



Diary Dates

Mon 11th March

**Be Active
multisports
Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm**

**Lego club—Mrs
Wassef Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm**

**Netball squad
training
Yrs 5 and 6
3-4.10pm**

**Beginners chess
club 3-4pm**

**11+ club Year 4
with Dorrie—
Leap Ahead
Tuition
3-4.15pm**

**Tues 12th March
Intermediate
chess club
3-4pm**

**Music club
(Yrs 5 and 6)
3-3.50pm**

**Multisports with
PSD (KS2)
3-3.50pm**

**Irish Dancing
school
6pm-8pm**

**Wed 13th March
BE-ACTIVE
football
(Years 4-6)
3-3.50pm**

**Gymnastics club
with Mrs Doherty
Years 1-3
3-3.50pm**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Sunday's Gospel reading marked the third Sunday of Lent and saw Jesus angry in the Temple with the money lenders. The children were shocked that Jesus would do this but I explained that there is something called 'righteous anger'.

We should be angry when we see things in the world that are wrong, unfair or unjust but anger isn't a pass to hit or use bad language. We must find better ways to make things right. Our Mini Vinnies are a great example of this. This week I have asked all classes to come up with a Lenten fundraising idea to support the Catholic Children's Society. Their website has some moving stories about children and families they have helped. It is so unfair that children around the world don't have the things they need to live life in all its fullness. St Catherines are going to get angry about this and do something to help.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Doherty



Attendance Cup

Well done to Year 1 who won the attendance trophy with 98.6% attendance!

Whole school attendance to date is 94.7% . Up 0.1% from the previous week.





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Creative homework winner

Well done to Martyna Deneka in Year 3 whose artwork was chosen as the winner of our 'Life to the full' stained glass window competition. I think that you will all agree that this is a wonderful design, which will take pride of place in our Reception area.



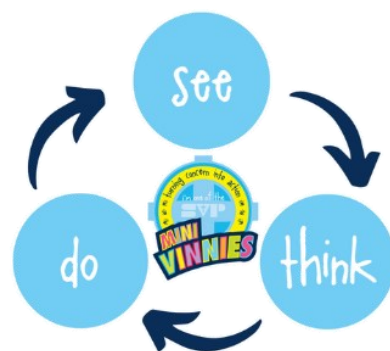


Mini Vinnies

Congratulations to our Mini Vinnie representatives, who were this week elected. In Monday's whole school assembly they were commissioned. Mrs Carter will be leading the group as Mini Vinnies President.

Their role within the school will be to **SEE** issues in our school, wider community and world which they see as not right or unfair and will **THINK** about what they could do to help and will then **DO** something about it.

It is really important to put our faith into action and even more important that our children lead on this. I will keep you all regularly updated on what our Mini Vinnies are up to. Watch this space!





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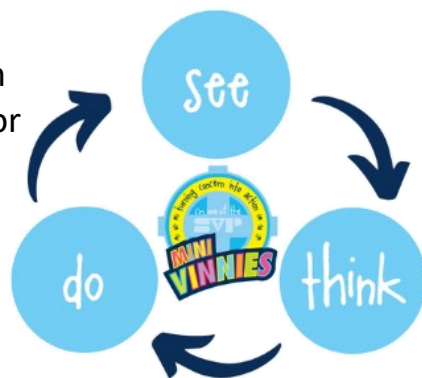


This week our Mini Vinnies were visited by Mrs Murray and her son Finn. Finn has Type 1 diabetes and Mrs Murray explained how this impacts his life and that of his family.

It was a real eye opener for everyone present and next week the Mini Vinnies will be thinking about what we could do as a school to support research in this area.

Watch this space for our next ACTION! Below is Finn's story.....

