

Diary Dates

NEWSLETTER

20th September 2024

Pupil attendance to date: 95.3%. Target 97%

Dear Parents and Carers,

In last Sunday's Gospel we heard Jesus ask his disciples 'Who do you say I am?' His followers were confused, including Peter, as they were expecting a leader who would overthrow Roman rule, not a leader who would be humiliated and nailed to a cross.

His followers were struggling to comprehend his style of leadership—the servant King. He came to love his enemy not hate. I told the children a story about a wonderful Headteacher who received a letter from one of his new pupils in which they said 'You are like Jesus'. The Headteacher had received many accolades in his career but maintained that this was the greatest of all. I asked the children to consider who people say *they* are like. Are we Jesus like in what we say and do? How can we be more like him?

The children are going to try to be the face of Jesus in school and at home.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week is at 95.3%. Up 0.2% from last week. This is above our average but not quite reaching our target of 97%.

Year 5 and Year 2 are this week's joint top classes for attendance at 98.3% so share the trophy.

Well done Year 5 for being at the top 2 weeks in a row!



WOW Walk to School Challenge

Today we launched our WOW Walk to School Challenge with an assembly by Mrs Doherty, who explained the benefits of cycling, walking or scootering to school, even if this means travelling by car part way and walking the rest. The following pages of the newsletter contain further information. A 'walk zone' map is now on the school gate and explains where you can park your car (away from the school) in order to make a 5 or 10 minute walk.

Mon 23rd Sept

Year 4,5 6 multisports 3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Lego club 3-4pm

Tues 24th Sept

Chess club 3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 multi-sports club 3-4pm

Deanery Schools Mass at 4pm in Church

Irish dancing 6-8pm

Wed 25th Sept

Year 4,5,6 football 3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Arts and Crafts 3-4pm

Thurs 26th Sept

Mobile Planetarium visiting school (Years 2-6)

Year 1,2,3 football club 3-4pm



WOW Walk to school challenge

We are excited to take part in this year's **WOW walk to school challenge** which is an initiative from Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- Children feel happier and healthier.
- They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn.
- Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.



Your children will self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or park and stride) **at least once a week for a month**, they will be rewarded with a badge.

Park and Stride – If driving, park and stride can help your child earn their WOW badges. **Park at least 10 minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.** If using public transport, hop off at least 10 minutes away and walk. Use the map below to see suggestions for areas to park and stride. Parking in the blue zone, where permitted, and walking the rest of the way will count as park and stride.

