



Diary Dates

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In last Sundays Gospel we heard Jesus tell his Disciples— “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” This follows on from the Disciples arguing about who is the greatest among them.

I spoke to the children about how being gifted and talented alone does not make us great. What makes us great is being ‘for others’. Those that are ‘for others’ are loved, remembered and are the happiest.

Nelson Mandela said that ‘A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination’.

When I look at our children and how they care for others and I see and hear about their many accomplishments in and out of the classroom I can’t help but think that they are truly formidable.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week is at 96%. Up 0.7% from last week. We are moving in the right direction towards our target of 97%.

Year 2 are this weeks top class for attendance at 96.2%. This is the second week in a row that Year 2 have had the highest attendance! Well done Year 2.



Please see our attached flyer for our next Stay and Play morning on 19th October. Please share.

St Catherine Catholic Primary



School and Nursery

St Catherines school would like to invite you to our next pre-school (aged 2-4) community stay and play morning. Children attending St Catherines, and those that are not attending our school, are all welcome, including siblings.



Saturday 19th October

10am-12 noon

All welcome!



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WOW Walk to School Challenge

This week we launched our WOW walk to school challenge. We were so pleased to see and hear about how so many of you travelled to school 'actively' either by walking, cycling, scooting or using 'park and stride'. Well done to those who did this, particularly as this week has been very wet! The children who achieved their badges have been awarded with these today. A huge congratulations to Year 6 who had the highest percentage of children travelling actively this month. Remember to continue to do this at least once a week during the next month to earn your October badge. Happy Walking!



Year 4 children proudly wearing their September 'Walk to School' badges.



The October 'Walk to School' badge



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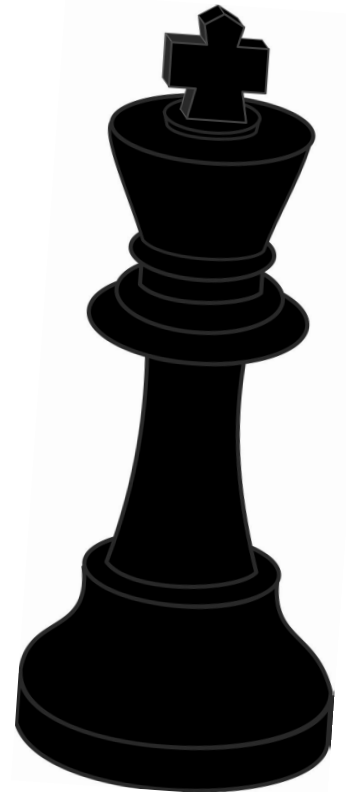
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Thank you

A huge thank you to the children who sang at the Hillingdon Deanery schools Mass at St Catherines on Tuesday afternoon. You wowed the congregation and I had so many amazing comments on your singing. Bishop Jim Curry was VERY impressed. Once again you have made me ever so proud to be your Headteacher. Can I also say a huge thank you to Mrs Cingo, who gave her time to accompany us on piano. It was a very special event.

New chess club on Mondays

All children attending chess club and those that expressed an interest in joining an additional club will be sent an email on Monday, which will detail our plan for two clubs moving forward. Given the different ability levels of the children we are hoping to place the children into two groups. Please reply to the email before the end of next week so we can confirm groupings ahead of starting our second chess club next week.





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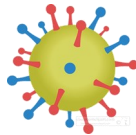
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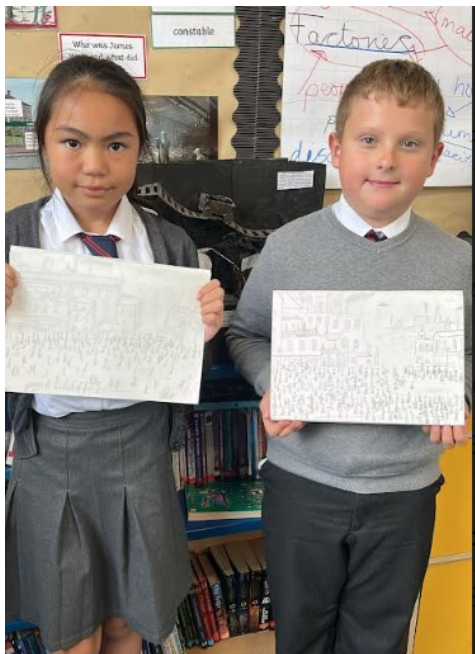
Flu immunisation

The Flu team are visiting school on Friday 4th October to administer the flu vaccine to children from Reception to Year 6. You will have been sent a ParentPay notification with a link to give your consent if you wish your child to receive the vaccine. No child will be administered a vaccine unless they have consented via the online link.



