



Diary Dates

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In last Sunday's Gospel we heard Jesus rebuking his Disciples for telling a man off for healing people, as they believed it was only *they* that should be doing such things in Jesus' name.

Jesus tells them that they should not have stopped him doing good regardless of why he was doing it or who he was doing it for.

I talked to the children about how I believe the Disciples were jealous of the man. We talked about how destructive jealousy can be by reading a story about two children who took part in a sunflower growing competition. We learnt that 'the jealous are troublesome to others but a torment to themselves'.

I asked children to be happy for those that are successful rather than jealous. Their successes are a testament to God's work. Instead of being jealous we should praise those who achieve great things. Perhaps we could ask them how they did it or ask them to help us to learn how to do it.

This week I asked the children to see if they could give some positive praise to a family member, friend or teacher. Make this a habit that we continue to practice every day.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Attendance this week is at 95%. Down 1% from last week. Let's have a big push next week to get our numbers back up.

Nursery (all day) are this week's top class for attendance at 99.2%. Well done Nursery!



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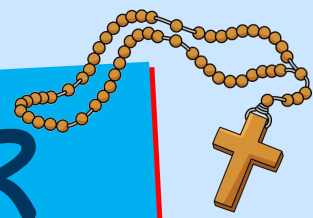
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Supporting your child with reading in Reception class workshop

Our Reception parents/carers are kindly invited to our workshop on supporting your child with reading, which will begin at 6pm on Monday 7th October in school. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



Speech and Language Stay and Play

On Tuesday 8th October our Nursery and Reception parents are invited to a speech and language stay and play. This will start at 1.45pm, where our speech and language therapist will lead a talk in the school hall about supporting your child with speech and language and communication. This will be followed by a 'stay and play' in the EYFS area until 3pm. We hope you will be able to join us.

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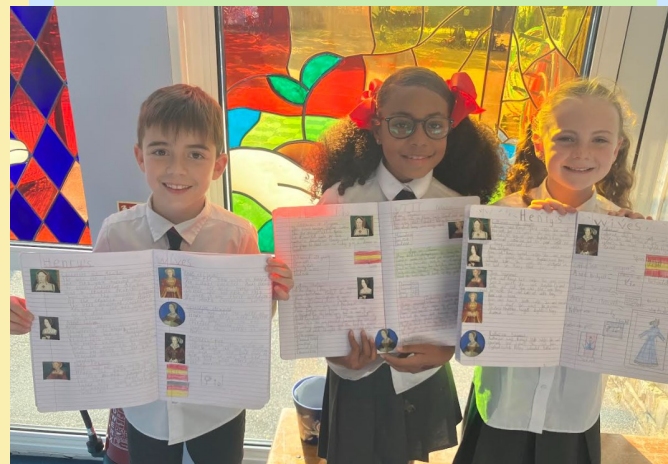
New chess club on Mondays

Our new Monday chess club for our advanced group will start on Monday. Our beginners and intermediate group will continue on Tuesdays. You should have been notified about which group your child should be attending. If you have any questions please contact the office.



Tudor experts

Well done to Iwo, Marilyn and Hallie who were sent to see me with their outstanding history work. Year 4 are learning about the Tudors and today they studied the wives of Henry VIII. I cannot tell you how much knowledge the children have retained. I was blown away!





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Friends of St Catherine's School News

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 attend to become a member of our PTA (FSCS) and find out more about us and how you can be part of our team.

Check out our Facebook page for more on what we do

<https://www.facebook.com/stcatherinePTA>

Summer is over, have you switched the family's wardrobe to winter?

If there is anything the kids have outgrown or you no longer want, set it aside for our Bag2School day and help the School raise more funds. For more information visit the website <https://bag2school.com/>

Coming up...