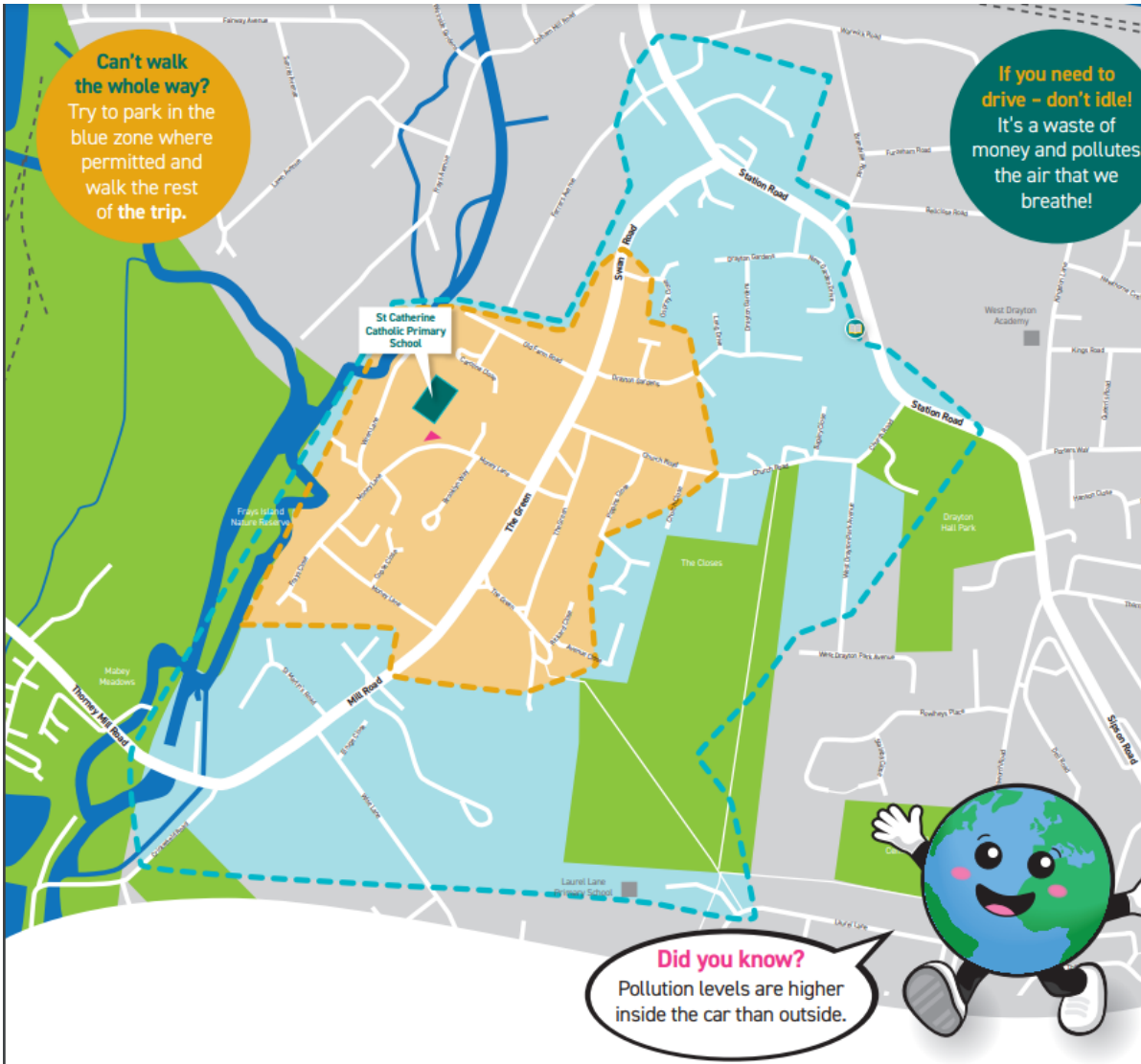
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk with Imagination, with a selection of badges ranging from a Bird's Eye View to Road Surfing up for grabs. The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts.

To launch this, next week we will hold a **walk to school week** where you can earn your first badge by walking to school at least once. From the following week you will need to **walk at least once a week during each month**.

Find out more about the challenge here: <https://youtu.be/op0zWJw1Hs0>

We look forward to hearing all about your travels. Happy Walking.





Can't walk the whole way?
Try to park in the blue zone where permitted and walk the rest of the trip.

If you need to drive - don't idle!
It's a waste of money and pollutes the air that we breathe!

Did you know?
Pollution levels are higher inside the car than outside.

skip
your ride,
take a
stride

ST CATHERINE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WALK ZONE MAP

Let's make walking part of your daily routine!

- Key:**
- 5 minute walking zone
 - 10 minute walking zone
 - Bus stop
 - Zebra crossing
 - Pedestrian crossing
 - School entrance
 - Library



EXPLANATION OF TRAVEL MODES ON THE WOW TRAVEL TRACKER



Cycle: Select this icon if you have cycled all the way to school. 'Cycle' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.

Other: This icon counts as an active travel trip and will contribute towards earning a badge. Choose this for any active journey that does not fit into the other categories.



Walk/Wheel: Select this icon if you have walked or wheeled all the way to school. We support disabled pupils and those with special educational needs to enjoy walking. This icon includes pupils walking with the use of mobility aids, including wheelchairs or wheeled walkers. 'Walk/ Wheel' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.



Park and Stride: Park and Stride is a great way for pupils who live too far away from school to still earn a badge. Simply park the car at least 10 minutes away from school and complete the journey by foot, wheelchair, bike or scooter (any active mode of travel used to complete the journey counts!). 'Park and Stride' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.