Lowry inspired artwork

Well done to Domas and Katalynna in Year 6 who produced these wonderful depictions of industrial England having been inspired by the work of Lowry. I think you would agree that they look incredible. Well done children.



School Council

School Council will meet for the first time on Tuesday. The children will be issued with their School Council badges. Thank you to Mr McCosker for agreeing to lead School Council for another year.





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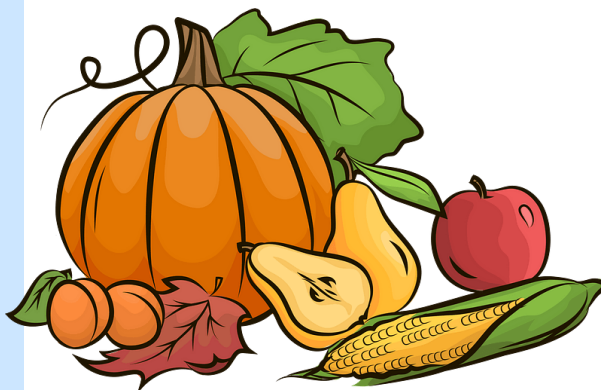
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Harvest Festival assembly

On Monday 7th October the school will have our annual Harvest Assembly when we thank God for all the food we have been given. We remind ourselves how fortunate we are and are also reminded that many, even in our own community, do not get enough to eat.

On this day we ask that (if able) the children bring an item to donate to our local Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank.

Below is a list of items that are being specially requested: jam/honey, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit, tinned soup, tinned meat or fish, tinned sweetcorn, tinned pulses, sugar, microwaveable rice packets, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, instant coffee, long life milk, fruit squash, biscuits, dried noodles, tinned spaghetti or baked beans.



Year 6 Bikeability

If your child is signed up to the Bikeability course starting on Monday please ensure they have brought their bike and helmet to school.



School football is back!

Good luck to our school football team who play their first match of the season next Wednesday against St Matthews.





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Teddy Bears Picnic

Nursery had a LOT of fun at their Teddy Bear's picnic this week! The children brought their favourite teddys to school, played party games, decorated and ate biscuits and listened to the story, *The Everywhere Bear* by Julia Donaldson. We had a bear-y good time! *Miss Bains*



Planetarium visit

A huge thank you to Dave Buttery from Auriga Astronomy who visited with his mobile Planetarium on Thursday. Years 2-6 enjoyed finding out about Earth and space and the future of space travel. We are so fortunate to be able to offer our children such opportunities. Please speak to your children about their experience.





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Hillingdon Cycle Strategy Launch Event

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who represented the school at the Hillingdon Cycle Strategy Launch Event. The children had their bikes looked over by the 'bike doctors', received some instruction on safe riding and learnt the A,B,C checklist before riding a bike (Air, Brakes, Chain). It is lovely that we are invited to such special events. Thank you to School Travel and Road Safety team for the invitation and goody bags! Can I also say thank you to Castiel's Grandad (Mr Kelly) for helping out on the day.





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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



Mr Lavelle visit to Year 3

This week Year 3 welcomed Mr Lavelle from the Football Business Academy to our school. He shared his incredible journey in the world of football by talking about football business and even included his thrilling experiences from the Olympics and the World Football Summit in Mexico City.

Following the presentation the children took part in a football training session.

Visits such as this, we hope, will inspire our children and open their eyes to new possibilities and careers in the future. Thank you Mr Lavelle for giving your time to be with us.



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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



Individual photos Friday

Please remember that individual photos will be taken on Friday. Please ensure your children are especially smart on Friday.



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.





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Inspired artwork

This week I had a visit from Nancy and Karolina who were both so inspired by what they have learnt in school that they produced some incredible artwork at home. Nancy created a picture of Moses parting the waves after hearing the story in RE and Karolina produced some incredible drawings of our House Saints. Super impressive girls.





