

Diary Dates

NEWSLETTER

18th October 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard Jesus tell his followers that it is harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven than it is for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. This was in response to a rich man who asked how he could have eternal life and was told by Jesus to give away all of his vast wealth.

I explained that sometimes people can value money and material things more than other people and God, like the rich man in the story.

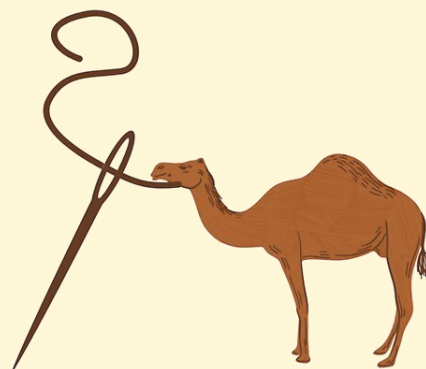
I told the children that we should treasure our relationships not our possessions. Spend more time with friends and family rather than playing on computers or watching TV.

I explained that Heavenly treasures are more important than Earthly treasures—'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal'.

It is our acts of love for others, while on Earth, that become our Heavenly treasure.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week is at 95.3%. Up 0.3% from last week.

Year 3 are this weeks top class for attendance at 98.3%. Well done Year 3!



Parents Evening

This week you will have received your appointment time(s) for Parents Evening (this Tuesday and Thursday). If you have not received a time slot or did not complete the form please speak to the office in the first instance.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all and updating you on your children's progress. Members of the school's Governing body will be in attendance on both evenings. Please introduce yourselves and say hello to them.

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Please see our attached flyer for our next Stay and Play morning which is tomorrow. 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!



FSCS News

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Half term is fast approaching and that means our



Spooktacular Halloween Disco is too!

Get into the spirit of Halloween, carve a pumpkin at home and bring it to the disco to set the mood and possibly win a prize!



There will be prizes for:

- * best COSTUME *
- * best PUMPKIN CARVING *
- * Raffle *

Tickets will go on sale in the playground from next Monday, 21 October. Please look for a member of the FSCS, before or after School, to purchase your ticket.

Children must be accompanied at all times.

Can you help?

We need volunteers to help set up straight after drop off on 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, arrangements will be shared next week





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 fund-raising scheme that helps schools and charities raise funds through textile recycling as well as spreading textile recycling awareness. For more information, click

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 after half term.



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Chess players of the week

This weeks' chess player of the week was Alexandra in Year 2. Well done Alexandra. Mr Hughes is so impressed with your continued progress.

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.



Football news

St Catherine 0 v St Martins 1

We suffered our first defeat of the season on Wednesday with a 1-0 loss to St Martins. Despite piling on the pressure in the first half and into the second we just didn't have our shooting boots on and a resolute St Martins held us at bay. Eight minutes from time we conceded with a breakaway goal, which their striker finished superbly. Well done to Sovereign and Emmie who were awarded joint player of the match. We have training next week and know now that we must try to win every game. No pressure children!

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





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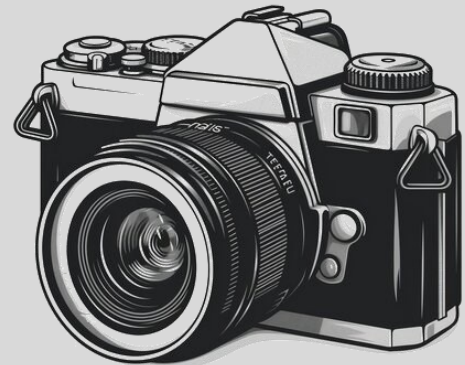
Well done to Katherine, in Year 6, who was our runner of the week in running club. Katherine ran 9 minutes 14 seconds for 1800metres. An amazing time and her personal best.

Well done to Katherine and all the squad for their continued efforts.

There will be no running club next week.

Tempest photography orders

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A reminder that the closing date for FREE delivery is Wednesday 23rd October. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please contact Tempest on 01736751555 (option 3).



