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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard Jesus say that the two most important commandments are to love your God with all your heart and to love your neighbour as yourself.

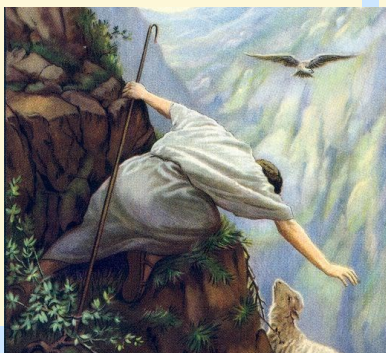
I told the children that knowing God's boundless love and loving Him back shows us how to love others.

I tried to explain God's endless love (an impossible job) by reminding the children of the parable of the Lost Sheep. Jesus leaves the 99 to look for the one. Was this foolish? No! It gave the other sheep complete reassurance. If he does this for one then he will do it for all of us when we make mistakes. God's love never fails, it never gives up on you.

Christians believe that God loves people very much. They see this as great news because it means that there is someone who always loves us, whoever we are and whatever we do. This week we will try to love others like God loves us.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week is at 94.5%. Down 0.2% from last week.

Nursery (AM) are this weeks top class with 100% attendance. What a wonderful achievement Nursery!!!!



2025/26 Term dates

Attached to this newsletter are the term dates for the next academic year. These are also on the school website under 'parents' and 'term dates'.





Znicze

Thank you to all of the children who have returned their paper candles for our remembrance display.

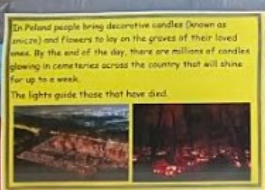
This year the theme is a Polish tradition called znicze.



People bring decorative votive candles (known in Polish as znicze) and flowers such as chrysanthemums (of all colours) to lay on the graves of their loved ones. By the end of the day, there are millions of candles glowing in cemeteries across the country that will shine for up to a week and are used to guide the souls of our departed loved ones. Thank you to Mrs Wassef for the idea and for making our beautiful display with Miss McCann.

If you still haven't returned your candle please do so as soon as possible. Teachers can give out spares if you have lost yours or would like more. We will continue to pray, in school, for your loved ones during November.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER



*As the Church year
nears its end, we
remember those who
have died during
November.*





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FSCS News



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FSCS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 14 November—7 pm, School Hall

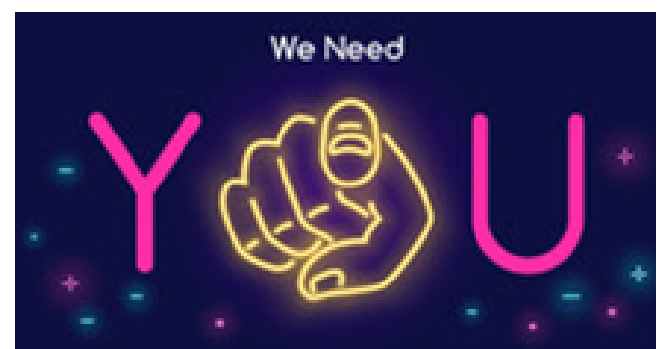
What is the FSCS?

The Friends of St Catherine's School (FSCS) is an established charity, whose main aim is to raise funds to enrich our children's time at St Catherine's.

However, the FSCS is about much more than simply fundraising. It exists to provide closer links between home and school and is an excellent way to bring staff, children, parents and the parish together socially in support of the School, working towards a common goal, whilst having fun.

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

Whether you want to join the committee or just come and share your ideas and volunteer your time, come along to our meeting. Our events can only run with the support time of our wonderful community.



If you do wish to join the committee, please check the letter sent by email on 4 November, or ask the School Office for one and complete the short form.



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FSCS News



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Halloween Disco

A massive thank you to all the parent volunteers who manned stalls during the event, and of course to all of you who bought tickets and spent money with your children.

We are delighted to announce we raised a staggering amount...

**£956.95
PROFIT**

Well done to Jace, Year 5, on his winning pumpkin design, what an intricate design!



We also had the cutest dressed kitten, Aoife

And the best dressed went to Kayla, Year 3



Coming up...

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. A list of what they collect is below. For more information, click [here](#).

