



# Diary Dates

# NEWSLETTER

11th October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's harvest assembly our theme was being thankful.

I explained that when we are truly thankful for all that we have been given then we will be truly happy. Those that are not thankful for what they have will always want more and will never be content. If you concentrate on what you don't have you'll never have enough.

We talked about the harvest and how thankful we should be that we have food in our houses and receive food at school because many people in the world don't have this.

I explained that if you have food in a fridge, clothes in a wardrobe or chest of drawers and a secure home you have more than 70% of the worlds population.

The Catholic Church teaches that as part of the Common Good we should choose to help those in need. This is called 'preferential option for the poor'.

St Ambrose once said that when we you give 'you are not making a gift of your possessions. You are handing over to them what is theirs'. When we look at how unequally the resources of our Earth are shared out these words are truer than ever.

Thank you for being so generous with your food donations.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



## Attendance

Attendance (to date - from September) is at 95.4%. Down 0.6% from last week.

Year 4 are this weeks top class for attendance at 97.7%. Well done Year 4.



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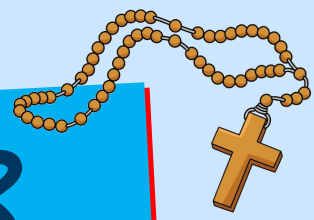
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## Ten Ten RHE programme

Today you were sent information about the new Ten Ten Relationship and Health Education programme that the school plans to implement following consultation with you.

In September we had a workshop to which parents and carers were invited. This shared some of the content of the programme and feedback was positive from those attending.

Today you have also been sent a survey to complete through ParentPay. This will enable you to give us feedback as to your views on the content of the programme.

Please complete this by 25th October. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Doherty



## Runner of the week

Well done to Ciaran in Year 3 who was our runner of the week in running club after completing 1300 metres in under 6 minutes. The future looks bright!

Over the next two weeks the children will be taking part in trials for the running squad during PE sessions. Successful children will be invited to join the training squad each Friday.



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 19<sup>th</sup> October

## 10am-12 noon

## All welcome!



# FSCS News

10th October 2024



Our first event of the year is fast approaching, have you got your costume yet?

Carve a pumpkin at home and bring it in for extra festive decoration and perhaps a prize.

Prizes will be awarded for:

- \* best COSTUME\*
- \* best PUMPKIN CARVING \*



We will need volunteers to help set up straight after drop off on the Friday morning, but if this is not possible for you, we also need people during the event for the stalls.

Please get in touch with your WhatsApp Class Rep if you are able to help out.

Thank you to all those that have already reached out and offered your time.

Tickets will go on sale from Monday 21 October and can be exchanged on the door for a raffle ticket.

**Please note that children must be accompanied at all times.**



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# FSCS News



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## FSCS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Want to get involved? Our events can only run if our community rallies around and helps out.

This meeting gives YOU the opportunity to become part of a friendly team, working towards the common goal of raising much needed funds for our wonderful School. Whether you want to join the committee or just share ideas for the forth coming year, please come along.



## Coming up...

Friday 25 October  
**Halloween Disco**

Thursday 14 November  
**AGM Meeting**

Tuesday 19 November  
**Bag2School**

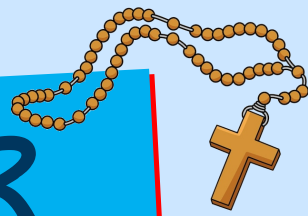
Bag2School is a free eco-friendly fundraising scheme that helps schools and charities raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness. For more information, click [here](#).

Friday 6 December  
**Christmas Fayre**

We raised a record £2k at our 2023 Christmas Fayre, let's make 2024 another \*cracker\*.

Monday 16 December  
**Gift Day**

This is a non-profit event but much loved by the children and a great experience, where they can 'shop' for their loved ones in the controlled environment of the School hall. More information will come next half term.



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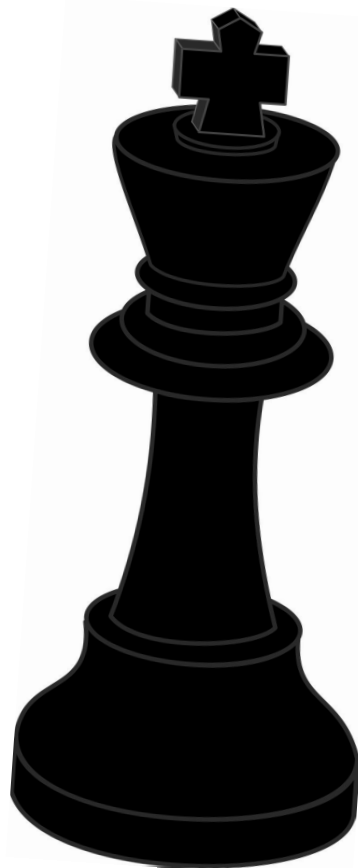
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## Chess players of the week

Mondays chess player of the week was Wenxin in Year 3 and Tuesdays player of the week was Martyna in Year 4. Well done both of you for impressing Mr Hughes and Mrs K.