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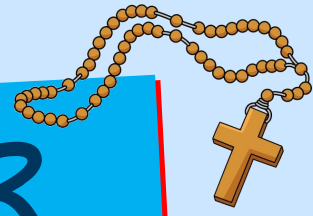
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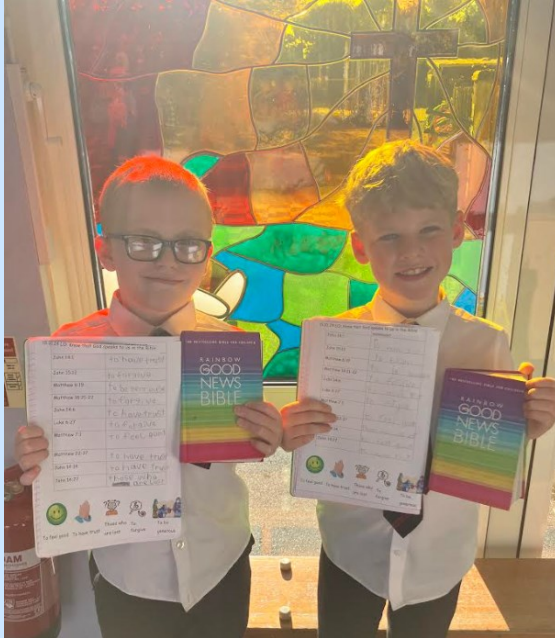
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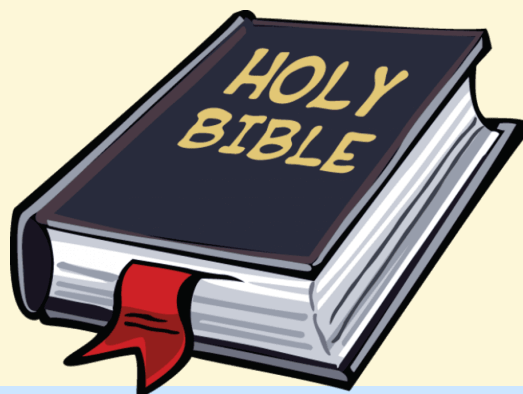
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Brilliant Bible work



Well done to Ryder and Artur (in Year 4) who were sent to see me with their wonderful RE work. The children have been looking at a variety of stories about Jesus from the Bible and were asked to say what they thought the passage was teaching them. This is part of their current topic in RE—'The Bible'. Mr Lynam and Mrs Carter were so impressed at the boys' knowledge and hard work.



Catholic Social Teaching

At the end of each half term the children will be learning about one of the 6 pillars of Catholic Social Teaching. These teachings emphasise how our faith calls us to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our brothers and sisters living in poverty. We are taught to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God.

This week in Key Stage assemblies we introduced the first of the pillars—'care for creation'. I explained that as 'stewards' of the Earth, we are asked to look after and protect God's creation. We looked at how the planet is being damaged and talked about what we can do to protect it for future generations. Please talk to your children about what they have learnt. In class, next week, the children will be learning more about 'care for creation'.

The school will be using Rooted in Love resources from Caritas Westminster to deliver our Catholic Social Teaching programme:

<https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/resources/rooted-in-love/>





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Year 4 Hampton Court trip

Thank you to Mr Lynam, Mrs Carter and our parent helpers who took Year 4 to Hampton Court this week. This visit brings to life Year 4's current history topic on The Tudors. The children had the most wonderful of days visiting the royal kitchens, the maze, the great hall and of course the gallery, which is believed to be haunted by the ghost of Catherine Howard.





Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop

This term Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London in History. On Wednesday the children enjoyed a drama workshop where they travelled back in time to 1666. They acted out scenes, played games and danced like fire flames. The workshop lady was very impressed at our children's subject knowledge and they were fantastic at answering her questions. Miss Simmonds was extremely proud.





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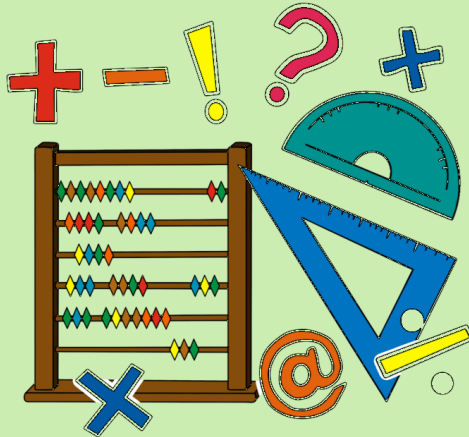
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Year 5/6 maths workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended our Year 5/6 maths workshop on Thursday evening. Your support for the school is much appreciated and we hope you found the session useful.

Thank you also to Mrs Reardon for giving her time to support our families.



Year 5 class Mass

Thank you to Father Brian for celebrating Mass with Year 5 in their classroom this week.

Thank you also to our families who attended. It was a lovely occasion.



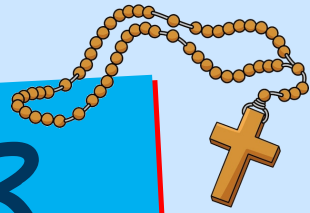
Singing at Mass

Thank you to those children who attended the 11am Mass last Sunday and joined the Church choir. I am so sorry that I couldn't join you all as I was away but I was told by Mr Mccosker that you sang beautifully once again. Thank you also to Hannah Doherty (our Stage Talent school piano teacher) for accompanying on piano.





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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



"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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Closing date for applications is
31 October 2024



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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.



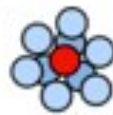
Hail Mary



Hail Mary full of grace



The Lord is with thee



Blessed art thou amongst women



and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus



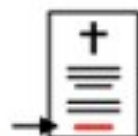
Holy Mary, mother of God



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

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Select the chosen dates that suit you

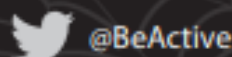
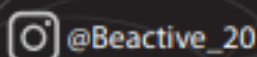
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WOW Walk to school challenge

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.

