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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard Jesus' disciples (James and John) asking Jesus if they could sit at his right and left hand in heaven.

They wanted to be considered as great but Jesus reminds his followers that to be truly 'great' you must be a servant to others.



I reminded the children about Pope Francis who is a Jesuit and believes strongly in helping others.

When he arrives in a new country he will ask to visit prisons before anywhere else and here he will wash the feet of inmates. He is an example to us all. He is the leader of over 1.4 billion Catholics worldwide and chooses to wash the feet of society's outcasts.

This half term I have asked the children to try to be especially helpful at home. If your child is exceptionally helpful over the half term please let me know by emailing the office or sending in a note on the first day back. I would love to know if the children are walking the walk and not just talking the talk!

Have a lovely half term everybody.

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week is at 94.7%. Down 0.6% from last week.

Year 3 are this weeks top class for the second week in a row with 97.5% attendance. Well done Year 3!



Parents Evening

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended Parents Evening this week. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you found meeting your child's class teacher helpful in informing you about your child's progress and how you can support them moving forward. Thank you also to our teachers, who have had a very long half term and some late evenings this week. Your continued work for the children day in and day out is valued more than I can say. In a week when I have spoken to the children about service there is no better example than their class teachers and our incredible support staff.

ST CATHERINE'S AMAZON WISH LIST



Dear parents and carers,

The school has opened an Amazon Wish list account to enable us to provide even more for our children in school. Please see link at bottom of page. There is also a link on the 'Quick Links' section on the homepage of the school website.

If you, or friends or family, are able to contribute please do so.

Once again your support is greatly appreciated.

Mr Doherty

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St Catherine Care for creation litter pick

In school, this week, each class has been learning about one of the 6 pillars of Catholic Social Teaching (Care for Creation).

We learnt that when we look after the environment it protects wildlife from harm and makes people treat our area and God's creation with greater respect.

As part of our contribution to 'Care for Creation' the school will be holding a litter pick in the local area on Saturday 16th November starting at 10.30 am on the school playground.

Last year the Union of Catholic Mothers donated litter pickers to the school following a request by our Mini Vinnies so the children will not need to handle any litter. We will also provide rubbish bags and high visibility vests for the children. If you have your own litter pickers please bring along. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

Mrs Carter
(Mini Vinnies Co-ordinator)



The Common Good/ Catholic Social Teaching

Half term creative homework

This half term our Creative Homework project is on our House Saints

All of the children in the school belong to one of four houses: St Bernadettes, St Marthas, St Josephs or St George's.

In **Years 1-6** we are asking the children (over half term) to prepare a very short oral presentation about their own house Saint. This should last no longer than 2 minutes and must be accompanied by a picture/design to symbolise their house Saint.

The winning designs from each year group will be used as the cover for that year groups RE books next year and for displays in school. Pictured below are the pictures we currently use.

This picture/ design might be accompanied by a quote from the Saint or one of their important virtues e.g humility (St Bernadette), hardworking (St Joseph), courage (St George), generosity (St Martha) - see following page. This could form part of their presentation i.e why this virtue is associated with this Saint. Children are not to produce powerpoints but may use cue cards. Designs must include the Saint's name and should be no larger than half A4 size and portrait.

Reception class are expected to produce a picture with a single sentence/fact about their house Saint.

We ask that the children have their short presentations and pictures ready for the first week back after half term.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Doherty



Here are the school virtues associated with each of our House Saints:



Bernadette



Virtue: Humility



George



Virtue: Courage



Martha



Virtue: Generosity



Joseph



Virtue: Hardworking



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FSCS News



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FSCS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Want to get involved? Events like our Halloween Disco, 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.



Check out our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/stcatherinePTA) (<https://www.facebook.com/stcatherinePTA>) for more on what we do.

Coming up...

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 [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 after half term.



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Police visit to Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Thank you to PC Kang for visiting Nursery, Reception and Year 1 this week. He spoke to the children about people that keep us safe and the equipment they use to help them. The children even got to put their teachers in handcuffs!





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Reception Liturgy

Today we welcomed the parents and families of our Reception children to a class Liturgy in EYFS. It was a celebration of the powerful relationship between school and home. The children sang beautifully and showed great reverence throughout. Thank you to all of the Reception staff who made this special time possible and for all of your hard work this half term with some of our youngest children. They were a credit to you and their families.