At the age of 2 Finn was diagnosed with type 1 Diabetes. His parents realised that he was showing classic symptoms of the 3 T's - increasingly tired, thirsty and needed the toilet more. He was admitted to Hillingdon Hospital with dangerously high blood sugars and was diagnosed with diabetes. He received fantastic care from Hillingdon Hospital's Children and Young People with Diabetes Team (CYPD) and was fitted with an insulin pump and blood glucose sensor which acts as an artificial pancreas. This has enabled him to have as normal a childhood as possible but requires continuous monitoring to prevent abnormal blood sugars which can make him very unwell and may lead to an emergency if not treated. *"Don't worry it's not scary to have diabetes, it's okay."* Finn Murray. Although in the last couple of years there has been vast improvements in the treatment of type 1 Diabetes there is currently no cure. JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) are a charity working tirelessly to try and find a cure and hope that one may be found in Finn's lifetime.





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World Book Day

Thank you everyone for making World Book Day so special once again. The costumes were amazing and it was lovely to hear Mr Andrews say in assembly that he has been in many schools but that you were the best! Thank you teachers for providing lots of fun activities and for making the day extra special. Thank you also to Mrs Phaure for organising the day and to Mr Andrews for his whole school assembly. Roll on next year!





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Year 4



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Year 3



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Nursery



Year 6

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Reception

Sorry Year 5 it seems you were having too much fun and we missed getting a class picture of you all! Apologies.



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Well done to all of our class winners and runners up.

Year 1



Year 6



Year 4



Nursery



Year 5



Year 2



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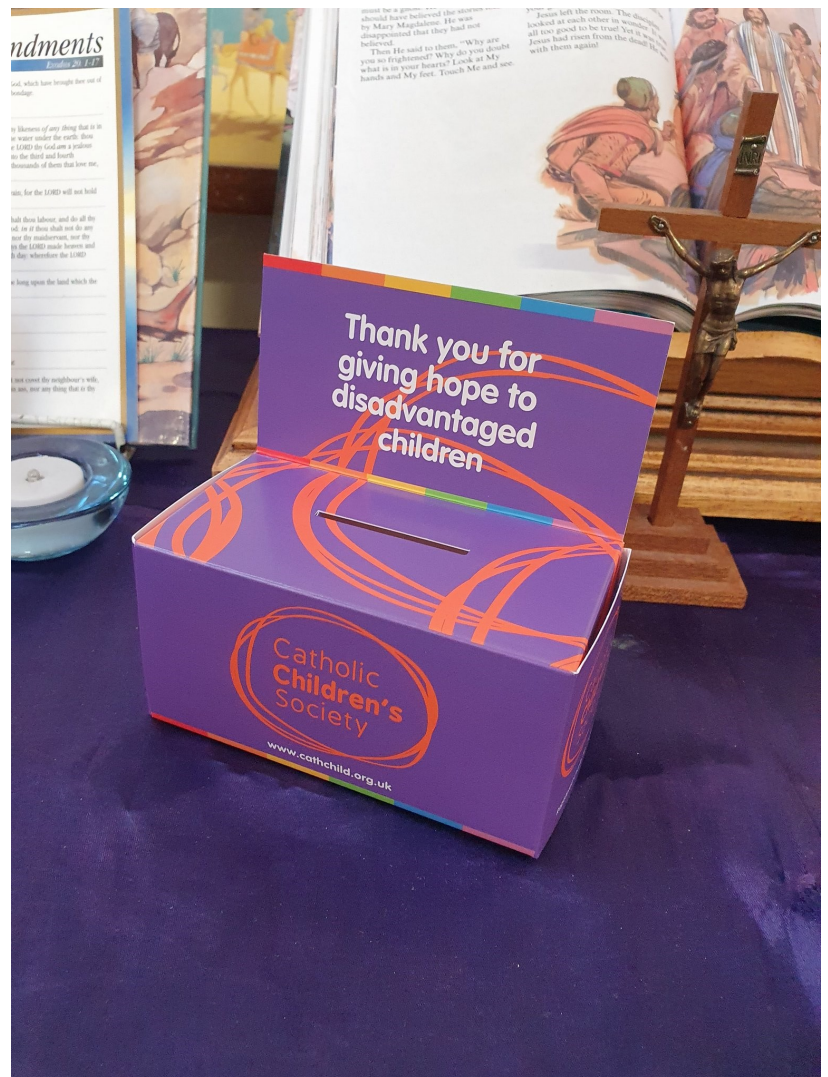
Year 3





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.





