra time after finishing 3-3. Unfortunately we lost by 1 point in extra time. Once again this was another amazing achievement. Reaching the quarter finals is something you should be so proud of girls! You were brilliant!! At the end of the matches we were presented with the gold medals and the new and improved cup as WINNERS of the league we played in this year. Thank you to Melissa for being there to coach and to all the family members who came to support us!

Next Saturday (2nd March) our mixed team will compete in the mixed rally. Wish us luck and come and support us if you can. 9am start at Ryefield School, Hillingdon.





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Cross Country trials

This week we held trials for Years 3,4,5 and 6 for the upcoming Cross Country event. Well done to all the children who gave their best. The following children have been selected for squad training:

Chiara (Year 6), Zion (Year 6), Mitchell (Year 6), Maya (Year 6),Katherine (Year 5), Noelle (Year 5), Emmie (Year 5), Victoria (Year 5), Fara (Year 5), Filip (Year 5), David D (Year 4), Jace (Year 4), Theo (Year 4), Lukas (Year 4), Ciara (Year 4) Louie (Year 3), Iwo (Year 3), Well done to all of you!

Daily mile is back!

From next week we will be bringing back the daily mile for all classes from years 1-6. At least 3 times a week every class will take part in a mile run on school premises.



Chess players of the week

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Well done to Erin in Year 3 and Wenxin in Year 2, who were this weeks King and Queen of chess. Both are listening well to coaching advice and putting it into action in games.



Other faiths work in Year 5

Well done to Timmy and Nathan in Year 5, who were sent to see me with their wonderful work on Judaism and the celebration of the Passover. Tolerance and respect for others are important British Values and learning about the religion of others is a crucial part of this at St Catherines.





Running squad training

Well done to our running squad who had their first training session today. Well done to Emmie and Mitchell who clocked the fastest girls and boys times for 1300 metres finishing in 5minutes 30 seconds and 5 minutes 22 seconds respectively. A special mention to Theo and Noelle who made the greatest improvement on their personal best times. Theo finished in 5 minutes 31 seconds and Noelle in 5 minutes 36 seconds.





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Powerpoint whizzkid!



Well done to Julia in Year 3 who created a wonderful presentation on Ancient Egypt (Year 3's next history topic) after her computing lesson on PowerPoints, She used animations, pictures, hyperlinks and photos of her own trip to the British Museum earlier this year. Super work!



Mixed netball rally

Good luck to our mixed netball team who will compete this Saturday at the Borough netball event held at Ryefield Primary school. Games start at 9am. Please come and support us if you can.



<u>Super handwriting</u>

Well done to Nathan in Year 5, who was sent to see me with his OUTSTANDING handwriting, which he has been working really hard on improving. It is lovely to see children taking real pride in their work and presentation. Great job Nathan!



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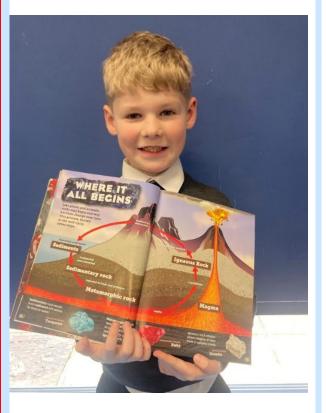
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Book fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair this year. By spending your money the school will receive sets of books which will enhance our provision for the children. Ryder in Year 3 bought this book at the book fair - linked to the current Science topic about Rocks. He read it at home and brought it in to school to show and tell his favourite page - all about the rock cycle. Ryder has shown a keen interest in our Science, History and Geography topics this year and has enjoyed sharing the facts he has learned about each. Mrs Doherty and Miss Wiggins are very impressed.



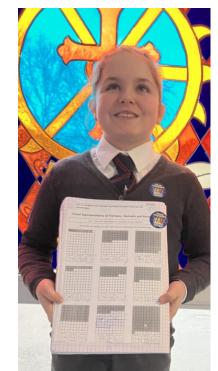
Year 3 history lesson

This week in their History lesson, Year 3 learned about Britain's conversion to Christianity during the Anglo- Saxon period. They found out about when and how three missionaries (now saints) spread the word of God and converted Britain to Christianity.