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Tudor triumphs

In Art, this week, the children in Year 4 have been creating collages of the Tudors. This links to their current history topic on the Tudors.

I was so impressed at the standard of the children's work. Well done Year 4.





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Walk to School (October)

Well done to everyone who is trying to travel to school actively.

Today the children received their Walk to School badges for October.

Currently our most active classes are:

1st—Year 6 (85%)

2nd -Year 3 (82%)

3rd—Year 1 (76%)



Keep up the good work everyone. By reducing our reliance on cars we are playing our small part in caring for creation, keeping our children safer and also keeping our minds and body healthy.



The October Walk to School badge



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Year 6 DT

Well done to Year 6 for their FABULOUS automatons. This Design and Technology project is linked to their History topic on The Victorians. The children worked with cams, sliders and axles to create moving toys. What impressed me most was how every single one was different. Wonderful creativity children. Year 3 got to play with the toys on Thursday and were also VERY impressed.



Community Stay and Play

Thank you to all of our families and friends who attended last Saturday's Stay and Play. It was especially lovely to meet parents who have not been to our school before. The children had lots of fun painting, playing, scooping out pumpkins and listening to 'Room on the Broom' being read by our Year 2 teacher (Miss Simmonds) wearing her witches hat! A massive thankyou to all the staff who gave their time on Saturday, especially Mrs Phaure our chief organiser.





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Goodbye Miss Wiggins

This week we said goodbye to Miss Wiggins, who is now on maternity leave.

We wish her and her family every blessing and we can't wait to meet her new baby.

Please keep Miss Wiggins and baby in your prayers.



Relationship and Health Education workshop

A reminder that our final RSE workshop will be at 6pm on 5th November. All welcome.



Thank you Mrs Head

Thank you to Mrs Head for leading the children in prayer in Rosary club during the month of October. We are so fortunate to have volunteers willing to give our children such special experiences.

Thank you also to the children for attending in such numbers. Mary, as a mother, is very close to children in particular and I am sure she will be doing all she can to have your prayers answered.



EYFS maths workshop

A reminder that our EYFS maths workshop will be at 6pm on Thursday 7th November. This is aimed at helping you support your child with maths. All welcome.



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NCMP (National Child Measurement Programme)

The school nurses will be visiting the school on 19th November to height and weight children in Reception class and Year 6 **only**. A letter will be sent via ParentPay with further details of the programme to relevant parents/carers. If you do not wish your child to participate please email Mrs Bryant on: welfare@stcatherine.co.uk prior to the visit.



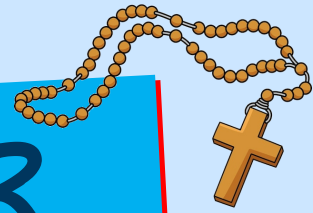
Care for Creation Catholic Social Teaching

Well done to Yaroslav in Year 1 who was sent to see me with his wonderful work on 'Care for Creation'. The class had to list all of the things that they love about God's creation and then had to think about ways that they could protect it and make things better. As we enter the winter months, one of Pope Francis' suggestions (which I shared with the children) is that we put on warmer clothes at home before turning up the heating. Please talk with your children this week about the things we can do at home and school to look after creation. They should have lots of ideas!





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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
CRAFTYKIDSCREATIVECLUB@GMAIL.COM

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.



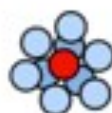
Hail Mary



Hail Mary full of grace



The Lord is with thee



Blessed art thou amongst women



and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus



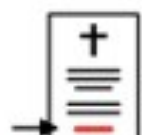
Holy Mary, mother of God



Pray for us sinners



Now and at the hour of our death



Amen



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For Children aged 4-12 years
Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November.

PLEASE SEE DATES ON THE BACK OF THE FLYER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL

St Joseph's Primary School | St Catherine's Primary School | Belmont Primary School | Roxbourne Primary School



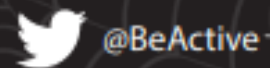
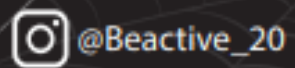
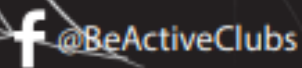
**DAILY COSTS
STANDARD DAY**
9.00-3pm- £20

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* Late pickup not available at St Catherine's



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-  **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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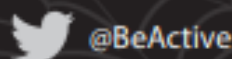
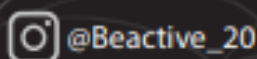
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WOW Walk to school challenge

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.