Friday 25 October
Halloween Disco

Thursday 14 November
AGM Meeting

Tuesday 19 November
Bag2School

Friday 6 December
Christmas Fayre

Monday 16 December
Gift Day





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YOU'RE INVITED TO A

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Halloween Disco

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER
5 TO 7 PM

in the Parish Hall

HOT DOGS, SWEET SHOP,
GLITTER TATTOOS, HALLOWEEN
RAFFLE AND MORE

£2

ADULTS & UNDER 3s FREE

CHILDREN MUST BE
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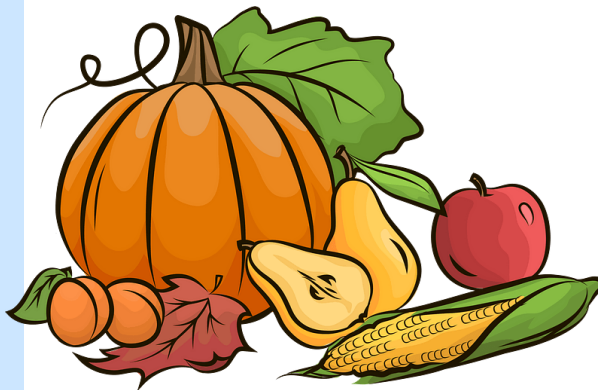
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Harvest Festival assembly

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.



Bikes and scooters for after school club.

Can we please ask parents/carers that, if your child is attending after school club, their bikes and scooters should be left in the front playground in the morning as this makes dismissal from after school club more efficient.

Thanking you in advance for your support.



Read all about it!

Well done to the Olivia, Lukas, Michael and Alexandra in Year 2, who were sent to see me with their Great Fire of London newspaper reports. I couldn't stop reading. I particularly liked your quotes from eyewitnesses to the event. You really brought the events of 1666 to life on a page.





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Football news St Catherines 3 vs St Matthews 2

Well done to our school football team who began the season with a well deserved 3-2 win against St Matthews. We roared into a two nil lead with a fantastic goal drilled in by Riley and a sumptuous curling shot from the edge of the box by Roco. The second half saw St Matthews get a goal back but we replied instantly with yet another power driver by Riley. With seconds on the clock St Matthews pulled another goal back.

A great start from the team and well done especially to Emmie for her player of the match award. No league match next week. We will have squad training instead.

Team: David D, Emmie (PoM), Timmy, Jace, Riley ©, Roco, Lukas, Sovereign

Can I also say a huge thank you to Mr Casse, who has children in Years 2 and 5, for agreeing to manage the team this year. I feel so fortunate to have this support from our parents. Without this we would not be able to offer such amazing experiences to our children. A good start to your managerial career Mr Casse! Keep it up!



POS	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	St. Andrew's	1	1	0	0	3	3
2	St. Mary's	1	1	0	0	2	3
3	St. Catherine	1	1	0	0	1	3
4	Ryefield	1	0	1	0	0	1
5	St. Martin's	1	0	1	0	0	1
6	Cowley St. Laurence	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Heathrow	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	St. Matthew's	1	0	0	1	-1	0
9	Laurel Lane	1	0	0	1	-2	0
10	St. Helens's	1	0	0	1	-3	0

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

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School and Nursery

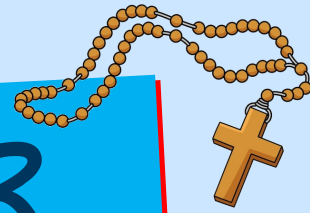
St Catherines school would like to invite you to our next pre-school (aged 2-4) community stay and play morning. Children attending St Catherines, and those that are not attending our school, are all welcome, including siblings.



Saturday 19th October

10am-12 noon

All welcome!



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WOW Walk to School Challenge

Thank you to all our families for keeping up the effort in enabling our children to travel actively to school by walking, scootering, cycling or using park and stride. This week's most active classes are:

- 1st place: Year 3
- 2nd place: Year 6 and Year 1
- 3rd place: Year 2

Make sure you are travelling actively to school at least once a week in October so you can get your next badge:



The October 'Walk to School' badge

Rosary club

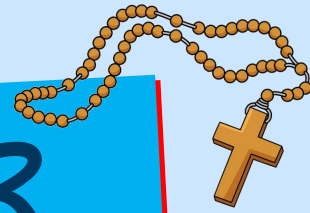


Thank you to Mrs Head, who led our children in prayer at our first Rosary Club of October.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

It was wonderful that so many children chose to join Mrs Head. If you have anyone you would like the children to pray for at Rosary club then please send an email to the office.