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Wed 13th March
11+ Club with
Dorrie/ Leap
ahead tuition
(Yr 5)
3-4.15pm

**Football match
vs Cowley St
Laurence on The
Green 3.30pm**

**Thurs 14th
March**
World Book Day
Dress up as a
book character
day

BE ACTIVE
football club
Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

**Irish Dancing
school**
6pm-8pm

**Friday 15th
March**
**Cross Country
squad training
after school until
4.10pm**

**Saturday 16th
March**
**Community Stay
and Play**
10am-12 noon

**Packham
Football
Tournament at
Ryefield School**

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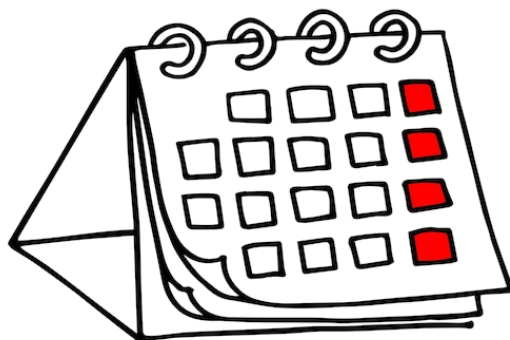


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2024/2025 term dates

These are now on the website and attached to this weeks newsletter.



Mixed netball rally

Unfortunately last Saturday's mixed teams netball rally was called off due to bad weather. We are hoping that it will be rescheduled for the near future.



Church cleaning

St Catherine's Easter Church cleaning will take place on Sunday 24th March after 11am Mass. If you can spare half an hour please come and help. Many hands make light work! Thank you



Support for Ukranian families

We are currently working in partnership with St Mary's Ukrainian School to support children who have been displaced as a result of the ongoing conflict. If you would like to access this support or would like any further information please speak to Mrs Bryant.





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19th 20th

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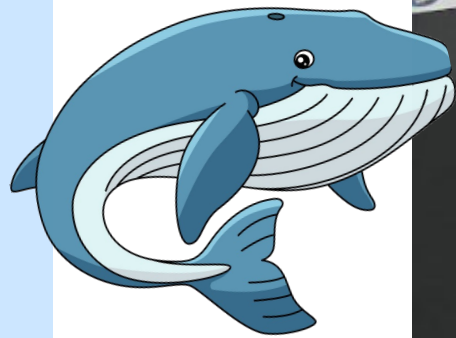
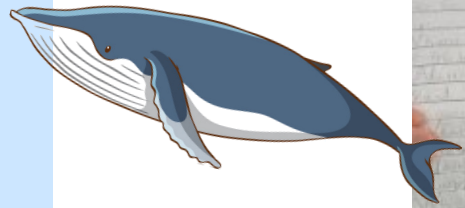
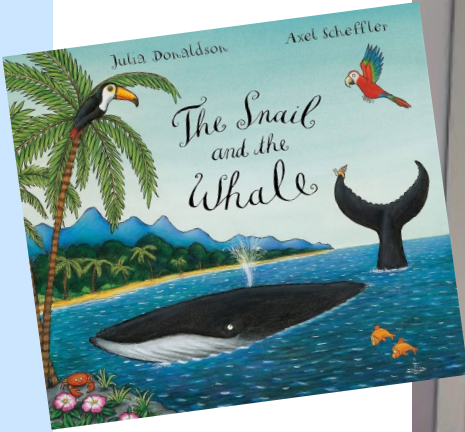
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Wonderful whale facts!