Bus: Select this icon if you took the bus (including school bus) or used public transport to get to school. 'Bus' does not count as an active journey, so it will not contribute towards earning a badge. If you choose to use public transport but still want to earn a badge, you can hop off at least 10 minutes from school and walk the rest of the way. If you choose to do so, instead of 'Bus' select 'Other'.



Scooter/Skate: Select this icon if you came all the way to school by scooter, skateboard, etc. 'Scooter/Skate' counts as an active journey and contributes towards earning a badge.

Driven: Select this icon if you drove all the way to school. 'Driven' does not count as an active journey so it will not contribute towards earning a badge.



Absent: Select this icon for any pupils who are absent (for every day of their absence). It is important absences are recorded correctly to give pupils a fair chance to earn a badge.

Delete: If you accidentally select the wrong travel mode, use the delete icon to clear it and start again.



Taxi: Select this icon if you travel by taxi the whole way to school. 'Taxi' does not count as an active journey so it will not contribute towards earning a badge.





NEWSLETTER



Pupil attendance to date: 95.3%. Target 97%

20th September 2024

We have lots of exciting events coming up and if you would like to get involved please come to our meetings and share your ideas.

Our AGM is coming up in November and all are welcome to become a member of our PTA (FSCS), please come and find out more about us and how you can be part of our team.

Don't forget to check out our facebook page
..... <https://www.facebook.com/stcatherinePTA>

Dates for the Diary.

Halloween disco - Friday 25th October



AGM meeting - Thursday 14th November

Bag2School - Tuesday 19th November

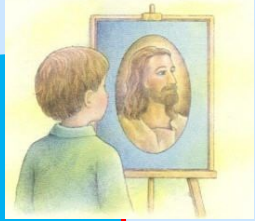


Christmas fayre- Friday 6th December



Gift Day - Monday 16th December





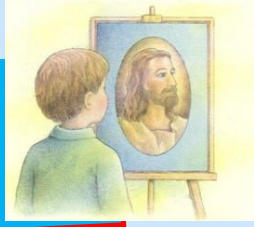
Pupil attendance to date: 95.3%. Target 97%

20th September 2024

Country Dancing workshops

Thank you to Jane and Jeremy who led our country dancing workshops on Thursday. The children learnt about the history behind country dancing and got to perform some wonderful routines. I had a lovely conversation with Jane afterwards when she told me that because she is considering retiring soon, she now picks and chooses which schools she attends. I think it says a lot about our children that St Catherines is one of the schools she chooses!





NEWSLETTER

Pupil attendance to date: 95.3%. Target 97%

20th September 2024

School Council elections

Congratulations to the following children, who were elected as School Councillors this year:

- Year 1: Henry and Finn
- Year 2: Lukas and Olivia
- Year 3: Jenson and Olivia
- Year 4: Aria, Elia and Jacob
- Year 5: Castiel and Samuel
- Year 6: Timmy and Karolina



The children will be issued with their new badges at their first School Council meeting with Mr M Cosker on 1st October. I was particularly impressed at the effort some of our children in Year 6 put into their manifesto speeches:

Timmy

Why I would be a good school councillor

- 1 I understand what other people's needs are and its important to make sure their voices are heard.
- 2 I think im responsible and well organised which will help me complete all duties as a councillor
- 3 I'm passionate about making our school a better place and a supportive environment

Why I want to be a school councillor

I want to be a school councillor because I will improve the school

- 1 Better equipment: for example on the school playground there will be better things to play with better netballs basketball and tennis balls.
- 2 After school club will have better food and they will not have broken toys so the little ones wont have to worry about the equipments.
- 3 About the toilets, they need mirrors installed in the bathroom and when any of the toilets dont flush we will report it straight away.
- 4 Better school trips in each year for example trips that are more fun and wild.

I overall I think that I am a honest person and trustworthy in case of having to keep something like a gun or book I will give it back when you tell me too

Karolina Sahaidachna

Why I want to be a school councillor

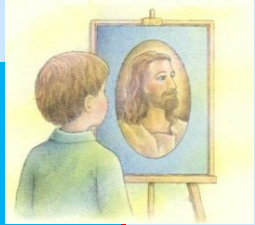
I want to be a school counselor because it is a new opportunity for me to respect the opinion of others, to be able to express my opinion. The class and I will be able to propose various interesting projects for our school. I want to be a school counselor because I am punctual, kind, sincere, polite and I am trying to help others. Thank you for your attention. It's a new opportunity for me to make good decisions and think before making one. Thank you for your attention.