Below is a list of everything that we collect. If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts

Friday 6 December
Christmas Fayre

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. Letters will come out very

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

<https://amzn.eu/12fuUtV>



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St Catherine Care of creation community litter pick

Don't forget to join us on our care of creation litter pick which starts at 10.30am next Saturday (16th November) on the school playground. Please bring friends and family to help out.

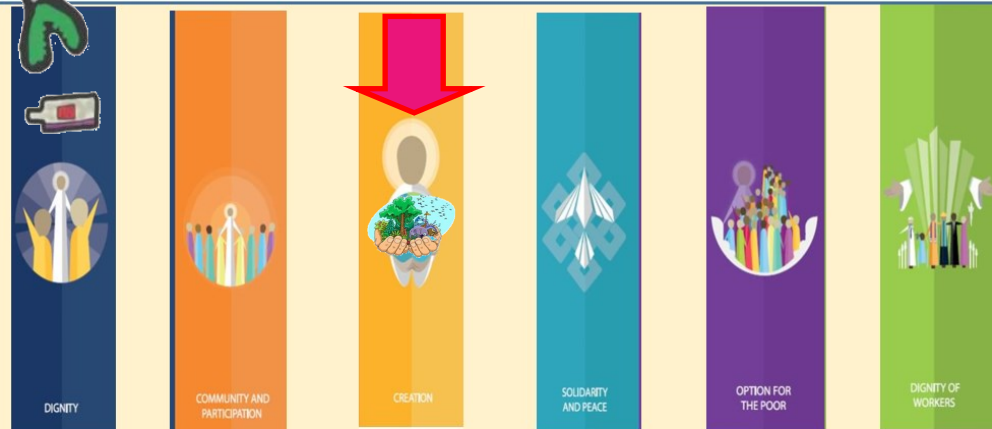
This is our school playing its small part in the churches Catholic Social Teaching. We will take care of creation for the benefit of all.

See you on Saturday. Please bring a litter picker if you have one.

Mrs Carter
(Mini Vinnies Co-ordinator)