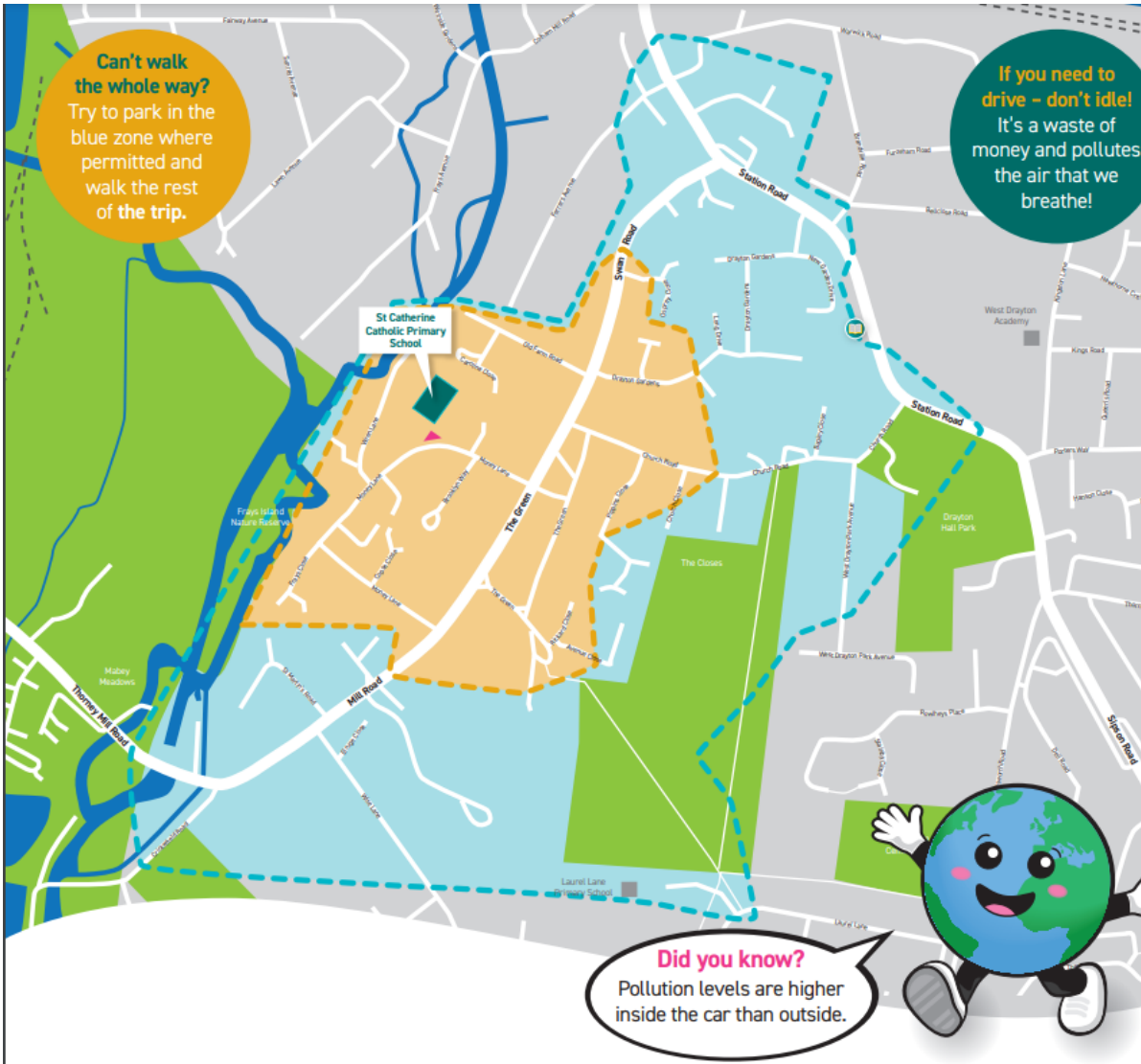
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

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

Tuesday 5th November: Relationship and Health Education workshop for parents

Thursday 7th November: EYFS maths workshop at 6pm in school

Tuesday 19th November: Bag 2 School day

Monday 25th November: St Catherines Feast Day

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

Tuesday 10th December: Nursery Christmas Production for parents at 9.15am

Tuesday 10th December: End of term Christmas Mass in Church at 9.30am

Tuesday 10th December: KS2 carol concert at 6pm on school playground

Wednesday 11th December: Reception Nativity performance at 9.15am

Wednesday 11th December: School Christmas Dinner day

Thursday 12th December: Reception Nativity performance at 2pm

Tuesday 17th December: Years 3-6 pantomime at Lyric theatre Hammersmith (Aladdin)

Thursday 19th December—Last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm