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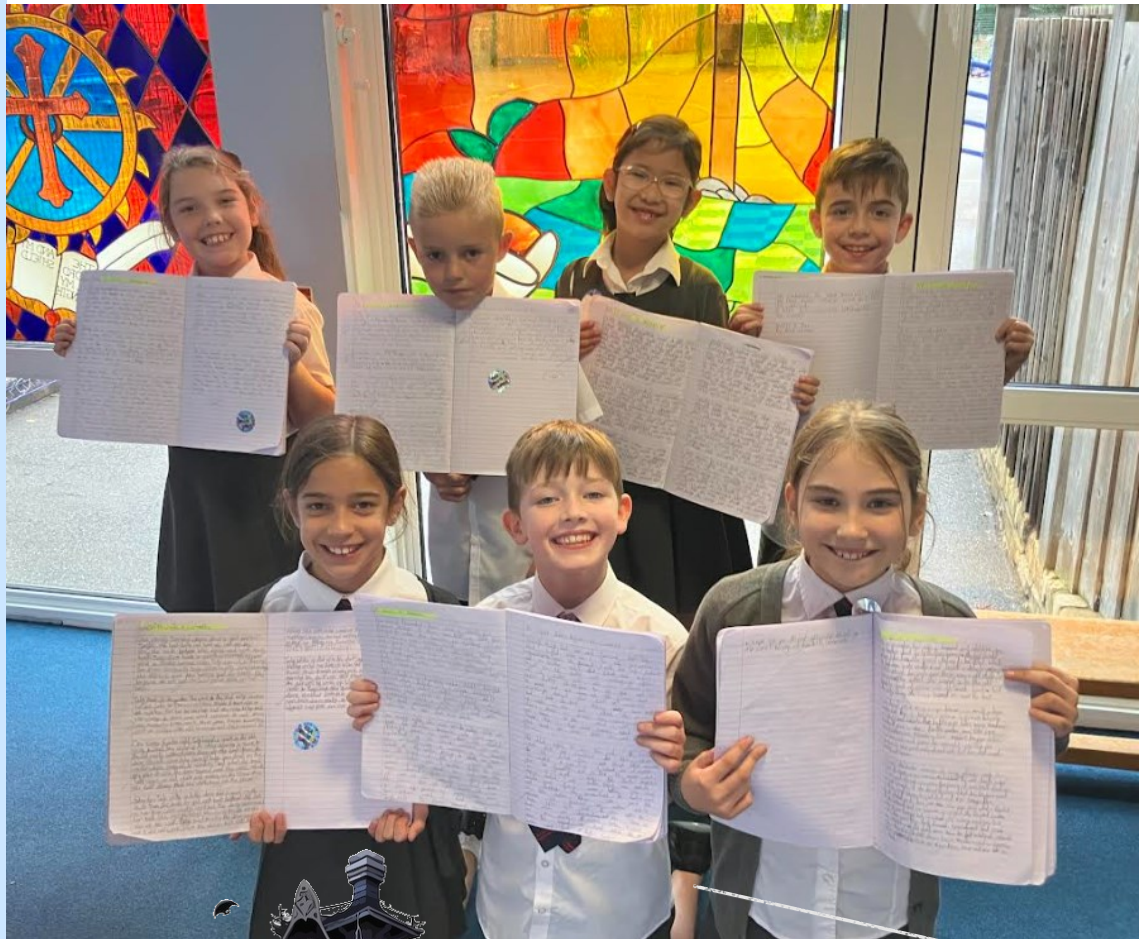
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Horrifically good writing!





I was astounded today to have seven children sent to see me from Year 4 with their incredible horror themed writing.





I have never had this many children sent to me at the same time! Their work was truly incredible and thanks to them I probably won't sleep for a few days! Well done Mr Lynam and Year 4!














Our prayer for September is the family prayer. The children learn lots about the importance of being a part of a Christian family. It's where we learn to love, forgive, share and think about the needs of others. Please make this a prayer that you say with your children at home.



 
Family prayer









   
God, our father, make us a family.





     
We need one another, we love one another.




       
We forgive one another. We work together, we play together,


      
we worship together. Together we use God's work,




   
together we grow in Christ,

         
together we love all people, together we serve our God,

   
together we hope for Heaven.

  
These are our hopes and ideals.

   
Help us to achieve them, O God,

   
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



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.