The 6 pillars



The Common Good/ Catholic Social Teaching



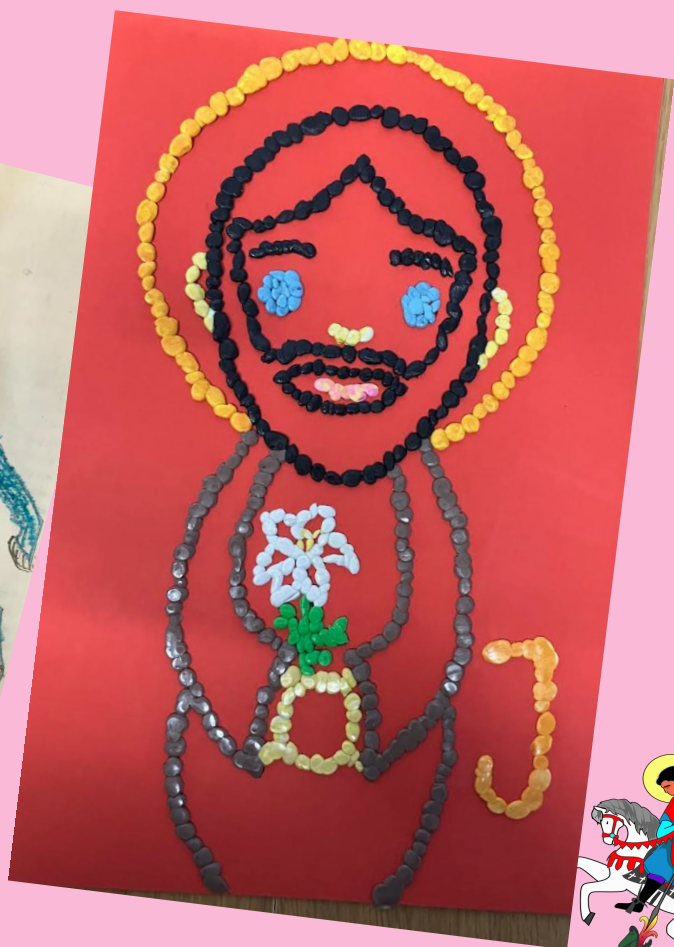
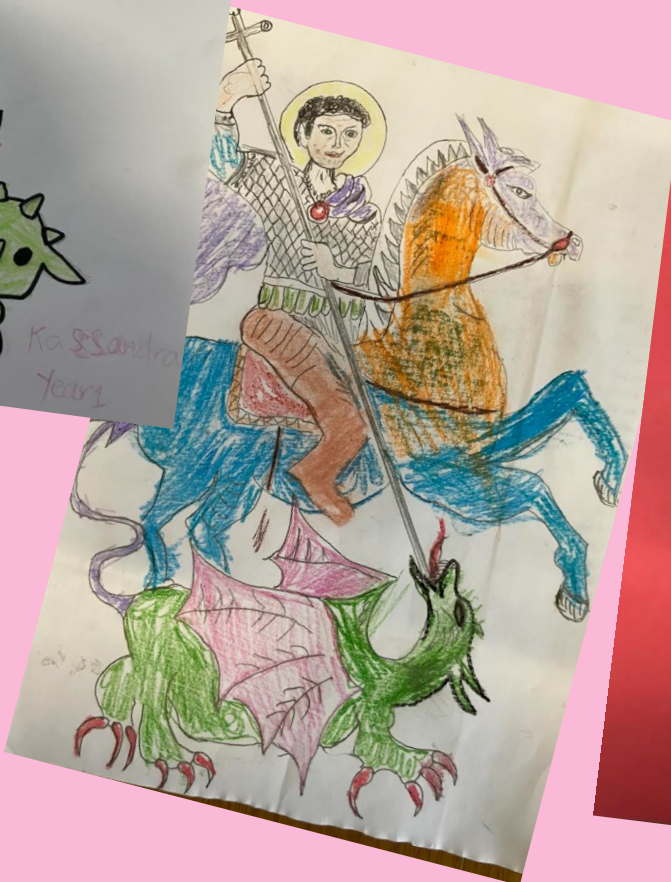
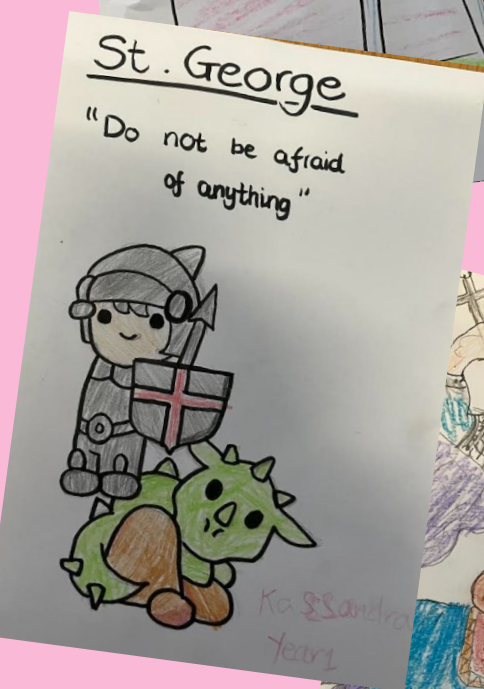
Half term Creative Homework

Well done to all of the children who completed the House Saints half term creative homework. Here are some examples of the amazing entries we had and I know that the teachers have really enjoyed listening to the children's presentations about their own house Saint. Thank you parents for supporting your children in completing this work. Look out for more artwork next week when we will also announce the winning entries. It's not too late to return them to school! We will also be getting the children who did the best presentations to share them at next weeks key stage assemblies.

Mr Doherty



More examples of half term creative homework:





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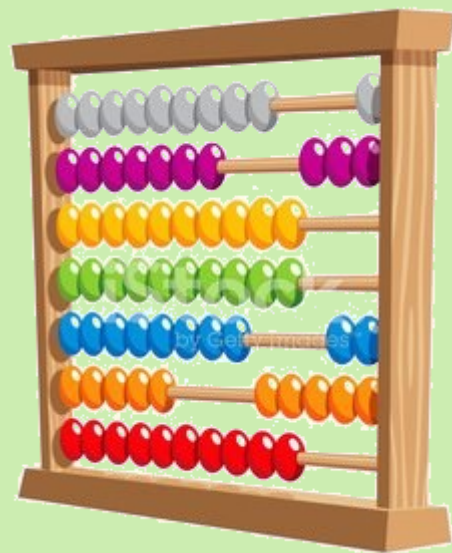
Walk to School November

Remember to try to travel to school actively by bike, foot or scooter or by parking and striding so you can be awarded your badge for November. Remember you must travel actively at least once a week in order to achieve your badge.