I had a wonderful visit from our Year 1's this week. They were sharing some of their **AMAZING** facts about whales linked to their class reading book—The Whale and the Snail by Julia Donaldson. Did you know that whales are not even fish and feed their babies milk? Year 1 did! Wonderful work Year 1 and fantastic writing. It is so lovely to see children so interested in what they are doing at school.



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TCS Mini London Marathon 2024



Congratulations, you're in! 🎉



Thank you to everybody who expressed an interest in running the TCS Mini London Marathon this year. We had 46 replies! If you applied you should have received a letter home today. If you do not get one please come to the office.





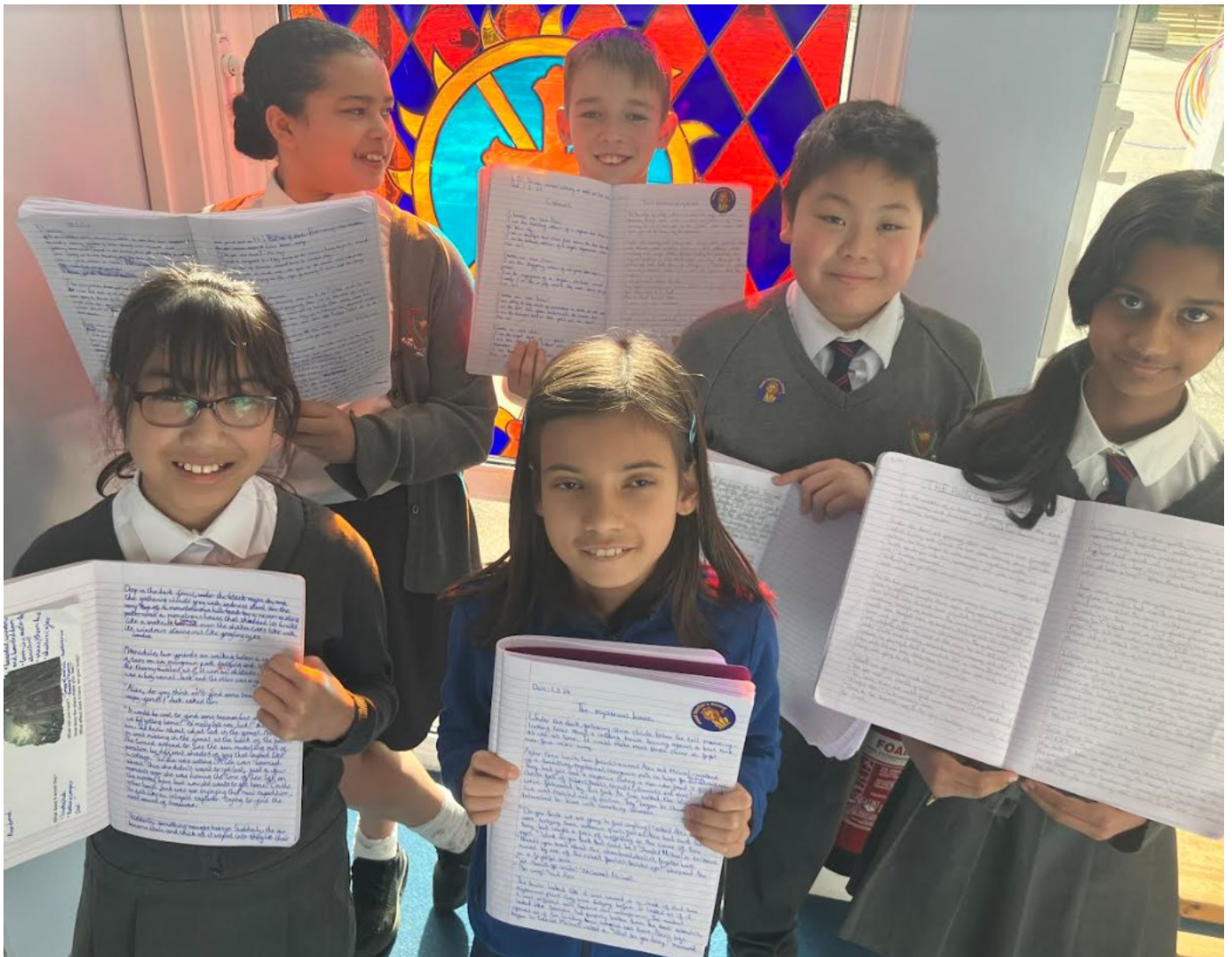
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Horror stories!