Amira-Kata's School Council Speech
Date: 12/9/24

Hello, my fellow classmates,
I would like to start off with two questions:
Do you enjoy attending St Catherine's school?
Are you passionate about making St Catherine's an even better school?
If your answer is yes to the above questions, then we are aligned in our thoughts. I also share your sentiments and passion, to ensure that we can improve upon aspects you feel this school could consider.
I feel that I would be a good candidate to represent you all as I am a good listener, I enjoy working hard and most of all I would ensure all your voices are heard. I would propose that further reading books are added to our current library. Whilst we are privileged to have a local library nearby, I would hope that we could further extend the current selection we have. I would also like to create opportunities for individuals to have a chance to present areas of interest to them to their classes.
My main objective would be to empower others and to allow your ideas to be manifested.

I hope you will vote for me to be your school counselor.

Thank you for your time today.



NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates

Mon 23rd Sept
Year 4,5 6
multisports
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Lego
club 3-4pm

Tues 24th Sept
Chess club
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 multi-
sports club
3-4pm

Deanery Schools
Mass at 4pm in
Church

Irish dancing
6-8pm

Wed 25th Sept
Year 4,5,6
football
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Arts and
Crafts
3-4pm

Thurs 26th Sept
Mobile
Planetarium
visiting school
(Years 2-6)

Year 1,2,3
football club
3-4pm

Pupil attendance to date: 95.3%. Target 97%

20th September 2024

Relationship and Health Education workshop for parents

Thank you to all of those parents who attended the Life to the Full parent consultation workshop. This week you will all receive an email with a login so you can access the resources and see an overview of the topics covered in different year groups. This will be followed with a questionnaire. The programme will be implemented after October half term following this ongoing consultation process. At all stages you will be informed via the newsletter and google classrooms about upcoming topics and content. Please direct any questions through the office in the first instance.



Mobile planetarium

This week the mobile planetarium will be visiting school. Years 2-6 will receive workshops and will learn more about our solar system.

Please make sure you are talking to your children about their experience and what they learnt.

Thank you to the FSCS for funding this wonderful enrichment opportunity.



Caterers

Dear Parents, we have been enjoying the new food from our Caterers ACCENT for the last 3 weeks. Some choices have been more popular than others and we are feeding this back to the caterers. We will try and provide some photos next week! The online ordering system is live and we have had our training. We are now just waiting for the menus to be uploaded. We will issue you log on details during next week. You will then be able to create an account online or via your telephone and can order school dinners for the next few weeks. You will also have the opportunity to add any Allergens your child needs to avoid. (e.g. Milk, eggs, nuts, Gluten etc.). Once these are entered, you will be prohibited from ordering a meal that contains that allergen. For next week the menu will be the same as week 1 this term (see following page).

Mrs Bass (School Business Manager)

Next weeks dinner menu:



Week 1 Menu

Eat the Seasons

SEASONALLY FRESH. PERFECTLY PICKED.

	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI
Mains <small>HAPPY TUMS</small>	Cumberland Sausage with Gravy (G, Su)	Penne Beef Bolognaise (G)	Roast Chicken served with Gravy	Pepperoni Focaccia Pizza (G, E, Mk)	Fish Fingers (G, F)
Veggie <small>MEAT FREE</small>	Vegetarian Sausage with Gravy (G, Ce)	Veggie Mince Spaghetti Bolognaise (G, So)	Vegetarian Wellington served with Gravy (G, E)	Focaccia Pizza with Mozzarella (G, E, Mk)	Veggie Burger in a Soft Bun (G, E)
Veg <small>EXTRA GOOD</small>	Steamed Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chef's Salad Coleslaw (E)	Baby Carrots Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Carbs <small>EXTRA FILLING</small>	Creamy Mashed Potato		Roast Potatoes	Crispy Potato Wedges	Oven Baked Chips
Dessert <small>SWEET TREAT</small>	Banana and Date Flapjack (G)	Yoghurt with Berry Topping (Mk, So)	Fruit Jelly	Yoghurt with Mango Topping (Mk, So)	Carrot Cake with Frosting (G,E,Mk)

Cheese or Ham Bap, Jacket Potatoes, Salad Bar, Cold Desserts and Fresh Fruit Available Daily.