EYFS maths workshop

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our EYFS maths workshop this week. We hope you found it useful. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful support. Your partnership with the school is key to your children's success and living their life in all of its fullness. Thank you also to Mrs Phaure for organising and leading the workshop.



Running squad training

Mr Doherty is out of school next Friday so there will be no running squad training next week. Apologies for any inconvenience.



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Chess player of the week

Well done to Oskar in Year 3, who was awarded chess player of the week in Monday's chess club and to Katherine in Year 6, who were awarded chess players of the week in chess club.



Community stay and play dates for 2025

Our next community stay and play mornings will be on Saturday 15th March and Saturday 28th June.



Poppy appeal

Please remember that we are selling poppies and other items to raise money for the Royal British Legion during November. Thank you to the Year 6 pupils for helping out.





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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.



Life to the full RHE workshop

Thank you to all of the parents/ carers who attended this weeks workshop. I hope that those present found it useful.

The school will be proceeding with the programme beginning in January. More information will follow.



Nursery Christmas production change of time

Dear parents and carers. Please note that the Nursery Christmas production (10th December) start time has moved from 9.15am to 10.30am.





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Football result

St Helens 1 v St Catherine 4

Well done to the school football team who returned to winning ways with a 4-1 win over St Helens on Wednesday. Captain Riley led from the front with a wonderful brace. Sovereign scored from distance and Roco sealed the win with a super strike following devastating build up play. I have to admit that it was one of my favourite performances by a school team with amazing passing from the whole team, determined defending and clinical finishing. Well done to Riley for his player of the match award. A true captains performance up front. A special mention to Louis in Year 4 and Jenson in Year 3 who made their debuts for the school team.

Well done to Mr Casse and the boys. Next week we face Cowley St Laurence at home. Please come along and support us

Team: David D, Louis, Jenson, Jace, Lukas, Sovereign, Theo, Roco, Riley (c)



Riley—player of the match

Runner of the week

Well done to Hanna, who was awarded runner of the week. Hanna made her debut for our squad this week and ran over 2km in her very first session. Amazing!!!!!!





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Netball result

St Marys 0 v St Catherine 22

A huge well done to our girls netball team who won against St Marys on Thursday. Saint Catherine got off to a quick start scoring 9 goals in the first quarter with Amira-Kate and Karolina scoring.

Saint Catherine carried on piling on the pressure with Katherine and Emmie finishing despite the lowering sunlight.

The third and fourth quarter saw Saint Catherine scoring 10 more goals courtesy of Sophia, Sadie, Noelle and Victoria.

After 48 minutes of netball played this season, we have scored 48 goals and conceded 0! Let's keep it going!!

Mr Lynam

Amazon wishlist

Thank you to all of our parents who have purchased items from our Amazon Wishlist. It is really appreciated and so very generous of you all.



Our amazing girls netball team!