We still have capacity in our Monday group for more advanced players. If your child would be interested in joining please let the office know.



## PE hockey star of the week

Well done to Jacob in Year 5 who Mr Ryan (our PSD coach) nominated as his star of the week in PE lessons. Mr Ryan said that Jacob had really listened to how to play safely with a hockey stick and was a 'role model' to others on the pitch. Well done Jacob.



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## Harvest Festival assembly

Thank you for your generosity for this years food bank donation. The volunteers from West Drayton and Yiewsley Foodbank wanted me to pass on their gratitude. Donations are down at the moment so our kindness will make a big difference. This is our faith in action once again.



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## ACS Year 3 and 4 football tournament

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 children who represented the school on Monday at the ACS school football tournament. I was so impressed at the level of talent and also to see so many of our girls volunteering to play. This bodes well for the future. Thank you also to Chris Hibbs from PSD (who we use to deliver some of our PE lessons) for inviting us again. Events such as these are wonderful experiences, for which we are very grateful.





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## Baptism cards

Year 3 finished their RE topic on The Christian Family by creating Baptism cards using the symbols of Baptism that they learnt about in previous lessons. I'm sure you will agree that they look amazing. Well done children.



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Ahead of Year 4's trip to Hampton Court on Thursday the class have been making sketches of the palace. I think you'll have to agree that these are FABULOUS. Enjoy your trip Year 4.



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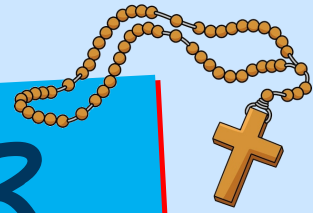
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## Year 6 RE Ambassadors

Over the last two weeks Year 6 have been learning about stories in the Bible that showed Jesus' compassion for those who suffer and people who helped spread the Kingdom of God like St Gabriel. This is part of their current Religious Education topic— 'The Kingdom of God'. The children have then visited the younger children in the school (Reception, Year 1 and Year 4) to share what they have learnt. I think we have some outstanding teachers in the making!





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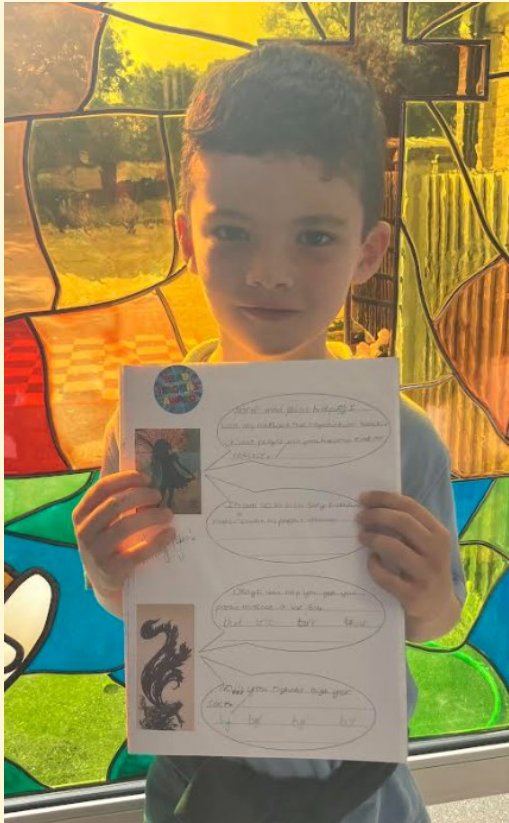
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## Fantastic progress



Well done to Toby in Year 2, who was sent to see me by Miss Simmonds because of his INCREDIBLE improvements in his handwriting. I was astounded. Well done Toby and keep it up.

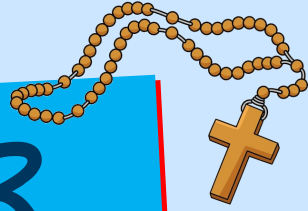
## Incroyable Francais

Well done to Molly and Hanna in Year 4 who were sent to see me by Mrs Harnett (our amazing French teacher) for their wonderful work in French lessons. Both girls were able to count to 20! Tres bien!



Year 4 are clearly doing well in French because I also had a visit from Hanna, Hallie, Aria and Martyna for their work in presenting themselves (their name and age) in French. Superbe!