-  **FOOTBALL**
-  **BASKETBALL**
-  **DODGEBALL**
-  **CRICKET**
-  **ARTS AND CRAFTS**
-  **TAG RUGBY**
-  **HOCKEY**
-  **ATHLETICS**
-  **NERF**

LOCATIONS

Harrow

Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November
Belmont School
Hibbert Road, HA3 7JT

Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November
St Joseph's Primary School
Dobbin Close, HA3 7LP

Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November
Roxbourne Primary, Torbay Rd
Harrow, HA2 9Q

Hillingdon

Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November
St Catherine's Primary School
Money Lane, UB7 7NX

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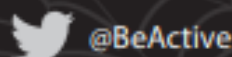
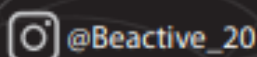
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WOW Walk to school challenge

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.

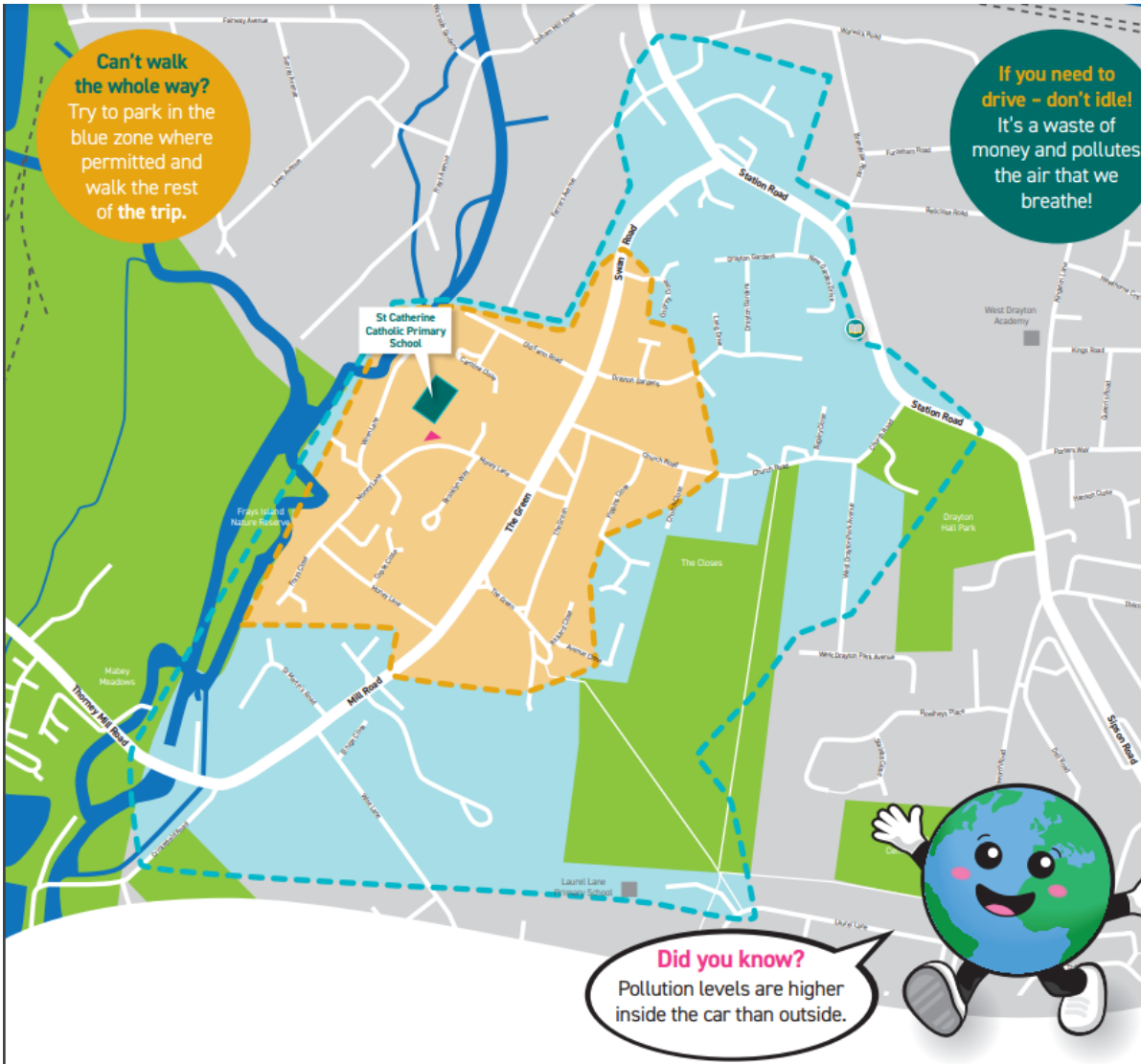
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk 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.





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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 





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.

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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

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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

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 (children to bring donations)

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

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

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

