



## Diary Dates

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26th April 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In last week's Gospel we heard Jesus call himself the 'Good Shepherd'. In assembly we talked about what this tells us about God.

I talked to the children about the symbolism of the shepherd's crook. It had many uses and these can be linked to what God is like. See if the children can remember these.

In comparing himself to shepherds (who at the time of Jesus were considered outsiders in society) Jesus was sending a message about himself and his humility.

I was fortunate enough to join Year 5 for their Life Education session this week and one of their activities was to sort a set of cards into order of importance. The children were in 5 different groups and yet each one put 'what I want' as the least important. Our Life Education facilitator said she had never seen this before. I think this sums up what we are about as a school. Thinking of ourselves last. Thank you Year 5 for making my week!

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty

## Attendance Cup

Well done to Year 2 who won the attendance trophy with 97.9% attendance! Well done! Whole school attendance to date is 94.7%.—0.1% from last week.



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**Be Active**  
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**3-3.50pm**

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**6pm-8pm**



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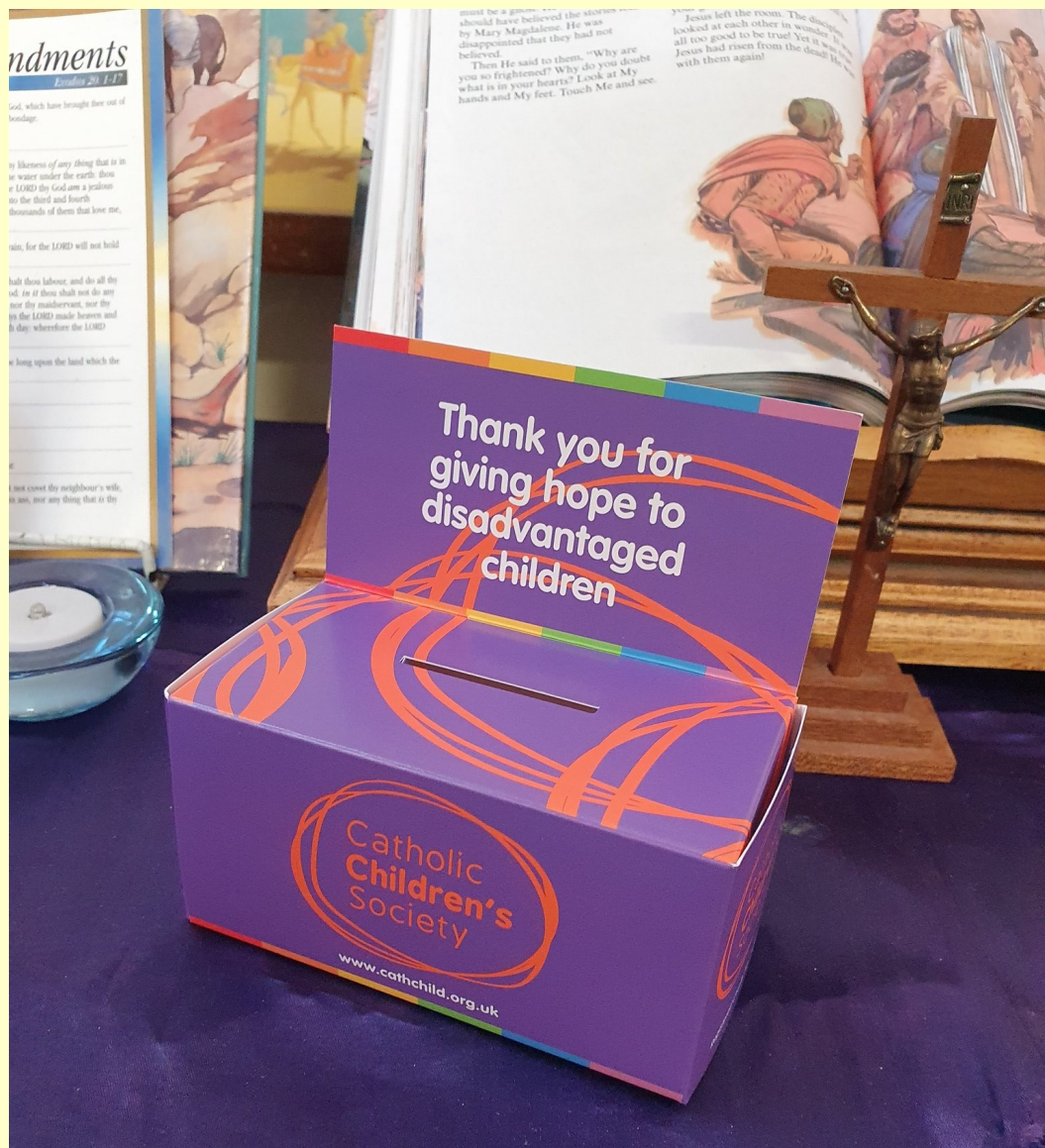
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## Catholic Children's Society Lenten appeal

