



Diary Dates

NEWSLETTER

29th November 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lat Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the Church year.

On Monday we celebrated the Feast of our school's patron Saint—Catherine of Alexandria. She made Jesus her King - even refusing to marry the Roman emperor Maxentius because she had dedicated her life to God.

This Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent and is a time when we repent and say sorry so we can turn back to God. Purple, the Liturgical colour for this time of year, symbolises repentance. Let's make sure that this year, we are more ready than ever to welcome Jesus and allow him to rule our hearts through our thoughts, actions and words just as St Catherine did.

Have a lovely weekend everybody and enjoy opening your Advent calendars!

Mr Doherty

Attendance

Attendance this week is at 94.9%. Up 0.1% from last week.

Year 4 are this weeks top class for the second week in a row with 98.3% attendance. Well done Year 4.



Welcome Mrs Charlton

This week we officially welcomed Mrs Charlton to our wonderful staff team. Mrs Charlton will be teaching in Reception three days a week until July.



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FSCS News



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CHRISTMAS @ St Catherine's

YOU ARE INVITED TO ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 3-5 PM **FREE ENTRY**
IN THE PARISH HALL

Join us for delicious treats, hot dogs, games, tombolas, Christmas 150 Squares, and much more

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES

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FSCS Christmas Fayre

Make sure to join us for our biggest event of the season, the Christmas Fayre.

Tickets will be on sale in the playground from next week for the 150 squares.

We are in need of volunteers for the event:

- Setting up and clearing away on the day
- Running a stall during the event
- Bake a donation for our fantastic cake stall, but if you're not a budding baker, shop bought treats would be welcome too! These should be dropped off on Friday morning



Join us for the coffee morning on Thursday 5 December, where we will make a start on prepping for the fayre over a mug of warm tea or coffee and some biscuits!

Please speak to your WhatsApp group class rep or find a committee member on the playground if you can help.



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Clothes Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to The Little Recyclers on Monday. This enabled us to raise **£75** for our School!



Coming up...

Wednesday 4 December

Deadline for the return of Gift Day forms and payment is 9 am.

Thursday 5 December

Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Friday 6 December

Bottle Donation Day

Bring in a bottle donation and wear your own clothes.

Christmas Fayre



Monday 16 December

Gift Day

Please use one form per child (separate form for each sibling), if you require another copy, please ask the school office. Payments can be made in cash in an envelope, with the forms or via ParentPay.



We need volunteers for this event on the day, from 8.30 am to approximately 11 am. Volunteers will help the children 'shop' for their chosen recipients and then wrap their gifts ready to take home. Please speak to your WhatsApp group class rep or find a committee member on the play-ground if you can help.



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Tree planting workshops

I am delighted to inform you that 'Trees for Cities' have invited Years 2-6 to attend tree planting workshops in the Closes next week.

Following last week's litter pick this is yet another way that our children are putting their faith into action by fulfilling one of the six Catholic Social Teachings—Care of creation.

Year 6's workshop is on Tuesday 3rd and Years 2-6 will be on Thursday 5th. **Please make sure your children bring wellies to school and a spare pair of socks just in case.**

If you are able to volunteer to support on the day please let your child's class teacher know.



TREES FOR CITIES



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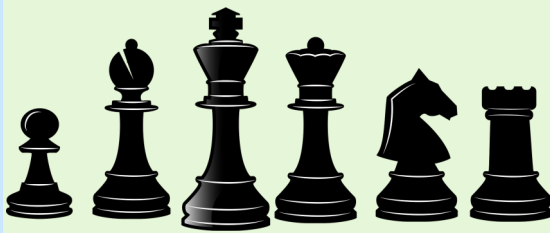
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Chess player of the week

Well done to Abigail, who was chess player of the week on Monday. Abigail managed her first ever checkmate. Well done!

Tuesday's top player was Tomasz, who won a tough match with an impressive Check mate. Tomasz is currently in joint second place on our player leaderboard. Well done Tomasz.



Running club

There will be no running club this Friday because of the FSCS Christmas Fayre.



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.



Have you lost a watch?

This watch was found in our EYFS area. If it's yours please claim from the office.





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Well done to Tiwa, who came to see me with her swimming certificate this week. Tiwa is now an Aquatots Manta Ray! Well done Tiwa.

Pantomime permission letter and lunch order

Can I please remind you to return the pantomime permission letter and lunch order, which was sent via ParentPay on 25th November to all the parents of KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5 and 6) children. Thank you.

Bottle donation/ non uniform day

A reminder that this Friday is bottle donation day for the FSCS Christmas Fayre. The children can wear their own clothes on Friday in exchange for a bottle.