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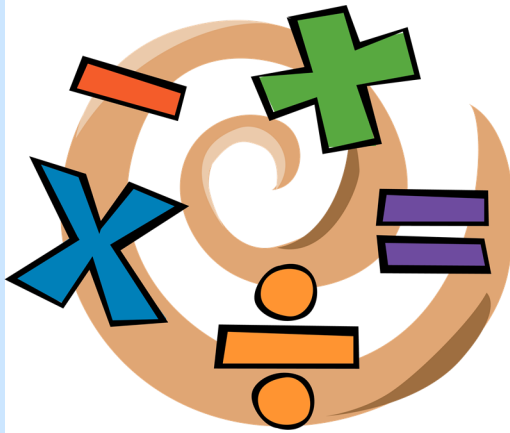
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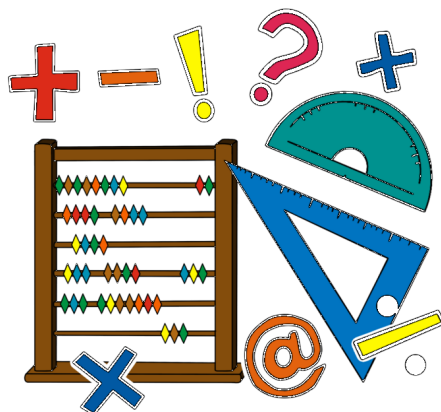
Year 1/2 maths workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Year 1/2 maths workshop on Thursday evening. We hope you found it useful in supporting your child in maths.



Year 3/4 maths workshop

This week we will be holding a maths workshop for our Year 3 and 4 parents. This will start at 6pm. We are happy for you to bring your children along and are looking forward to seeing you there.



Church singing

I am delighted to let you know that the Church choir has invited us to join them at the 11am Mass on Sunday 13th October. It would be lovely to see lots of our children there.



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

At 6pm 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.





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Fire Brigade visit

Thank you to the London Fire Brigade from Hayes station, who visited the school this week to teach Nursery and Reception about people who help us. The children explored the fire engine, were shown how and why we would make a 999 call and learnt about the importance of smoke alarms. Year 2 also got to speak to the crew, as their current history topic is the Great Fire of London. The children found out how fires are prevented and fought today and also got to use the hoses!





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Bikeability

Thank you to the instructors from the School Travel and Road Safety Team, who delivered Bikeability training over the last 4 days to our Year 6 children. This programme gives our children the practical skills and understanding of how to cycle safely on today's roads.

Can I also say thank you also to our children. I was so very proud at the end of Thursday afternoon when the instructors told me what an absolute pleasure you all were to work with and how well behaved you were. I sometimes take it for granted, as I expect nothing less, but it is so lovely to hear such glowing praise from those coming to our school from outside.



This year our subject leaders will be regularly updating you about what is happening in school in their subject area. We hope this will give you an even greater insight into what your children are learning. Thank you Mr Lynam for the following computing update:



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COMPUTING

New Laptops

We recently have purchased 30 new touch screen laptops!



2Quiz

Year 6 have been creating quizzes based on their topic of the Victorians!

Question 1/1

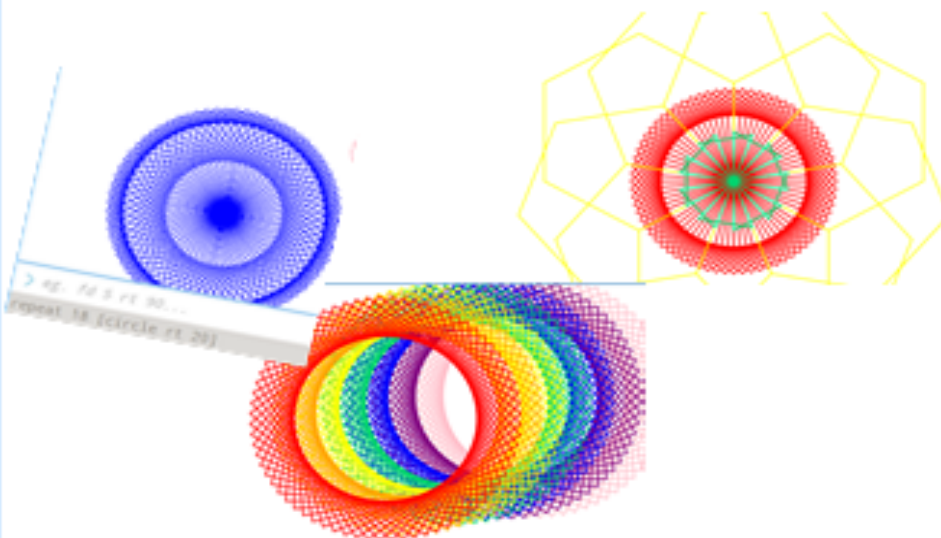
How many children did Queen Victoria have?