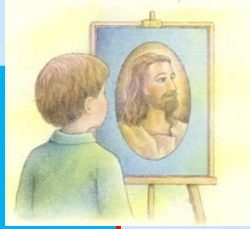
Dates

2nd and 23rd September
14th October
4th and 25th November
16th December

Allergens

<i>Ce</i> = Celery	<i>F</i> = Fish	<i>L</i> = Lupin	<i>Mu</i> = Mustard	<i>Se</i> = Sesame Seeds
<i>Cr</i> = Crustacean	<i>G</i> = Cereals containing Gluten	<i>Mk</i> = Milk	<i>N</i> = Nuts	<i>So</i> = Soya
<i>E</i> = Eggs		<i>Mo</i> = Molluscs	<i>P</i> = Peanuts	<i>Su</i> = Sulphur Dioxide





NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates

Mon 23rd Sept
Year 4,5 6
multisports
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Lego
club 3-4pm

Tues 24th Sept
Chess club
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 multi-
sports club
3-4pm

Deanery Schools
Mass at 4pm in
Church

Irish dancing
6-8pm

Wed 25th Sept
Year 4,5,6
football
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Arts and
Crafts
3-4pm

Thurs 26th Sept
Mobile
Planetarium
visiting school
(Years 2-6)

Year 1,2,3
football club
3-4pm

Pupil attendance to date: 95.3%. Target 97%

20th September 2024

PGL and Secondary School applications meeting for Year 6 parents and carers.

On Tuesday 8th October Mrs Reardon will be holding an Isle of Wight PGL residential trip and Secondary School application and information workshop for parents and carers. We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 1 and 2 maths workshop

Please note that our first maths workshop of the year (for Years 1 and 2) will take place at 6pm on Thursday 3rd October. This workshop aims to explain some of the content covered in both years, what your child is expected to know by the end of each Year group and some of the strategies used in teaching your children to help you support them. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Spare clothes request

We are running low on the following items in Nursery and Reception:

Girls knickers (ages 3, 4 and 5)
Childrens shoes; such as trainers, plimsolls or old school shoes (sizes 9, 10, 11 and 12)
Spare winter or rain coats for children aged 4, 5 and 6.

If you have any spare or old sets please drop into Nursery or to Mrs Bryant in welfare.

Thanking you in advance

EYFS team

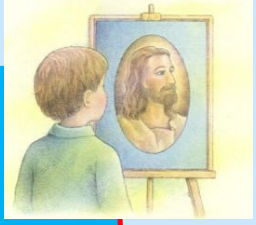


Runner of the week!

Well done to Louie in Year 4 for being awarded runner of the week for his super consistent and fast lap times today. AMAZING!

Please note that there will be NO running club next week.





NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates

Mon 23rd Sept
Year 4,5 6
multisports
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Lego
club 3-4pm

Tues 24th Sept
Chess club
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 multi-
sports club
3-4pm

Deanery Schools
Mass at 4pm in
Church

Irish dancing
6-8pm

Wed 25th Sept
Year 4,5,6
football
3-4pm

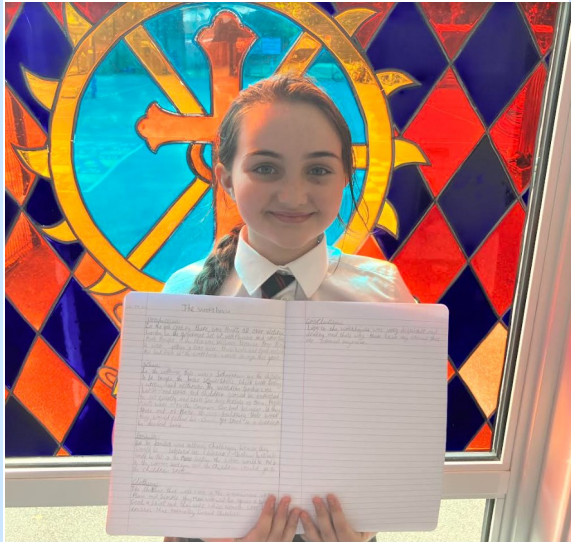
Year 1,2,3 Arts and
Crafts
3-4pm

Thurs 26th Sept
Mobile
Planetarium
visiting school
(Years 2-6)