Percentage princess!

Well done to Sienna in Year 5 who was sent to see me with her wonderful percentage work in maths. Sienna was converting percentages into decimals and fractions!

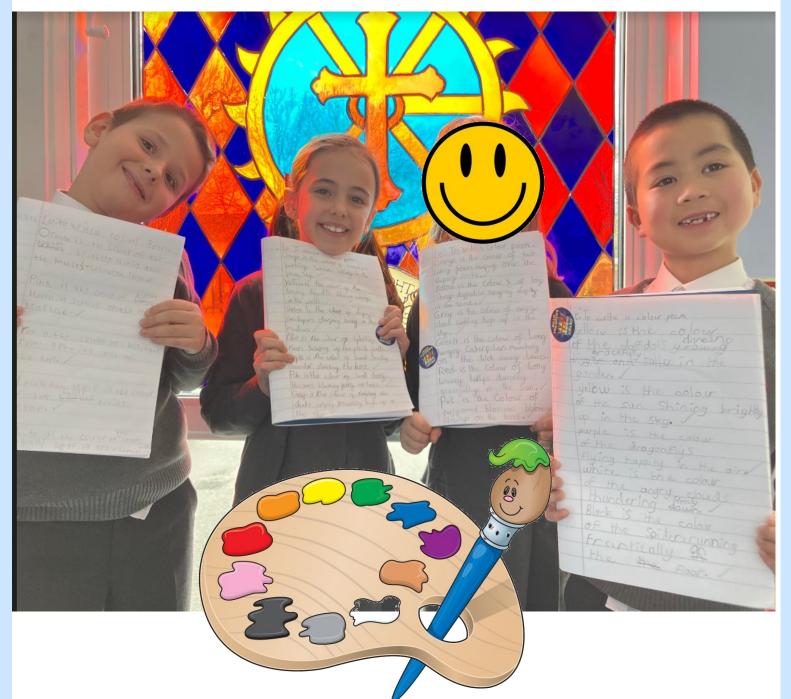




Year 2 Colour poems

Forgive me for dedicating a whole page to this but I was astounded by Year 2's colour poems today. They were asked to include noun phrases and adverbs. Isabella even used personification to describe the 'crying clouds'. I think you will agree that they are OUTSTANDING!

Well done Year 2 and especially Wenxin, Olivia, Isabella and Oskar for making my day with this work.





Year 2 canal trip

Last Friday Year 2 went on their trip to Cowley Lock. Over the past few weeks we have been learning about canals in the past and it was amazing to see our learning come to life. We saw the lock Keepers Cottage and rope marks on the bridges from the horses that use to pull the barges. We even got to open and close the lock gates! We had a fantastic time. Well done Year 2. You were AMAZING and did the school proud. Miss Simmonds







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Times Table Rockstars—Battle of the Classes

Over the last week our classes from Year 2 up have been battling against each other on Times Table Rockstars. The results are as follows:

Year 6 defeated Year 5 Year 4 defeated Year 2 and 3

The fastest Rockstar (number of seconds per question) in the whole school is Tin Yan from Y6. His average is 0.59 seconds! Incredible.

Most coins earned (lifetime achievement) is:

- 1) Mitchell Simpson in Year 6 with 1,750,603 coins
- 2) Victoria Wojciechowska in Year 5 with 539,403 coins
- 3) David Hufkie in Year 4 with 413,239 coins
- 4) Julia Bledkowska in Year 3 with 51,655 coins



Below are the top coin earners for each Year group during battle of the classes week. Well done lwo, Amira Kate, David H and Zion who earnt an incredible 12,349 to be the Top Rockstar of the week!

Amira-Kate Brown Year 5	777
3 Iwo Capik Year 3	2,524
11 Shiloh-Praise Asare Year 2	702
David Hufkie Year 4	7,43 <mark>6</mark>
1 Zion Asare Year 6	12,34 <mark>9</mark>

New Battles will commence bi-weekly.