Select the correct answer

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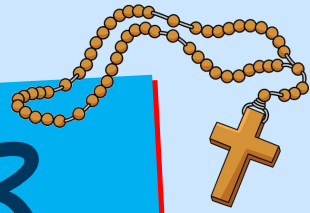
Year 4 have been using code to create different patterns and shapes using the software 2LOGO.



Name: hexagon

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Remember you can access all the software you are using in school at home. You can share all of your completed work onto school display boards using the share button on PurpleMash.
Mr Lynam



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Crafty Kids

Mrs K (one of our amazing team of teaching staff) is now running an arts and crafts club on Saturdays in the Southlands Art Centre.

Please see attached flyer and support Mrs K with her new venture if you can.

Crafty Kids



SATURDAY, 19TH OCTOBER AT
SOUTHLANDS ART CENTRE
75 THE GREEN, WEST DRAYTON, UB7 7PW



BOOK A SESSION AT
CRAFTYKIDSCREATIVECLUB@GMAIL.COM



"Crafty Kids" is an inspiring initiative aimed at nurturing creativity and problem-solving skills in children through arts and crafts. This program encourages kids to explore their imaginations, develop fine motor skills, and gain confidence in their abilities by working on a variety of hands-on projects. From painting and drawing to sculpting and crafting with recycled materials, "Crafty Kids" provides a fun and engaging environment where children can express themselves freely and learn the value of artistic expression. By fostering a love for creativity from an early age, "Crafty Kids" not only enriches the lives of young participants but also lays the foundation for innovative thinking and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 11-12 PM - £2
EVERY SATURDAY 11-12PM £10
9 WEEKS TERM £70
AT SOUTHLANDS ART CENTRE
75 THE GREEN, WEST DRAYTON, UB7 7PW

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BOOK A SESSION
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Starting secondary school

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For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at

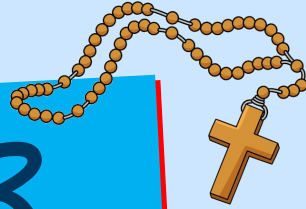
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Closing date for applications is
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Year 3 Church visit

Thank you to Mr McCosker for inviting the children of Year 3 to the Church on Monday for a special talk about Baptism. The children are learning about the Christian Family this half term in RE lessons and as part of this look at the Sacrament of Baptism and how this celebrates our being part of God's family. The children saw the Baptism font, the Paschal candle, the special oils and even got to hold the Baptism shell used for pouring the holy water.

Please talk with your child about what they learnt.



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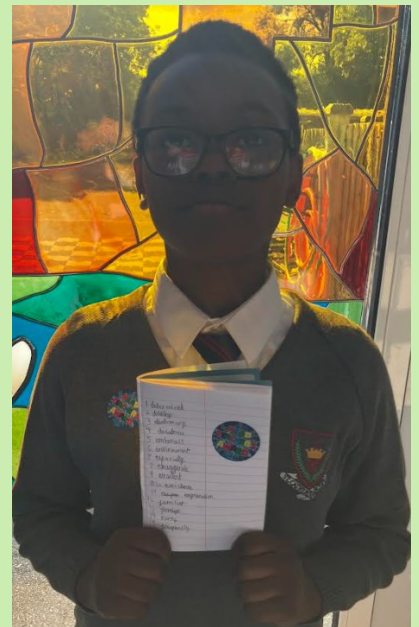
School Council

School Council met on Tuesday for the first time this year. The children were issued with their new badges and have already begun suggesting ways in which school can be made even better. We are listening children!



Spelling whizzkid

Well done to Michael in Year 5 who has made AMAZING progress with his spelling test scores. Fantastic work Michael.





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Super RE work

One of the pleasures of my job is having the opportunity to drop into classes to see the children and teachers at work. This week I have been observing RE lessons and I have been so impressed. I actually found it hard to leave the lessons because the discussions and questions the children were asking were so interesting.

Well done to Sophia, Amira Kate and Skylar, who produced some exceptional work on the miracles of Jesus and how he showed compassion towards others.

Super work girls.