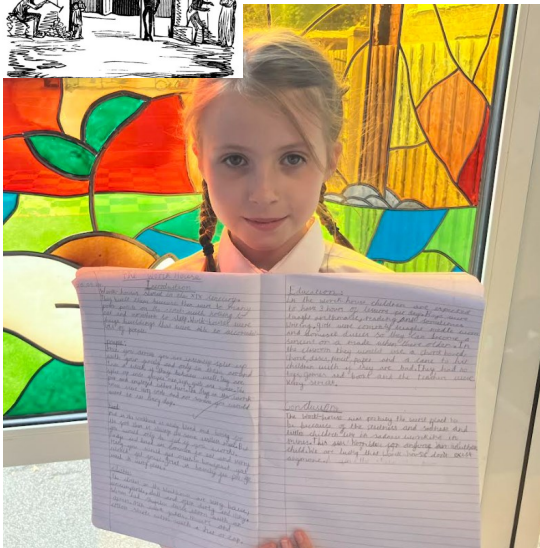
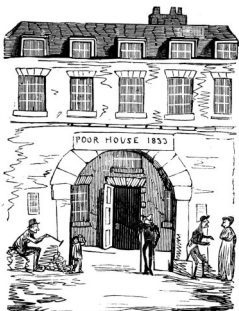
Year 1,2,3
football club
3-4pm

20th September 2024

Pupil attendance to date: 95.3%. Target 97%



Well done to Winnie Marie and Katherine, who were sent to see me with their wonderful reports on life in the workhouses during Victorian times. Great work girls and I'm just glad I didn't live then. It sounded terrible!

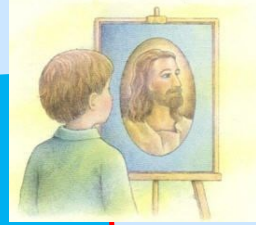


Met police visit

Thank you to the Community Police team, who concluded their visits to all classes this week with a visit to Year 4 and 6. Year 4's session was about personal safety, which included advice on travelling by train and bus and carrying mobile phones. Year 6 had a session called 'future life' where they were informed about the dangers of knife crime, gangs, drugs and alcohol.

We are so fortunate to have such visits as the safety of our children in and out of school is our number one priority.





NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates

Mon 23rd Sept
Year 4,5,6
multisports
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Lego
club 3-4pm

Tues 24th Sept
Chess club
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 multi-
sports club
3-4pm

Deanery Schools
Mass at 4pm in
Church

Irish dancing
6-8pm

Wed 25th Sept
Year 4,5,6
football
3-4pm

Year 1,2,3 Arts and
Crafts
3-4pm

Thurs 26th Sept
Mobile
Planetarium
visiting school
(Years 2-6)

Year 1,2,3
football club
3-4pm

20th September 2024

Pupil attendance to date: 95.3%. Target 97%

Year 5 class Mass

Year 5 will have their class Mass in their classroom, with Fr Brian, on Tuesday 15th October at 2pm. Year 5 parents/carers and families are welcome to attend.



Summer dress sale

We have 25 high quality school uniform summer dresses in stock, which would normally be sold for £31-£36. We will be selling these for £20 and will not replenish stock. Please speak to the office if you would like to purchase one. We have 26 inch, 28 inch, and 36 inch sizes.

Marvellous Maeve

Well done to Maeve in Reception class who, last weekend, was awarded a trophy and badge for her swimming and her Irish dancing. What a busy little girl you are! Well done Maeve!