Well done to all of the children who are using TTRS regularly.

Mrs Reardon



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<u>Community Stay and</u> <u>Play morning</u>

Our next Stay and Play morning will be held on Saturday16th March. Please see attached poster for more information. We look forward to seeing you there.

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We would like to invite you to our next pre-school (aged 2-4) community stay and play morning.



Saturday 16th March 10am-12 noon

Please contact our school office if you wish to attend with your child/children so we have an idea of numbers attending in advance. We look forward to seeing you.

> office@stcatherine.co.uk Telephone: 01895442839

Year 4,5,6 Reconciliation

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Thank you to Father Brian, who the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the children in Years 4,5 and 6 who have received Holy Communion. We do not tell the children that this is compulsory but it was lovely to see that all of them wanted to receive this special Sacrament. One of the Year 6 children said the loveliest thing to a member of staff on the way to see Fr Brian. She said: 'I'm excited to confess to Fr Brian because I know it's God listening to me and I will feel so relieved after'.

Isn't it lovely that our children are so willing to speak about their religion and what it means to them?



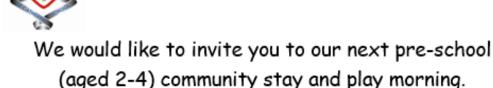




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Our next Stay and Play Community morning will be held on Saturday 16th March. Please share this with friends and families. We will be holding a Signalong workshop as part of the morning. Children in our current Reception and Nursery classes are welcome to attend, as are older siblings. If you are able to volunteer to support on the day please let the EYFS team know. We look forward to seeing you.

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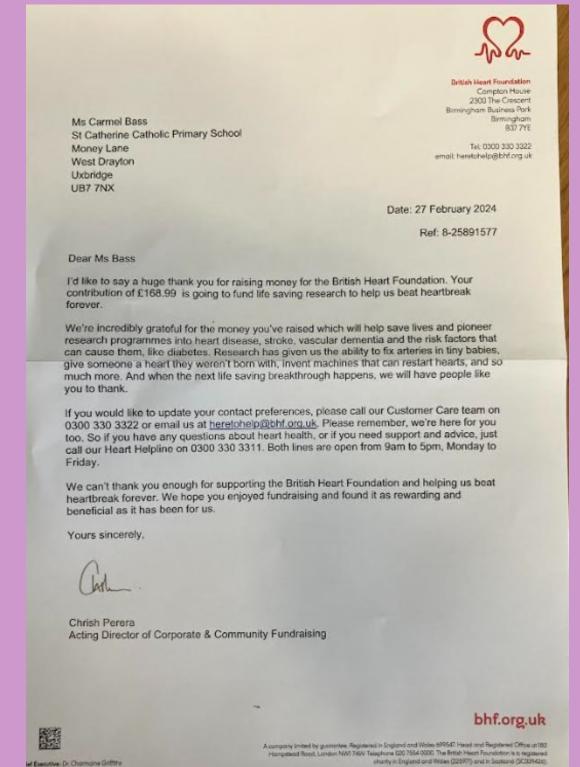


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It was lovely to receive this letter of thanks from the British Heart Foundation for our fundraising. Thank you again to everybody who contributed their £1's. Your small acts of generosity have amounted to something very special.



utive: Dr. Charmane Gattah



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Please see the attached flyer for the Young Artists' Summer Show. This a a free competition/ exhibition open to children aged 4 and above. The school has signed up so you can submit work whenever you wish. As a school we will be entering pieces of work over the coming term but you can also submit artwork completed at home. Work must be submitted by 27th March. I look forward to seeing the children's entries.

The website address is:



Royal Acade of Arts mv







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Please see the attached poster for a fantastic new support project. This are parent/carer drop in's run by Stronger Families Key Working and Brilliant Parents.

These sessions are an informal general advice drop in.



