



Diary Dates

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**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
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Intermediate
chess club
3-4pm**

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

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

**Wed 20th 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 fourth Sunday of Lent and saw Jesus meeting with the Pharisee Nicodemus.

Jesus tells Nicodemus that he needs to be 'born again' so he can have eternal life.

I am constantly reminding the children that Lent is a time to repent and turn back to God. A time to start anew. Like Jesus cleared out the Temple in last weeks Gospel we should use Lent as a time to get rid of all of the things that aren't important so we can concentrate on being Christ like in our thoughts, actions and words. A time to start afresh and be born again.

Have a lovely weekend. Happy St Patricks day for Sunday.

Mr Doherty



Dear parents,

It was the greatest of honours to be appointed Headteacher of our school last week.

I would like to thank the Diocese, Local Authority and Governors for placing their trust in me to lead our school into the future.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Acres who, in her role as Executive Head, has been a wonderful support to myself and the staff since joining us. I am sure, and hope, that our close relationship with St Bernadettes will continue to flourish.

Myself and the staff will continue to work hard every day to ensure that your children have every opportunity to live their lives in all their fullness.

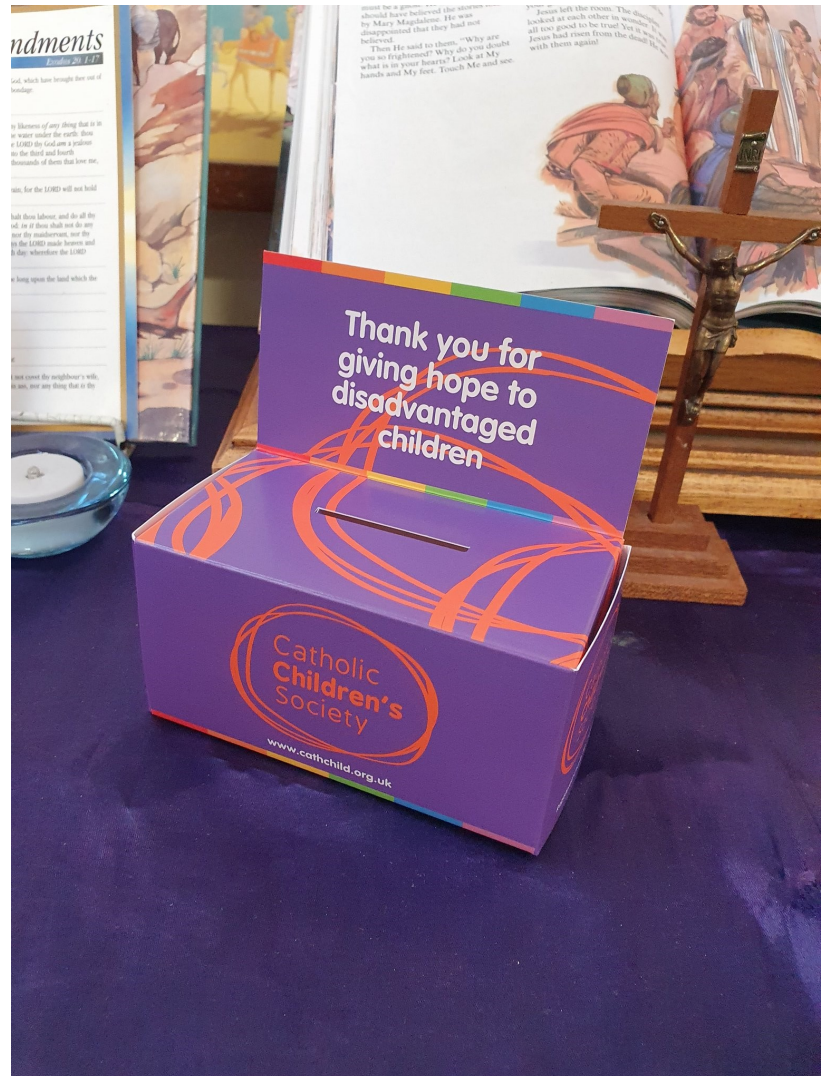
Mr Doherty





Catholic Children's Society Lenten appeal

Make sure you are filling your Catholic Children's 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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Lenten fundraisers

Over the last two weeks each class has been thinking about how they could raise more money to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society. Please support our efforts to help those less fortunate than ourselves if you can. Thank you in advance for your support.