The Douay Martyrs
Catholic Secondary School

Open Evening

Thursday 19 September 2024

From 5pm - 8pm

▶ **Headteacher Presentation**
at 5.15pm, 6pm & 7pm

Open Mornings

Tuesday 24 September 2024

From 8.45am - 10.45am

Tuesday 1 October 2024

From 8.45am - 10.45am

Come and talk to our students, visit our lessons, meet our teachers and become part of a highly successful school.

“Pupils are safe and happy at this school. The mental health and well-being of pupils is treated as a high priority.”
- Ofsted 2024

For further information contact:
Mrs A Johnson - Admissions Officer
Tel: 01895 679403
Email: ajohnson@douaymartyrs.co.uk

All applicants are required to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Inclusive. Aspirational. Successful. Faith and Love.



The Douay Martyrs Catholic Secondary School
Edinburgh Drive, Ickenham, UB10 8GY
Tel: 01895 679 400
E-mail: office@douaymartyrs.co.uk
Web: www.douaymartyrs.co.uk

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Providing Education for the Diocese of Westminster



"Teachers' subject knowledge is a strength of the school. Lessons are of high quality and pupils are supported in developing their knowledge and understanding."

Ofsted 2024

"The worship and prayer life of the school is firmly rooted in the liturgical year and reflects the richness of the Catholic tradition."

Diocese Report

OPEN EVENTS

Admission to Year 7 in 2025

Open Mornings

Thursday 26th September, 3rd October and 10th October

Tours from 8.45am, 9.00am and 9.15am

No appointment necessary

Open Evening

Thursday 26th September from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Headteacher Evening Address at 5.45pm and 6.30 pm

Sixth Form Open Evening

Admission to Year 12 in 2025

Wednesday 2nd October from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Head of Sixth Form Evening Address at 6.30pm

Enquiries

Year 7

T: 01932 754213

E: admissions@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

Sixth Form

T: 01932 754203

E: sixthform@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk

St Paul's Catholic College,
Manor Lane, Sunbury on Thames, Surrey, TW16 6JE
www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk



NEW TREES AT THE CLOSES

Trees for Cities are working with
Hillingdon Council to plant trees at The Closes



HAVE YOUR SAY

To see details and give feedback
on the project design and tree
species or get involved with the
tree planting, visit our webpage



treesforcities.org/the-closes



WHO ARE TREES FOR CITIES?

We are the only UK charity working at a national and international scale to improve lives by planting trees in cities. We get stuck in with local communities to cultivate lasting change in their neighbourhoods - whether it's revitalising spaces, creating healthier environments or getting people excited about growing, foraging and eating healthy food.

We make sure to involve local residents in our projects to ensure the planting designs are right for the area, so please do get in touch with your thoughts on the project.



WHY SHOULD WE PLANT MORE TREES IN CITIES?

Urban trees bring many benefits to our towns and cities such as releasing oxygen, keeping the air clean and mitigating the effects already felt by the climate crisis. They create shade, shelter and habitats for wildlife and create beautiful, tranquil spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Important future diary dates

Thurs 26th Sept : Mobile Planetarium workshops for Years 2-6



Mon 30th Sept—Thurs 3rd Oct: Bikeability course for Year 6

Thurs 3rd Oct: Year 1 and 2 Maths workshop for parents at 6pm



Fri 4th Oct: Individual photos

Fri 4th Oct: Flu jabs for Rec—Yr 6

Mon 7th Oct: Harvest Assembly



Mon 7th Oct: Supporting your child with reading (Reception parents)

Tues 8th Oct: PGL and Secondary School applications meeting for Year 6 parents/carers

Thurs 10th Oct: Year 3/4 maths workshop for parents at 6pm

Tuesday 15th October: Year 5 Class Mass at 2pm (Yr 5 families welcome to attend)



Wed 16th Oct: Great Fire of London workshop in school (Yr 2)

Thurs 17th Oct: Year 4 trip to Hampton Court

Thurs 17th Oct: Year 5/6 Maths workshop for parents at 6pm

Sat 19th Oct: Community Stay and Play morning 10am-12 noon

Tues 22nd Oct: Parents Evening (4-7pm)

Thurs 24th Oct: Parents Evening (4-5.30pm)

Fri 25th Oct: Reception Liturgy for parents and family @ 2.30pm



Mon 28th Oct—1st Nov: Half term