Thanks to Year 6s' outstanding horror writing. Mr Doherty has now had a number of sleepless nights thanks to reading these! Following Year 2's incredible colour poetry last week it is so lovely to see our children enthused about writing. This is what writing at St Catherines looks like with years of hard work. Well done Year 6 and to all of your teachers especially Mrs Reardon and the Year 6 team.





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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.

St Catherine Catholic Primary School and Nursery



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



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Please find below letter from Kooth who support parents with children's mental health.



Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents/Carers

At Kooth, we provide a safe, secure means of accessing online emotional health support from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners.

Kooth offers wellbeing support 365 days a year via a range of self-help materials and peer to peer support which young people are able to contribute to. Everything is pre-moderated and age appropriate, in order to safeguard our users, so you know that what your child is accessing is safe.

Kooth work alongside schools and colleges across the UK and are running student facing webinars through April and May on topics like 'Staying safe online' and 'Tips for managing exam stress'.

Kooth is also offering free virtual sessions for parents on the 22nd & 25th April that provide tips on how you can support your child manage anxiety about their upcoming exams - please use [this link](#) to sign up.

There's also resources designed especially for parents available on our website including advice on how to talk to your teen about their feelings: [Parents/Carers resources](#).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer you can email us on parents@kooth.com.

Kind Regards

Kooth Engagement Team



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Be Active will be hosting an Easter camp at school during the forthcoming holidays. Please find the flyer attached on the next two pages.



BE ACTIVE 

EASTER CAMP 2024

SPECIALIST MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CAMP

HAF Programme
Free places available for eligible children





For Children aged 4-12 years
Bookings now open
Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 12th April
PLEASE SEE DATES ON THE BACK OF THE FLYER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

Roxbourne Primary School | St Catherine Primary School | St Josephs Primary School | Rabbsfarm Primary School | Belmont Primary School | Cranford Park Academy



DAILY COSTS
STANDARD DAY
9.00-3pm- £20
* Rabbsfarm 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

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| FOOTBALL | ARTS AND CRAFTS |
| BASKETBALL | TAG RUGBY |
| DODGEBALL | HOCKEY |
| CRICKET | ATHLETICS |

Be 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.



EASTER HAF 2024

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



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

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Dobbin Close, HA3 7LP

Week 1 2nd - 5th April (Paid Places Only)

Roxbourne Primary School
Torbay Road, HA2 9QF

Week 1 2nd - 5th April (HAF & Paid Places)

Belmont School
Hibbert Road, HA3 7JT

Week 1 2nd - 5th April (HAF & Paid Places)

Hillingdon

St Catherine Primary School
Money Lane, UB7 7NX

Week 1 2nd - 5th April (Paid Places Only)

Week 2 8th - 12th April (HAF & Paid Places)

Cranford Park Academy
PHELPS Way, UB3 4LQ

Week 2 8th - 12th April (HAF & Paid Places)

Rabbsfarm Primary School
Gordon Road, UB7 8AH

Week 2 8th - 12th April (HAF & Paid Places)

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



Scan with your smart phone



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Please see the attached flyer for the Young Artists' Summer Show. This is 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:



Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes will be awarded to inspiring artworks across each key stage.