Many thanks to all of you who filled your Lenten collection boxes. I am delighted to announce that we raised £474.79.

When added to our cake sale, cinema evening and Easter egg raffle that is a grand total of £1735.88 for the Catholic Children's Society. Small school, big heart!







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## Lenten fundraisers for the Catholic Children's Society

Well done to our staff, children and families who gave their time and money during Lent to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



Well done to Year 5 and 6 who raised £361.48 with their cake sale before Easter!



Year 3 and 4's Easter egg raffle raised a staggering £579.61



EYFS, Yr1 and Yr2's movie night raised a whopping £320.



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## IRISH DANCING CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY & SATURDAY!

**TIMINGS:**  
**TUESDAY**  
**BEGINNERS 6-8PM**

**SATURDAY**  
**ADVANCED- 9:30AM- 11:30AM**  
**BEGINNERS- 11:30AM- 1:30PM**

**LOCATION:**  
**ST CATHERINE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**WEST DRAYTON UB7 7NX**

**PLEASE CONTACT US TO SECURE YOUR  
PLACE**

**WHATSAPP- 07773362603**  
**EMAIL- THECAULFIELDACADEMY@GMAIL.COM**  
**INSTAGRAM- CAULFIELD\_ACADEMY**  
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A reminder that Year 4 will be having their own class Mass in the classroom at 2pm next Tuesday.

Parents/ carers and family are welcome to attend. Please arrive at school no later than 1.50pm so we can seat you.



### Mass Tuesday

Thank you once again to Father Brian for celebrating Mass with us on Tuesday. Once again the children made this a very special occasion with beautiful readings and singing. Our next school Mass will be on Ascension Thursday (9th May).

### Running club thank you

Can I say a huge thank you to Mr Papini who is now helping out with our after school running sessions. Having parents so willing to help and support us is what makes St Catherines extra special.

The children in the squad will have received letters today about training over the next few weeks ahead of the Cross Country event on 20th May.



Wed 1st May  
FSCS Coffee  
morning from  
8.30am in school  
hall

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### Father Brian's Ruby Anniversary of ordination.

Some of you may be aware that Father Brian will be celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination on 19th May. As a school we would like to mark this very special occasion and are asking for donations so that we can contribute in some way as a school community. You can make your donation through your child's class teacher or through the office by 10th May at the latest. Thank you in advance for your support.



### Diary dates

This week we have agreed dates for summer trips, Sports Days and other events. Please see the 'important future diary dates' section of the newsletter to keep updated.

### Good luck

Good luck to the school football team who will be representing the school at the Packham Football tournament at Ryefield Primary School after school this Monday. Come and support us if you can. Kick off is at 4pm.