Spare clothes request

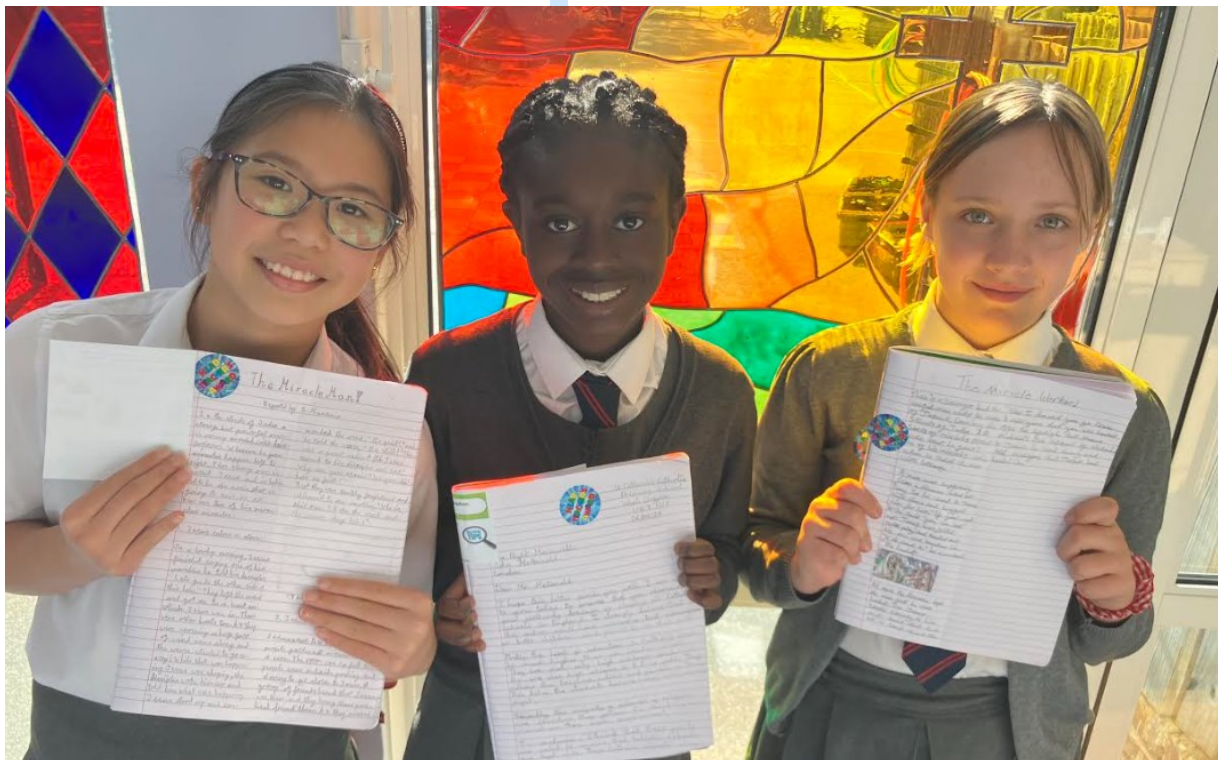
We are running low on the following items in Nursery and Reception:

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





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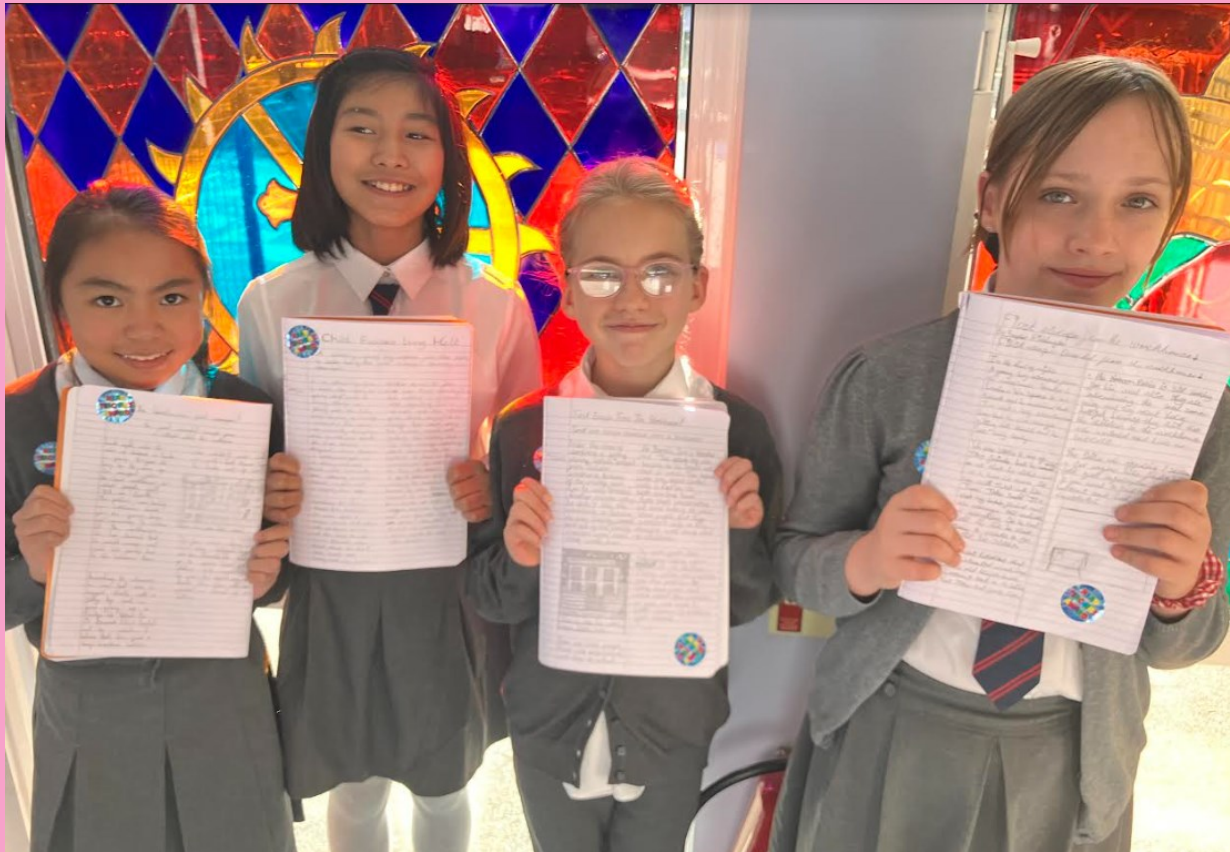
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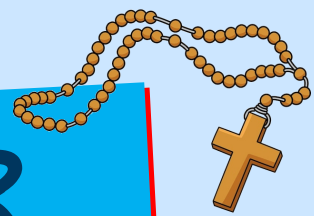


Well done to our wonderful Year 6 writers, who composed some beautiful pieces inspired by their reading of 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty.

The children had to write about how Jim Jarvis escapes from the workhouse.

I have to say I was VERY impressed.





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Year 5 class Mass

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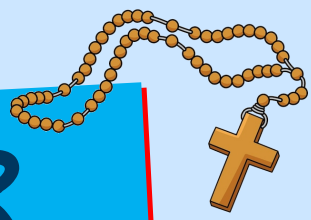
Summer dress sale

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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Age 7-13 Years old

NEW UXBRIDGE YOUTH CHOIR

**Conductor
Tim
Armstrong
-Taylor**



No need
for singing
experience.
No
auditions!

First Free
session.

Join us any Wednesday

Rehearsals 4.30pm to 5.30pm

St Margaret's Church, Uxbridge

£300 Per year for 33
rehearsals and 3 concerts
(in the local community
and other opportunities)
It comes to less than £10
per session!

For extra information or
reserve your place, please email
Ariane at
Uxbridgeyouthchoir@gmail.com
or call
07887790167

Our prayer for October is the Hail Mary. October is the month of the Rosary so this is a prayer that the children need to pray this very special dedication to Mary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7th.



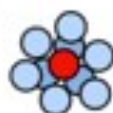
Hail Mary



Hail Mary full of grace



The Lord is with thee



Blessed art thou amongst women



and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus



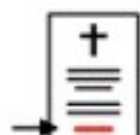
Holy Mary, mother of God



Pray for us sinners



Now and at the hour of our death



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

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

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Roxbourne Primary, Torbay Rd
Harrow, HA2 9Q

Hillingdon

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St Catherine's Primary School
Money Lane, UB7 7NX

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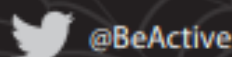
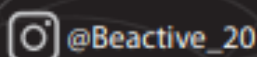
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WOW Walk to school challenge

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.