Thank you to all of the families who sent chocolate in this week for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. Your generosity is, once again, greatly appreciated.



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Walk to School November

Well done to all of the children who were awarded their Walk to School badge for November by walking, cycling or scooting to school at least once a week in the last month.

Below are the percentages of total number of ACTIVE travel days for the top 3 classes in November:

- 1st place - Year 3 - 89%
- 2nd place - Year 6 - 86%
- 3rd place - Year 5 - 82%

Well done Year 3!

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 December.

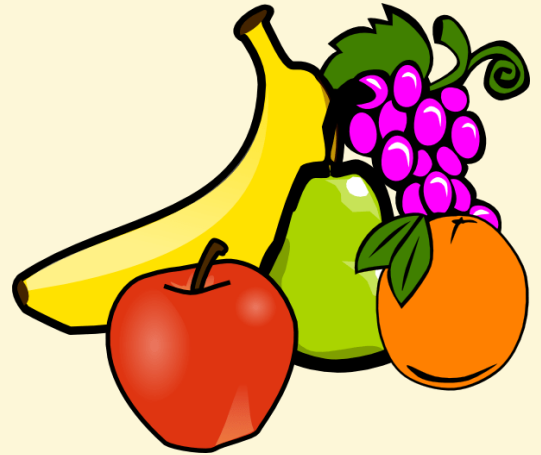
Remember you must travel actively at least once a week in order to achieve your badge.



December badge

Playtime snacks

Can I please remind parents that we encourage the children to have a breaktime snack. This snack must be **fruit or vegetables**.



Thank you

Can I say a big thank you to our Reception parents who accompanied their children to their first school Mass on Monday.

It was so lovely to have some of our youngest children with us in Church.





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This week the children had a wonderful time creating holiday-themed crafts! They made baubles and Christmas trees using paper plates, which they then decorated with shiny jingle bells, colourful gems, and their own beautiful paintings. It was a free-choice activity, allowing each child to express their creativity in their own unique way.

The excitement was contagious, and they were so absorbed in their work that they didn't want to leave their unfinished projects behind. On that note, dear parents, I do apologize for the slight delay in pick-up. I simply couldn't interrupt their focus and enthusiasm—it was a joy to see them so deeply engaged. As a teacher, there's no greater reward than witnessing your students so absorbed in the process of creating. Thank you for your understanding!

Mrs Kowalska



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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FREE PLACES AVAILABLE
FOR BENEFIT RELATED FSM CHILDREN

EARLY BIRD PRICE
BOOK NOW BEFORE FRIDAY 13th December
TO AVOID PAYING £25 PER DAY



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NEW YEARS CAMP

SPECIALIST MULTI- SPORT HOLIDAY CAMP

USE CODE SIB10 AT CHECKOUT FOR 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT



For Children aged 4-12 years

Monday 23rd December- Friday 3rd January

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

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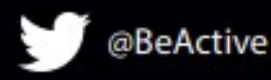
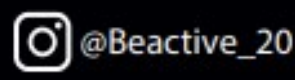
**DAILY COSTS
STANDARD DAY**
9.00-3pm- £20

**ADDITIONAL DAILY COSTS*
LATE PICK UP**
3.00-3.30pm- £5
* Late pickup not available at St Catherine's



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- TAG RUGBY
- HOCKEY
- ATHLETICS

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.



HAF WINTER 2024

Free funded spaces available for benefit related free school meal children, including a hot meal!
REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!



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2- Select either Hillingdon HAF Programme or Harrow HAF Programme depending on what venue you are choosing to book

3- Select the venue you would like your child to attend

4- Click 'Book Now' (you will need your unique 6 character HAF reference code in order to complete the booking form- **HILLINGDON HAF ONLY**)

If you are having trouble booking online or would like more information regarding the HAF programme please contact us via email: info@beactivesports.co.uk or call 07715847132

LOCATIONS

Harrow

Roxbourne Primary
Torbay Rd
Harrow
HA2 9QF

Monday 30th December
Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January

Hillingdon

St Catherine Primary School
Money Lane,
UB7 7NX

Monday 23rd December
Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January



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

Confirm your selection and pay via our secure online system

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Scan with your smart phone

Our prayer for December is the Act of Sorrow. During Advent we repent (make things right with God) in preparation for the coming of Jesus. Purple is the colour of repentance and is represented in three of the candles on the Advent wreath. This is a sorry prayer that all the children should know.

Please make this a prayer that you say with your children at home during December.


The Act of sorrow

Oh my God because you are so good

I am very sorry

that I have sinned against you

and with your help

I will try not to sin again.

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.