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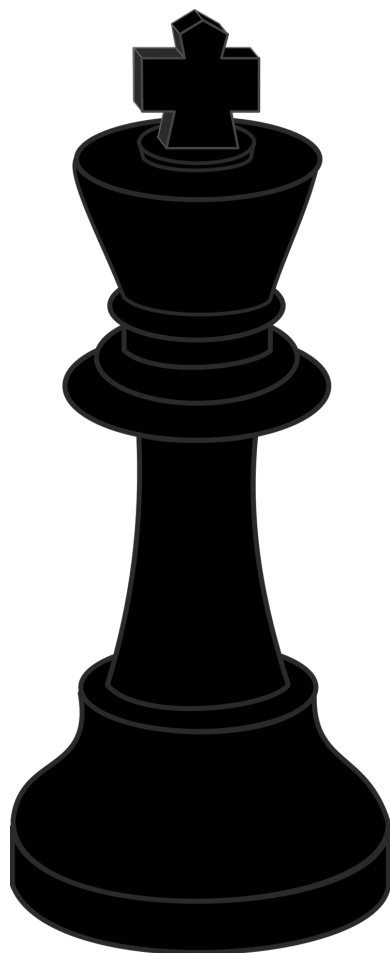
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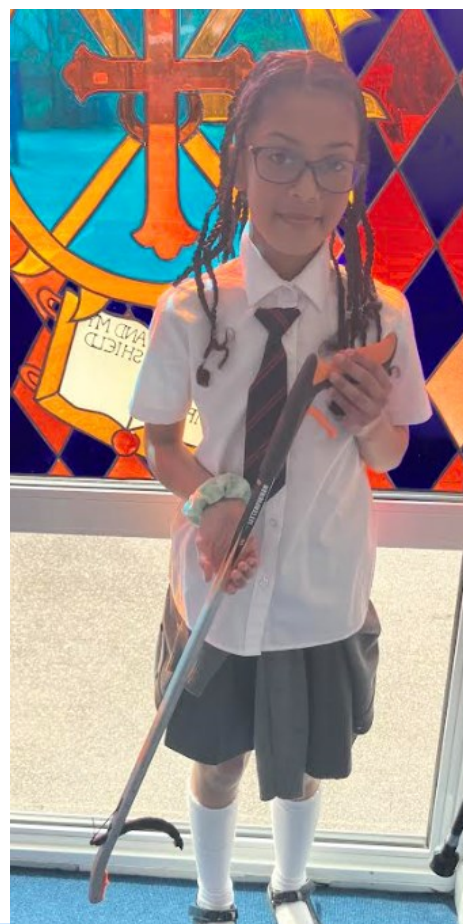
### Chess club

There are spaces in both of our chess clubs on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please let the office know if you wish your child to join. The charge is £5 per session.



### Mini Vinnies leading by example

I was so proud when I was informed that one of our Mini Vinnies (Gabriella) decided at the weekend to do a litter pick around her own neighbourhood with her Grandmother after discussing the issue of caring for creation in our last Mini Vinnies meeting. This as well as running in the London Mini Marathon. Gabriella you are leading by example and I am jealous of your energy!!!!



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## TCS Mini London Marathon 2024

Well done to all of the children who took part in last weekends Mini London Marathon. What a wonderful day! We don't have a total yet but it look like we have raised thousands of pounds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. AMAZING!



A special mention to Darcy in Year 6 who was asked to look after Max from Reception during the 1 mile run and didn't let go of his hand once. This is what the children of St Catherine's are all about. Well done Darcy!





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If anyone would like to make a donation to this amazing charity you can donate directly to Finn's gofundme page using the following link:

<https://gofund.me/4bf8ab53>

Please share!





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## Life Education

Thank you to Kay and Sarah from Life Education for delivering their keeping healthy sessions to all of our classes this week. Well done also to our children. I received some wonderful comments back from Sarah, Kay and Harold the giraffe about your listening and engagement. Well done children!







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## The Tiger Who Came to Tea at the Burroughs Care Home

Thank you to Year 2 who visited the Burroughs Care Home this week with Ms Simmonds to read *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and to have tea and biscuits with the residents. Community and Participation is an important part of Catholic Social teaching. I am very proud that our school is doing its bit.





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## Cycle skills training

Hillingdon cycling instructors are back every second Saturday of the month from April - October offering free cycle training to Hillingdon Residents (children and adults). Whether you want to learn to ride or refresh your skills, all are welcome. Cycling sessions will take place at Pield Heath School Cycle Track which is a safe and enclosed space to learn.

Please use the link below to find out more information.

**<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/cycle-skills-training>**

We look forward to welcoming you.  
The STaRS Team







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**What do you want to get out of Karate?**

## **JOIN GKR KARATE!!**

At GKR Karate, we're more than just a dojo, we're a family-friendly martial arts community dedicated to **inclusivity, health, fitness, confidence and self-defence.**

**Learn the art of self-defense with practical applications that will empower you both on and off the mat.**

Due to the continued growth of our super popular GKR Karate class in West Drayton, we are thrilled to announce the launch of an additional Friday session.