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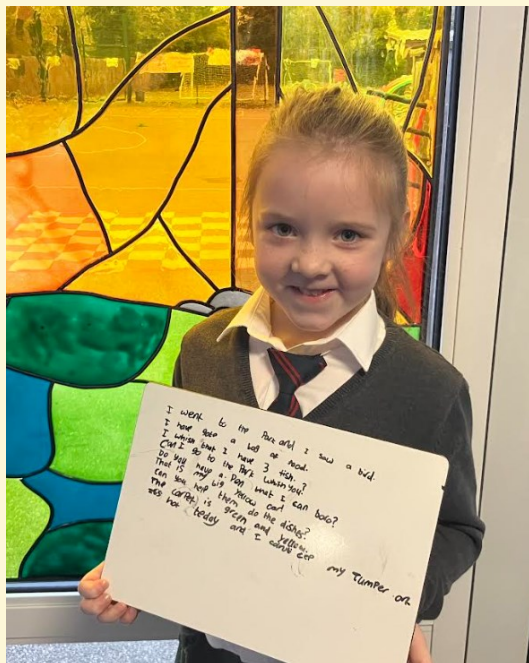
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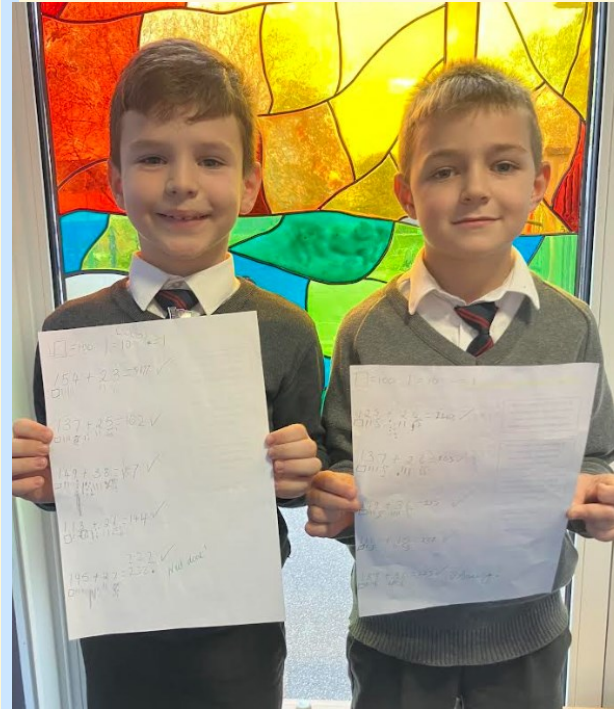
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Irish dancing queen

Congratulations to Maeve who came to see me this week with her amazing trophy for finishing 5th in her category at the British Nationals. What an amazing achievement! Well done Maeve.



Maths wizards!



Well done to Michael and Lucas in Year 2 who came to see me with their amazing addition work. The boys were using partitioning to add 3 digit numbers to 2 digit numbers mentally. Incredible.

Writing whizzkid!

Well done to Nancy in Year 1 for making super progress with her writing, particularly her handwriting. It is amazing to see such progress so early in the year.



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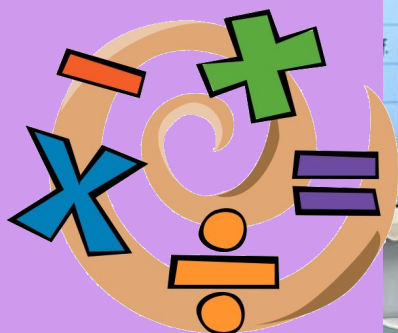
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Fraction sensation

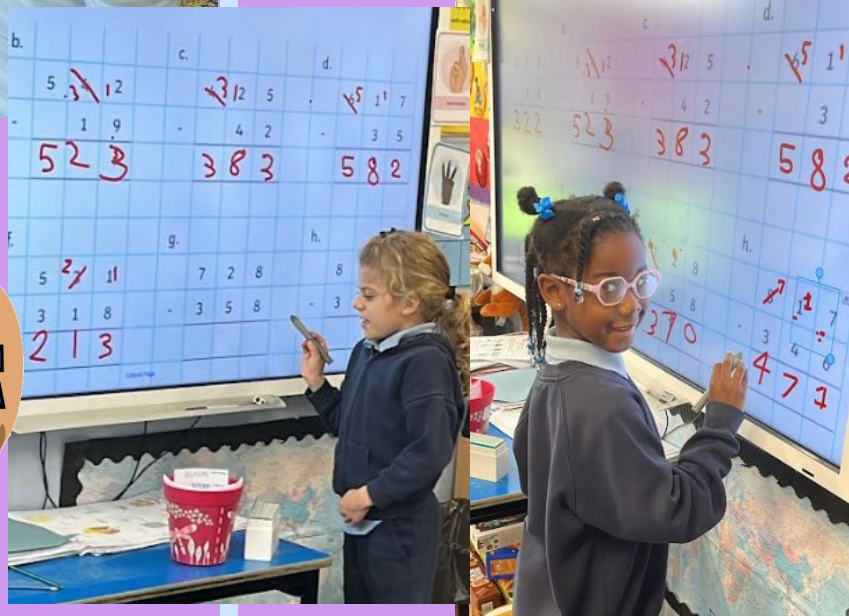
Well done to Skylar in Year 6 who impressed Mrs Reardon so much this week with her explanation of how to compare fractions.