Raising children doesn't come with a handbook, and sometimes knowing who to reach out to for support or advice is tricky.

Brilliant Parents and the Stronger Families Key Working team are offering a friendly and informal drop-in for parents/carers of 0-18 year olds and 0-25 year olds for those with SEND.



We'll be there for a chat, to share advice, support and a range of information in relation to parenting, and mental and emotional wellbeing for all the family.

2024	Harefield Children's Centre High Street, Harefield UB9 6BT	Uxbridge Family Hub Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW	Hayes Family Hub College Way, Hayes UB3 3BB	
	Wednesdays 1-3pm	Fridays 5-7pm	Fridays 10am - 12pm	
March	6th	8th	15th	
April	3rd	12th	19th	
May	1st	10th	17th	
June	5th	14th	21st	
July	3rd	12th	19th	
August	7th	16th	23rd	
September	4th	13th	20th	

For more information contact Sarah on: 07495 024 449 or sarah.rust@brilliantparents.org

Our goal is to empower parents to feel safe, strong and healthy, whilst building resilience and confidence in your parenting decisions, with the support of a community network.



PANCAKE FLIP

Thank you to everyone who collected sponsorship for the pancake flip we raised a massive £ 910!!!! Absolutely amazing, well Done!!



Thank you to all who attended our FSCS meeting yesterday, the next one is 25th April. All are welcome.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Easter Egg Hunt- Monday 25th March

Bag2School - Tues 23rd April

FSCS Meeting - Thursday 25th April

Coffee Morning - Wed 1st May

Bingo Night- Saturday 18th May

Summer fayre - Sunday 7th July







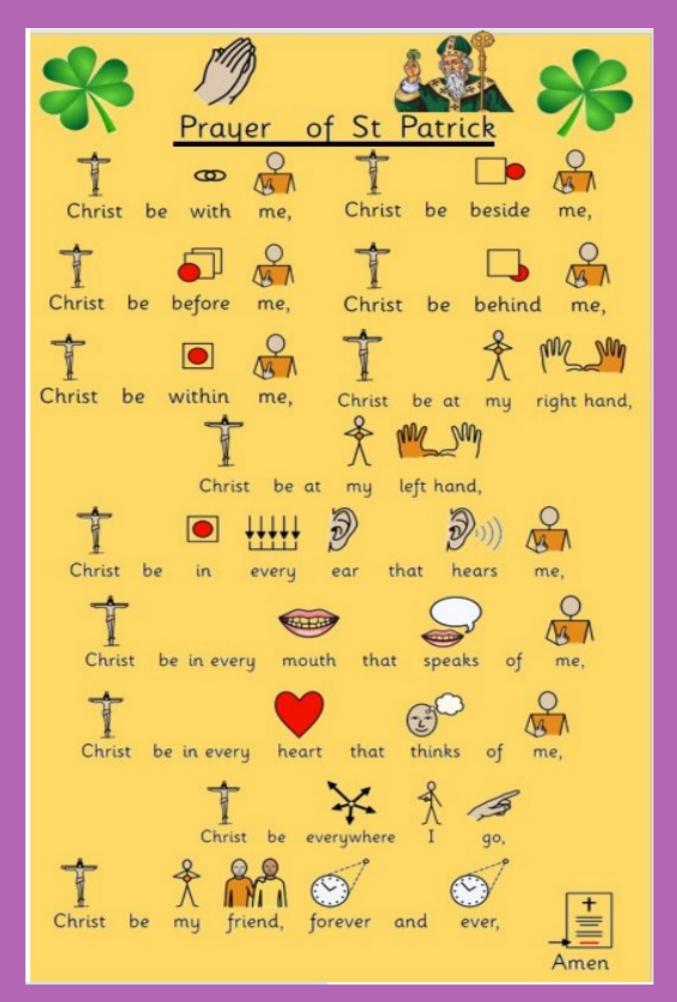




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Our prayer for March is the prayer of St Patrick. This is a lovely prayer for your children to learn. Please make it a prayer your children learn over the next month.



Important future diary dates