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## Netball news

### St Catherine 26 v St Andrews 0

We had our first match of the season and what a fantastic way to begin. St Catherine opened the scoring in the first 20 seconds with fantastic scoring by Karolina and we led 7-0 by the first quarter. Momentum continued to build with fantastic scoring by Emmie and Natalie who scored on her Saint Catherine debut! Goals continued to fly in by Noelle, Sophia and Sadie! This was a record win for Saint Catherine and sets us in good shape for the rest of the season! Player of the match was shared between Emmie and Karolina but everyone was incredible.

Mr Lynam

Emmie and Karolina

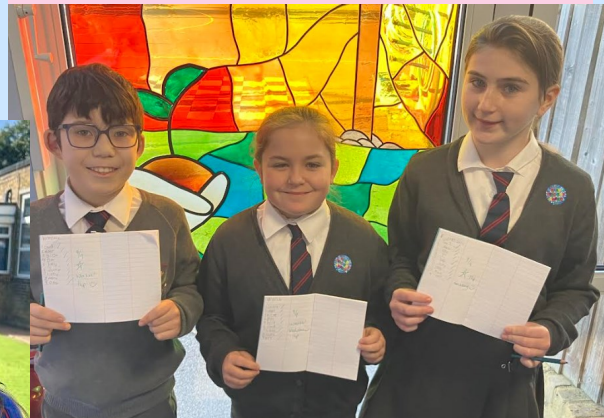


Emmie shooting



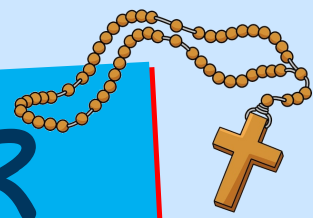
## Year 6 super spellers

I was so pleased to have a visit this morning from Mrs Harnett, Santana, Peter and Sienna. Mrs Harnett was so proud of all three because they have been consistently achieving 100% on their spelling tests since September. Well done children!



The team!





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## Supporting your child with reading in Reception class workshop

On Monday Mrs Phaure held a reading workshop for Reception parents. Information covered included supporting your child at home with their reading development, fostering a love for reading as well as practical tips for teaching phonics. A copy of the slides used in the presentation are available on Google Classroom. Mrs Phaure is always available on the Early Years gate if you have any questions about early reading.

## Football news

With no game this week we had a school football team squad training session. It was wonderful to see how much talent we have coming through. Well done to Oskaran (Year 3), who was awarded 'trainer of the week' and was selected for the school team to play next week (Wednesday) against St Martins on The Green.

Please come and support us if you can.



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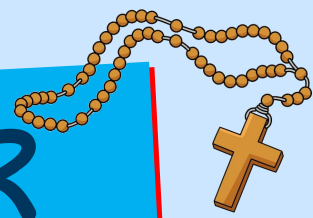
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On Tuesday, our Speech and Language therapist Miss Penny provided an interesting presentation on supporting children's speech and language development. This was followed by a Stay and Play session and an opportunity for parents to meet 1:1 with our speech and language therapist. The parental engagement was fantastic with over 33 parents attending. The atmosphere in the Early Years unit was wonderful and feedback from parents was very positive. We look forward to seeing parents at our next Stay and Play session on Saturday 19th October 2024.





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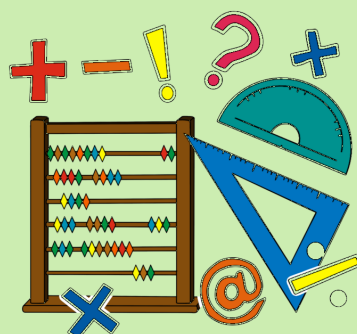
## Year 3 and 4 maths workshop

Thank you to all of our parents who came to the Year 3/4 maths workshop on Thursday. Thank you also to our staff for giving their time to help our families support their children with maths.



## Year 5/6 maths workshop

This week we will be holding a maths workshop for our Year 5 and 6 parents. This will start at 6pm on Thursday 17th October. We are happy for you to bring your children along.



## 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



## 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 family are welcome to attend



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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.

### Crafty Kids



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



BOOK A SESSION AT  
[CRAFTYKIDSCREATIVECLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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  
CONTACT: EWA KOWALSKA  
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# Starting secondary school

## September 2025

For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Closing date for applications is  
31 October 2024

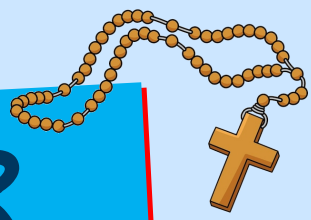


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Age 7-13 Years old

## 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](mailto: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

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

## HOW TO BOOK

Visit our website

<https://www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online>

Select the venue you would like your child to attend

Select the chosen dates that suit you

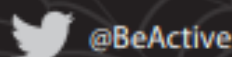
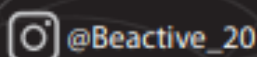
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# WOW Walk to school challenge

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.