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Addition magicians!

Well done to Year 3 this week who have been adding using the column method of addition. It is so lovely to see a class so enthused about mathematics!



Poppy painting in Art club

Well done to the children in our art club who, this week, made some beautiful poppy paintings using plastic bags instead of brushes! Thank you to Mrs Kowlaska for inspiring our children week after week.



Reception Church visit

On Thursday the Reception children visited St Catherine church for the first time as a class.

They looked and talked about some of the different parts of the church and how we should act with respect in God's house.

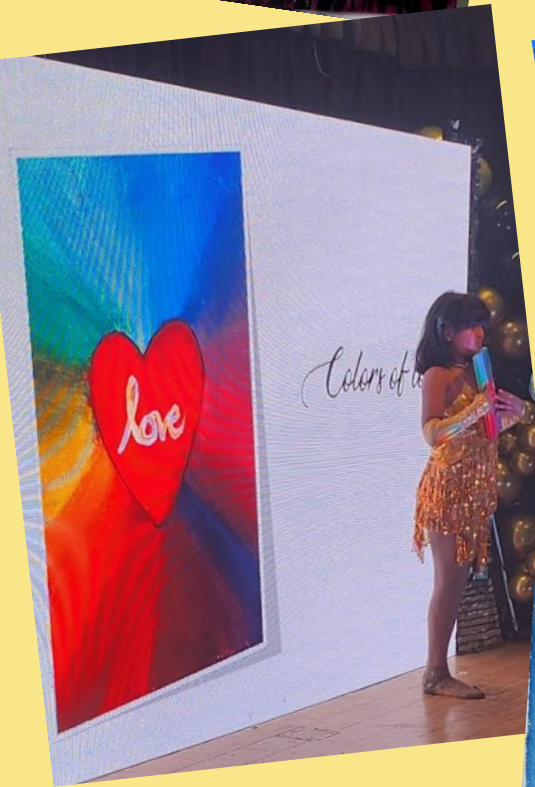
The children practised actions including genuflecting and kneeling for prayer. They also had a photograph altogether on the altar which will be lovely to compare to when they are in year 6.

The children were beautifully behaved and they can't wait to attend church with the rest of the school on the Feast of St Catherine on Monday 25th November.

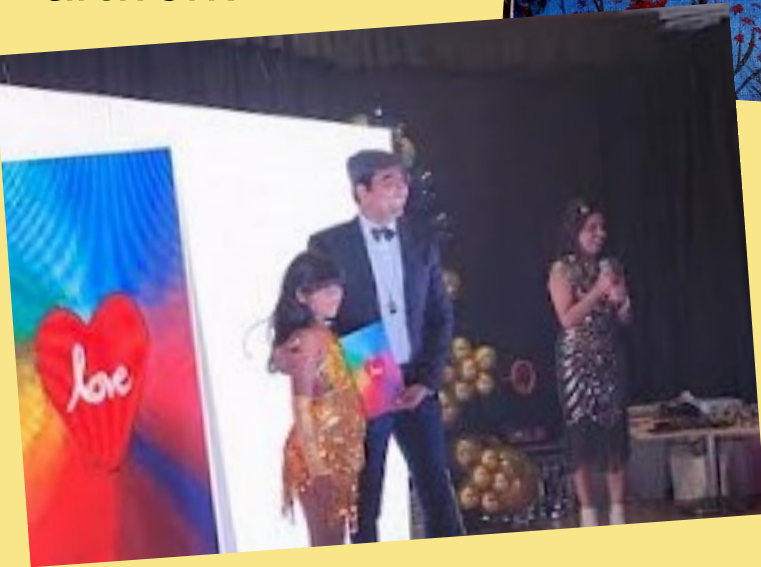
Mrs Phaure



A special mention to Nicole in Year 4, who I was informed raised over £270 for the Rainbow Trust (who support children with serious illnesses) by auctioning off some of her INCREDIBLE artwork. This was at her own birthday party! Nicole we are so proud that you are putting your God given talents to such wonderful use and that on a day when the attention was on you, you were thinking of those less fortunate.