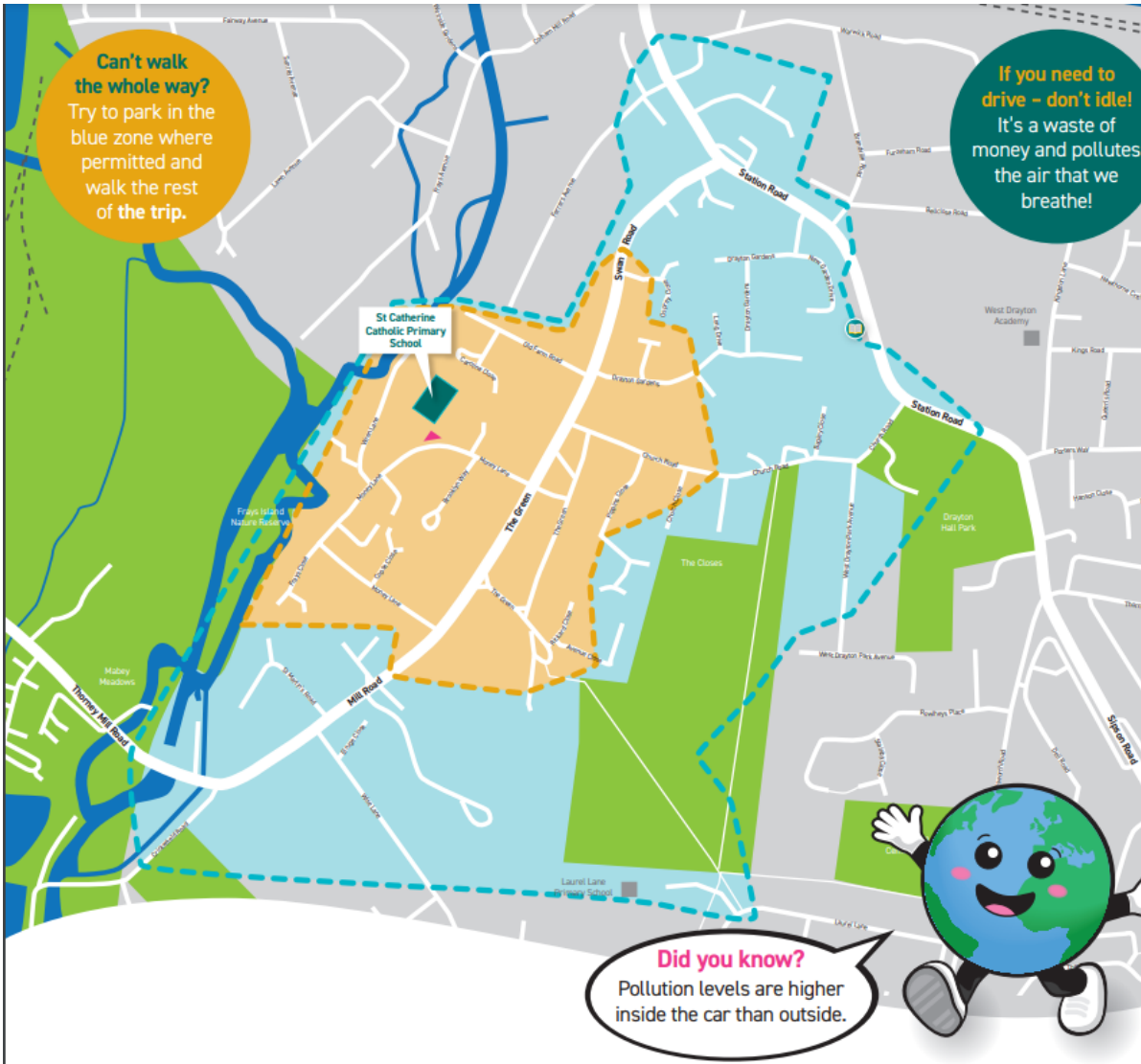
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

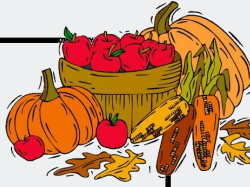


Taxi: Select this icon if you travel by taxi the whole way to school. 'Taxi' does not count as an active journey so it will not contribute towards earning a badge.



Important future diary dates

Mon 7th Oct: Harvest Assembly (children to bring food/ toiletery donations for the Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank)



Mon 7th Oct: Supporting your child with reading (Reception parents) 6pm in EYFS

Tues 8th Oct: Reception and Nursery Speech and Language workshop and Stay and Play (1.45—3pm)

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