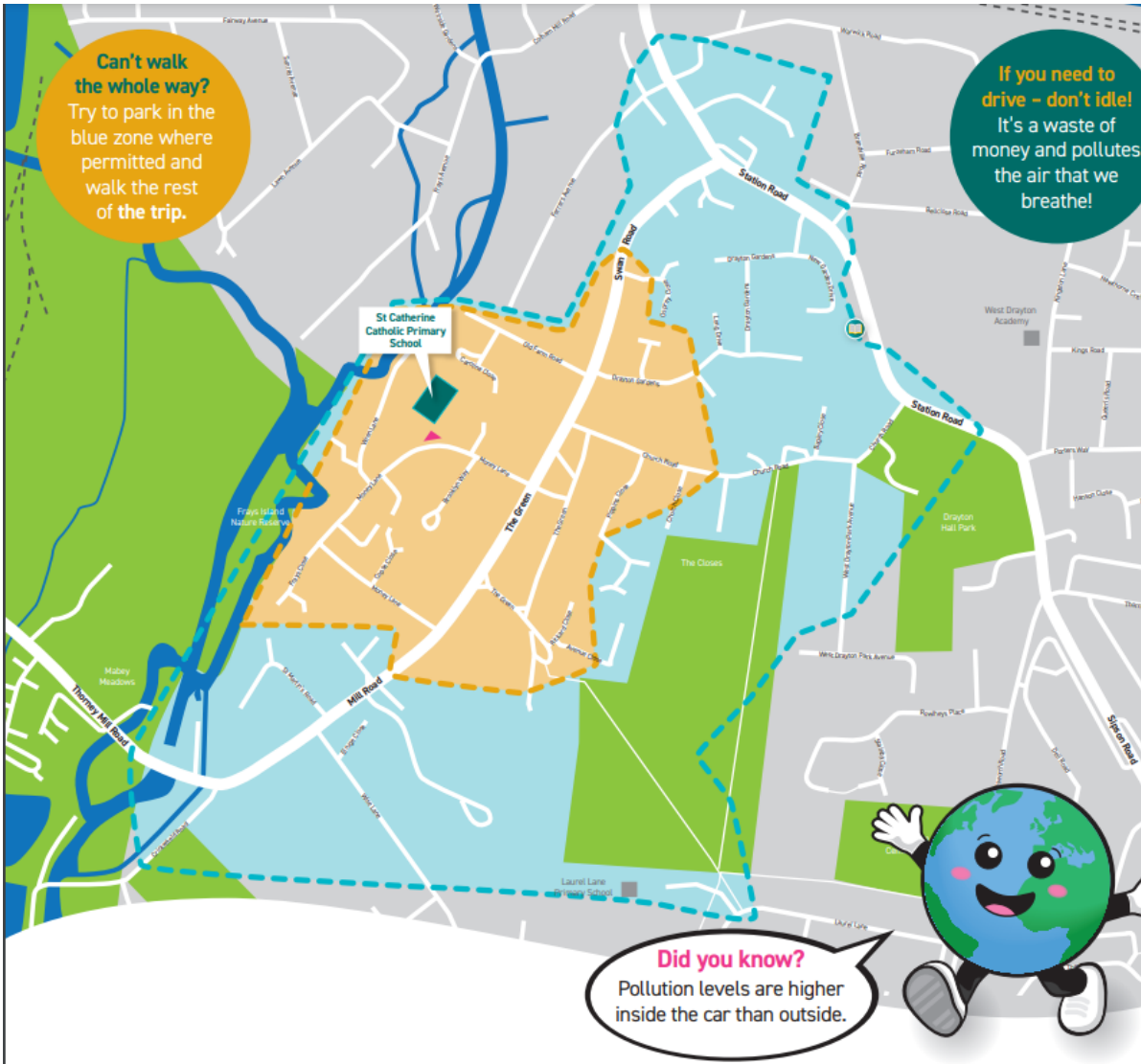
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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





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.





St Catherine Catholic Primary School and Nursery

*Our next community Stay and Play morning
for Nursery and Reception aged children
and siblings will be held on:*



Saturday 15th March

10am until 12 noon

This event is open to children children
currently attending our school and children in
the local community. If you have a questions
please contact our office:

office@stcatherine.co.uk

telephone: 01895442839

Important future diary dates

Thurs 5th December: KS1 Advent service at 6pm in school hall

Fri 6th December: Bottle donation day and non uniform day

Fri 6th December: Christmas Fayre (after school) in Parish Hall

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

Thursday 12th December: Reception Nativity performance at 2pm

Monday 16th December: FSCS Gift Day

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

Wednesday 18th: School Christmas dinner day

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