How to enter

From 8 January 2024, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 27 March 2024.

Important dates

8 January – 27 March 2024
Registration and submission open

May 2024
Judging

16 July 2024
Online exhibition opens

16 July – 11 August 2024
Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more
royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists
#RAYoungArtists

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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.



Parent Carer Support

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.

Please find below term dates for academic year 2024/25. These are now on the school website.



**ST CATHERINE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024/2025**

Bank and Public Holidays 2024/2025

Good Friday	18 th April 2025
Easter Monday	21 st April 2025
May Day	5 th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 th August 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September (INSET DAY 1)
Tuesday 3rd September FIRST DAY OF TERM

28th October – 1st November HALF TERM

Thursday 19th December LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 20th December (INSET DAY 2)

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January (INSET DAY 3)
Tuesday 7th January FIRST DAY OF TERM

17th February - 21st February HALF TERM

Friday 4th April LAST DAY OF TERM

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April FIRST DAY OF TERM

26th May to 30th May HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June (INSET DAY 4)
FRIDAY 5TH JULY (INSET DAY 5)

Tuesday 22nd July LAST DAY OF TERM



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BAG2SCHOOL



Tuesday 23rd April - drop off before 8:30am.

If you needed an excuse for a spring clean & clear out, do it over Easter ! Fill some bags with your unwanted clothes and items to help raise money for our School. We are looking for clothes, hats & scarves, paired shoes, handbags and soft toys. A full list is available at <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

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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What's
on...

at West Drayton
Library

Irish Dancing Performance



By the ACS Hillingdon
International School







Tuesday 12th March
2.15pm – 3pm
























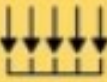





















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To book your place, please phone
01895 558195 or email
westdrayton-library@hillington.gov.uk



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.

Prayer of St Patrick

					
Christ	be	with	me,	Christ	be beside me,
					
Christ	be	before	me,	Christ	be behind me,
					
Christ	be	within	me,	Christ	be at my right hand,
					
Christ be at my left hand,					
					
Christ	be	in	every	ear	that hears me,
					
Christ	be in every	mouth	that	speaks	of me,
					
Christ	be in every	heart	that	thinks	of me,
					
Christ be everywhere I go,					
					
Christ	be	my friend,	forever	and	ever,
					
Amen					

Important future diary dates

Saturday 16th March—Stay and Play morning

Saturday 16th March—Packham 7 a side football tournament

Monday 25th March—FSCS Easter Egg hunt in school

Tuesday 26th March—End of Term Mass in Church at 9.30am

Thursday 28th March—Year 6 Passion Play at 9am in school.
Year 6 parents/carers and families welcome

Thursday 28th March—Accessorize day

Thursday 28th March—Last day of term (finish at 2pm)

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

Monday 15th April—Start of Summer term

Tuesday 23rd April—Start of term Mass at 9.30am in Church

Tuesday 30th April—Year 4 Class Mass at 2pm in classroom (parents and family welcome).

Thursday 9th May—Ascension Thursday - School Mass in Church at 9.30am

Friday 24th May—Staff training day

Sunday 9th June - Holy Communion at St Catherines Church

Mon 13th—Thurs 16th May—KS2 SATS week

Saturday 18th May—FSCS Bingo Night in Parish Hall (5-7pm)

Friday 14th June - Year 2 trip to Windsor castle

Sunday 16th June—Holy Communion at St Catherines Church

Tuesday 18th June—Year 3 class Mass at 2pm (in classroom)

Wednesday 19th June - Life of Christ at Wintershall (Year 5)

Sunday 7th July—School Summer Fayre 12-3pm

Friday 12th July—School reports sent home

Tuesday 16th July—Optional Parents Evening (3-5pm)

Tuesday 23rd July—Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church at 9.30am

Tuesday 23rd July—End of term—finish at 1.30pm

Wednesday 24th July—Staff training day