Some examples of Nicole's wonderful artwork





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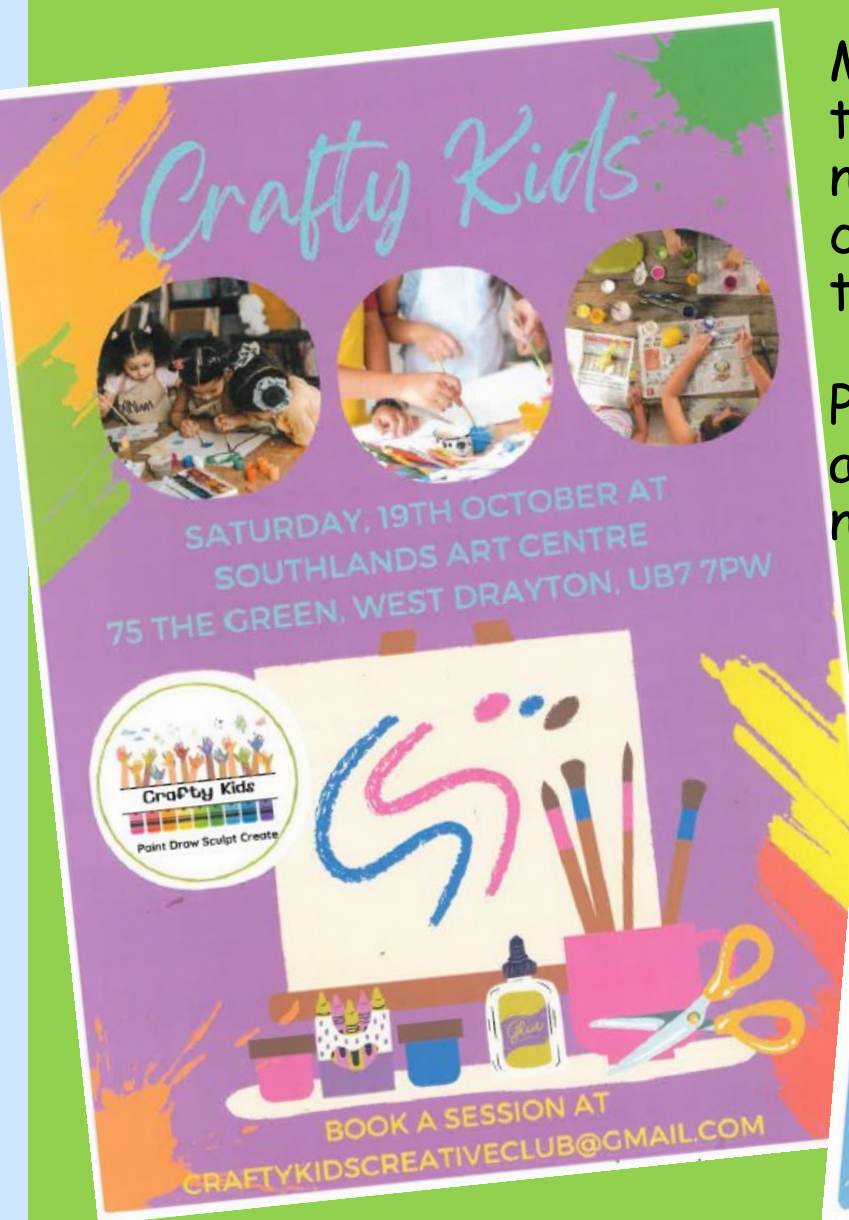
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Crafty Kids

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.



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Our prayer for November is the . During November the Catholic Church remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas.

Please make this a prayer that you say with your children at home during November. They should try to remember it by heart.



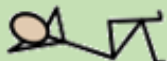
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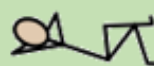


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Amen



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.