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 movie afternoon

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their own movie afternoon on Friday 22nd. Tickets are £5 and will include a drink and popcorn. The event is due to finish at 5.15pm when the children can be collected.



Year 5/6 cake sale

Year 5 and 6 will be holding a cake sale after school on Wednesday 27th March. If you wish to donate cakes for the cake sale please send in with your child to their class teacher.



Year 3/4 Easter egg raffle

Year 3/4 children will have an own clothes day next Friday in exchange for an Easter egg or Easter craft donation. The raffle is open to all children in school to enter and the draw will be during assembly on the last day of term. Tickets are £1 a strip.



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Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Irish Dancing
school
6pm-8pm

Friday 22nd
March
Cross Country
squad training
after school until
4.10pm



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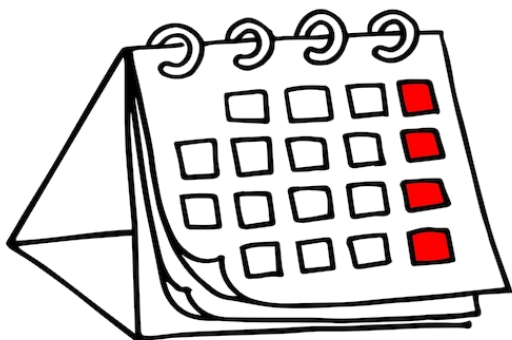


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2024/2025 term dates

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



Attendance Cup

Well done to Year 6, who won the attendance trophy with 98.8% attendance!

Whole school attendance to date is 94.8% . Up 0.1% from the previous week.

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 Ukrainian 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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Brilliant Brielle!



Take a look at Brielle's incredible artwork, which she did at home. It is lovely that our children have the opportunity to do such wonderfully creative activities outside the classroom.

Cross country PB's

Well done to Lukas and Iwo who both smashed their personal best times this week in cross country training!



Football star!



Well done to Louie, who was voted trainer of the week last weekend at Townmead FC. It is great to see our children being active at the weekend and achieving great success. Well done Louie!





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TCS Mini London Marathon 2024



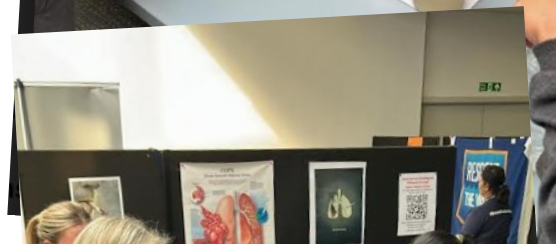
This week all of the children registered for the London Marathon have received a sponsorship form for the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).





Junior Citizens event at Brunel

Last week Year 6 took part in the Junior Citizens event at Brunel University. This prepares our children ahead of their transition into Year 7 by making them more aware of internet safety, road safety, cycling safety, fire safety, water safety, travelling safely by Bus and Train and knife crime and animal safety.



Year 4 artwork

In R.E this week we have been learning how Good Friday was both a happy and sad occasion. Jesus suffered on the cross as an act of love and brought salvation to the world. We used watercolours to represent the light that Jesus brings to the world as we try to be like Jesus in our everyday life. Mr Lynam





Met police visit



Thank you to PC Satnam Kang who visited the school this week to speak to Years 3,4,5 and 6 about online safety (Years 3,4 and 5) and Year 6 about anti knife crime, drugs and gangs.

Keeping our children safe is our number one priority and something we can't afford to get wrong. We are very lucky to have visits such as this. Please make sure you are speaking to your children about what they have learnt so that they remember these important messages about staying safe.



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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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**TOWNMEAD YOUTH FC
NEW ALL GIRLS TEAM
LOOKING FOR PLAYERS**

**Is your daughter interested
in playing football? Is she in
school year 6 or 7?**



**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT
ROXY ON 07904327669**



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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

Email: info@beactivesports.co.uk | www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online

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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
Pheps 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

Made possible by Robin Hambro





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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





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

Friday 22nd March: Year 3/4 own clothes day in exchange for egg/crafts donation

Friday 22nd March: Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2 movie afternoon until 5.15pm

Monday 25th March—FSCS Easter Egg hunt in school

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

Wednesday 27th March: Yr 5/6 cake sale after school

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—Year 3/4 Easter egg raffle

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