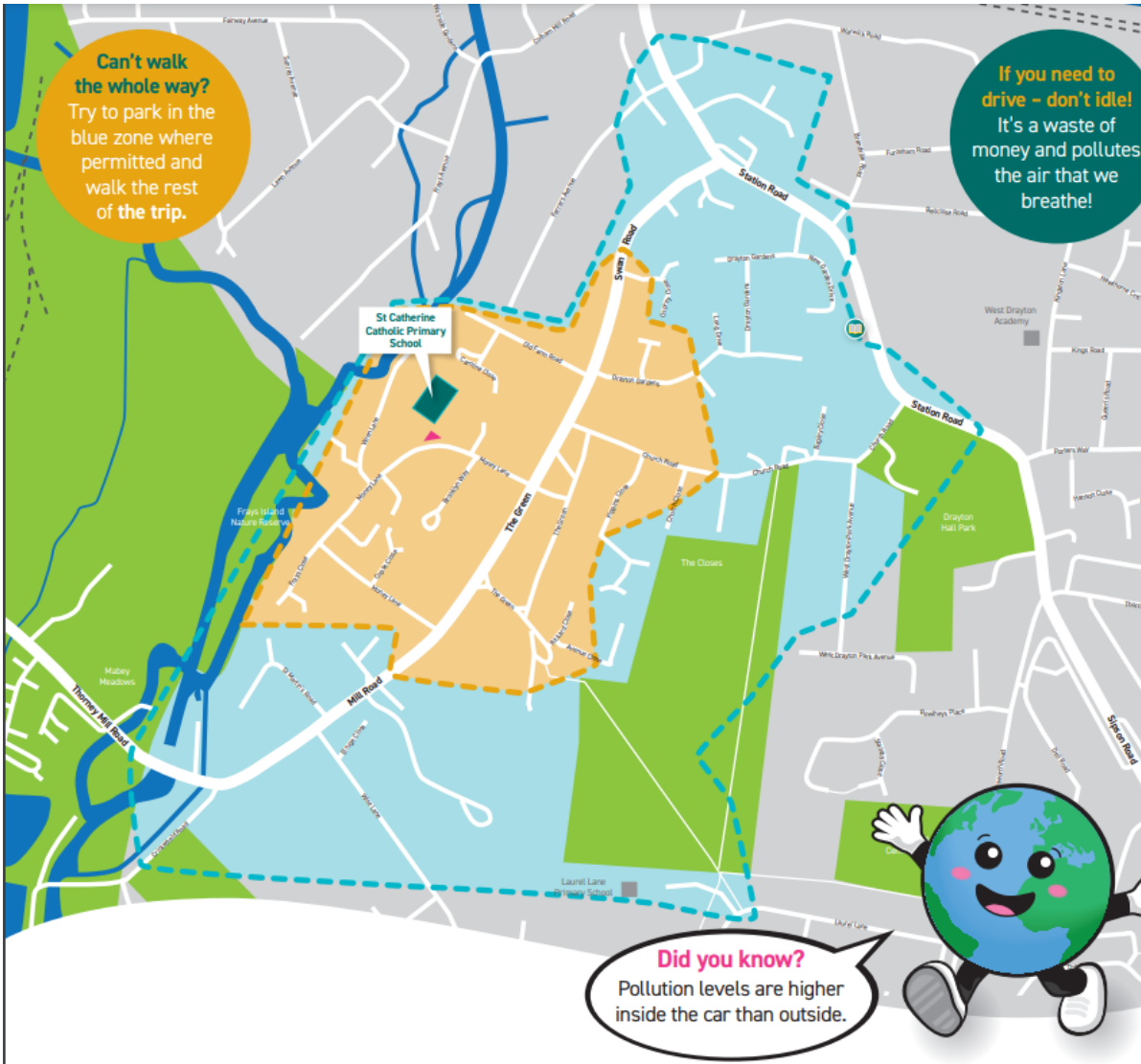
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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



Important future diary dates

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

Saturday 16th November: St Catherines Care for Creation litter pick at 10.30am starting on school playground.

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