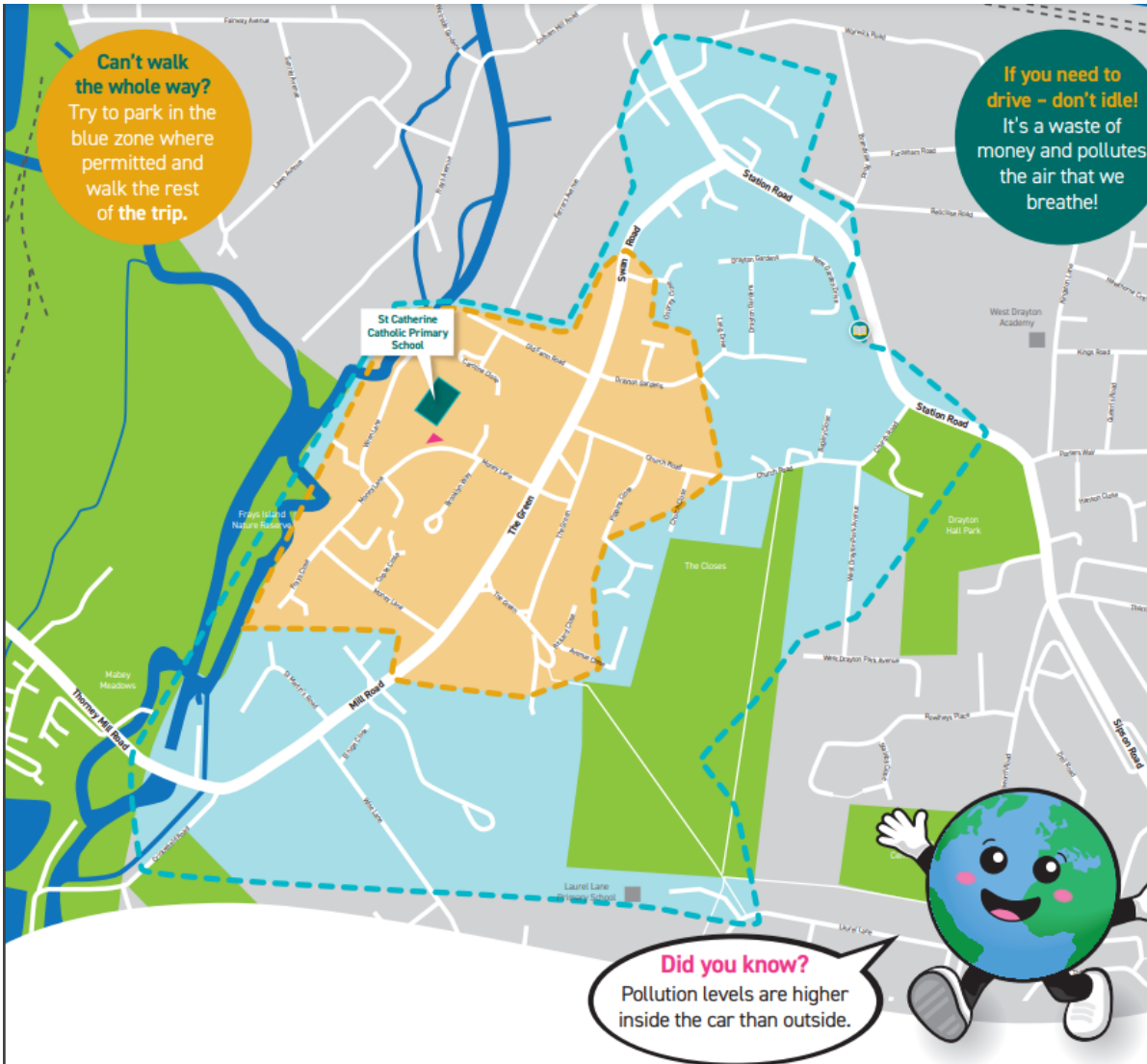
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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





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

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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.



St Catherine Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 2nd Sept INSET DAY

Wednesday 3rd Sept– INSET DAY

Start of term - Thursday 4th September 2025

End of term - Friday 24th October 2025

Half term - Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

Start of term - Monday 3rd November 2025

End of term – Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Holiday - Monday 22nd Dec 2025 - Friday 2nd Jan 2026

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY

Start of Term - Tues 6th January 2026

End of Term - Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term - Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

Start of Term - Monday 23rd February 2026

End of Term - Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holidays - Monday 30th March- Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

Start of Term - Monday 13th April 2026

End of Term - Thursday 21st May 2026

Friday 22nd May - INSET DAY

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June - INSET DAY

Start of Term – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

End of Term – Tuesday 21st July 2026

Important future diary dates

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

Mon 9th Dec: Panto (Goldilocks) in school for Nursery, Reception, Yrs 1 and 2

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

Tuesday 10th December: Nursery Christmas Production for parents at 10.30am

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