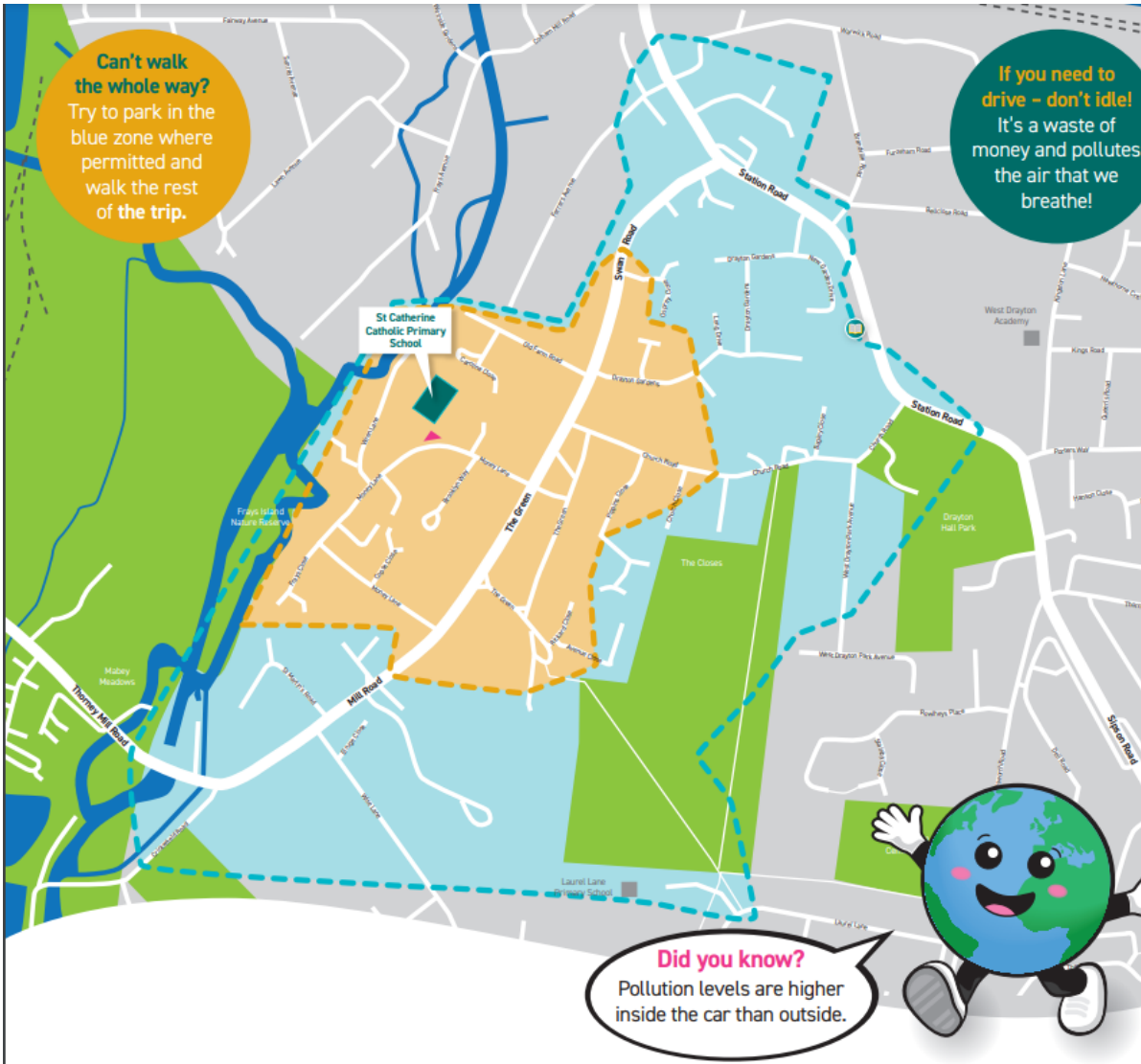
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

Tuesday 15th October: Year 5 Class Mass at 2pm (Yr 5 family and friends 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 (3.30-7pm)

Thurs 24th Oct: Parents Evening (3.30-5.30pm)

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

Mon 28th Oct—1st Nov: Half term

Monday 25th November: St Catherines Feast Day

Monday 25th November: St Catherines Feast Day Mass in church at 9.30am