**The earlier class will commence at 17:00-18:00 at the Yiewsley & West Drayton Community Centre, located at 228 Harmondsworth Rd, West Drayton UB7 9JL.**

**Our 18:30-19:30 class will continue as usual.**

**Join us for a transformative experience!**

Register your interest here: <https://www.gkrkarate.com/membership-enquiry>

Website: <https://www.gkrkarate.com/ukinfo/>

Warm regards,

**Ryan Miu**

**Senior Talent Lead | Project Specialist | Karate Instructor**

**07789 727 090**





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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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
May Day	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Autumn Term 2024**

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

***28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November HALF TERM***

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December LAST DAY OF TERM  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December (INSET DAY 2)

**Spring Term 2025**

Monday 6th January (INSET DAY 3)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January FIRST DAY OF TERM

***17<sup>th</sup> February - 21<sup>st</sup> February HALF TERM***

Friday 4th April LAST DAY OF TERM

**Summer Term 2025**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April FIRST DAY OF TERM

***26<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM***

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (INSET DAY 4)  
FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY (INSET DAY 5)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July LAST DAY OF TERM





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Thank you to everyone who came to our pta meeting last night. Lots of exciting plans for the summer fayre were made.

Thank you to everyone who donated bags for bags2school we will keep you posted on the total we raised.



## Coffee morning



Coffee morning will take place next Wednesday 1st May in the school hall after school drop off. Please join us for a cuppa and some music by some of the children.

## Bingo night

Bingo night is on Saturday 18th May 3-5 and will be held in the school hall. Join us for some fun, drinks and snacks. Tickets will be on sale in the playground soon.



## Summer fayre



Plans for the summer fayre have started!!

It is our biggest event of the year and is on Sunday 7th July 12-3 Please come a long!!

Can you help on the day of the summer fayre, run a stall, help set up or clear away. Can you have an estate agents board outside your home to advertise our summer fayre?

Please let us know how you can help in anyway.

Thank you.

We're looking for vouchers and prizes such as window cleans, facials, massages, afternoon teas, tickets, a hamper of products or anything you, your business or employer could give. We have a set letter which we have attached to the newsletter if anyone needs it.

## \*DATES FOR THE DIARY\*

Coffee Morning\_- Wed 1st May

Bingo Night- Saturday 18th May

Summer fayre donation Days-

Chocolate- Friday 28th June

Bottles - Friday 5th July

Summer fayre - Sunday 7th July





Our prayer for April is the prayer of St Richard of Chichester whose feast day is the 3rd April.



Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,



For all that you have given us



For all the pain and insults



which you have borne for us.



Most merciful redeemer, friend and brother



May we know you more clearly,



love you more dearly



and follow you more nearly, day by day.



Amen





# Important future diary dates

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

Mon 13th—Thurs 16th May—KS2 SATS week

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



Wednesday 12th—Friday 14th June: Yr 6 PGL

Sunday 9th June - Holy Communion at St Catherines Church



Thursday 13th 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)

Friday 28th June—toy donation day and own clothes

Wednesday 3rd July—Year 1,2,3 Sports day from 9am



Wednesday 3rd July—New Reception parents meeting (6pm)

Thursday 4th July—EYFS sports day from 9am

Friday 5th July—Own clothes day—bottle donations

Friday 5th July—Year 4,5,6 Sports day on The Green from 9am

Saturday 6th July—Community Stay and Play morning 10am-12 noon

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



Tuesday 9th July—Reception school trip—Hounslow Urban Farm

Friday 12th July—School reports sent home

Monday 15th July—- Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 17th July—Year 5 Longridge Activity Centre trip

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

Thursday 18th July—Year 3/4 Woburn Safari trip

Thursday 18th July—Year 6 evening performance of Robin Hood (6pm)



# Important future diary dates cont....

Friday 19th July—Year 1 and 2 trip to the seaside

Friday 19th July - Year 6 disco at 6pm

Monday 22nd July - Year 6 BBQ from 1pm in school

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

