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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Sunday we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent. In whole school assembly we learnt that the first candle represents hope.

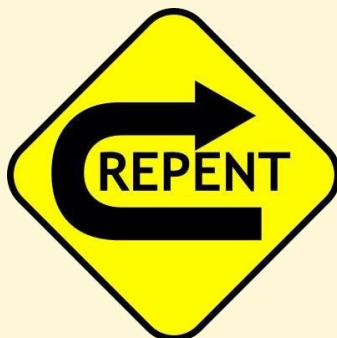
I told the children the story behind Thanksgiving in America (which was celebrated at the end of November). It is a story of peoples complete trust in God and never giving up hope. They knew God would provide because their faith was so strong.

Please ask your children what they remember from the story especially about the fish heads!

On Wednesday we had our Advent Penitential. Advent is a time when we think about how we can prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. The purple colour of the candles is a symbol of repentance and turning back to God. In our Advent Penitential we said sorry for the times we have failed to make good choices and promised to try even harder to be more like Jesus.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



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End of term Mass on Tuesday

The school will be celebrating the end of another wonderful term and giving thanks at our school Mass on Tuesday at 9.30am in the Church. Please join us if you can.



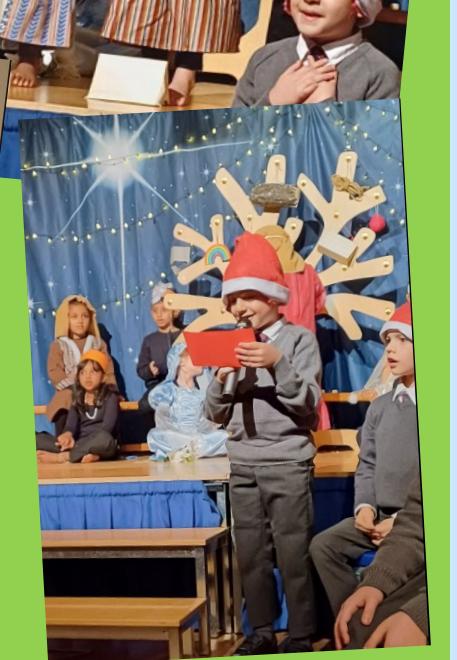
Singing at Church

The children have been invited to sing with the Church at the 11am Mass on 15th December. It would be lovely to see as many children there as possible.



KS1 Advent service

Thank you to Years 1 and 2 for starting our Christmas season at St Catherines with their Advent service about the tradition of the Jesse tree. It was a VERY special evening with wonderful singing, signing, acting and speaking. Your teachers and I were so proud of you all as were your friends and family.



Blood, bones and bladders.

A huge thank you to Dr Hannah Weston-Simons, who came in today to talk to KS2 about blood and to read some of her poetry to the children. It was such a privilege to have her and it was a wonderful way to learn about how special our blood is. Please do talk with your children about what they learnt today about the spleen, white and red blood cells, platelets, the role of our bones in the blood system to name just a few of the topics covered. If you would like to buy Dr Hannah's book please follow the link:

www.bloodbonesandbladders.co.uk

and choose the school visit copy from the online 'shop' then enter the school and your child's name and class. Having purchased the book myself I can highly recommend it. The books will be in school next week if you order quickly.





FSCS News

Thank you to our wonderful FSCS for yet another incredible Christmas Fayre today. We are so lucky to have so many volunteers willing to give their time to support the school and help us enrich life for the children of St Catherines.

Can I also say a big thank you to all of our parents/carers, families and friends who came along and supported the school by spending their money. You are always so generous and it is appreciated more than I can say.

Mr Doherty





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Tree planting workshops

Thank you to 'Trees for Cities' who delivered tree planting workshops to Years 2-6 this week. This was yet another way in which we were able to put Catholic Social Teaching into practice by caring for God's creation. By planting trees we benefit the whole community. Talk with your children about the benefits of planting trees. This formed a big part of the workshops.





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Carol singing for the UCM

Thank you to Year 4 who sang beautifully at the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) coffee morning this week. One of the pillars of Catholic Social Teaching is 'Community and Participation'. I can think of few better examples of this than sharing our children's talents with the members of such a special Church group.





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PSD Pokemon football tournament

Thank you to the PSD team who invited us to take part in the Pokemon football cup at Uxbridge FC. What a wonderful opportunity for our team to play at a very special venue. Unfortunately we didn't manage to win a game in our group. The standard was exceptionally high. Well done team for your efforts and thank you to Mr Lynam and Mr Casse for coaching.



Make do and mend project



This week Year 6 were making Christmas tree decorations by stitching scraps of fabric. I think you'll agree these look amazing. This was a Design project linked to their current history topic on World War 2.





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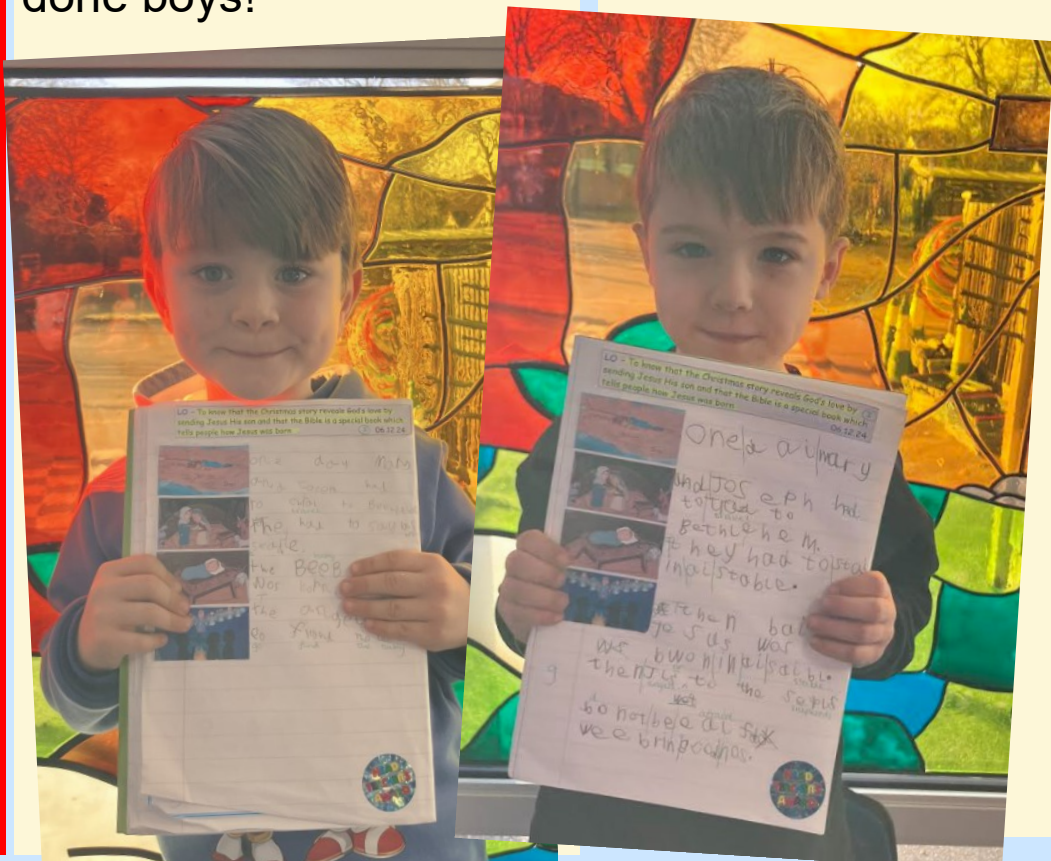
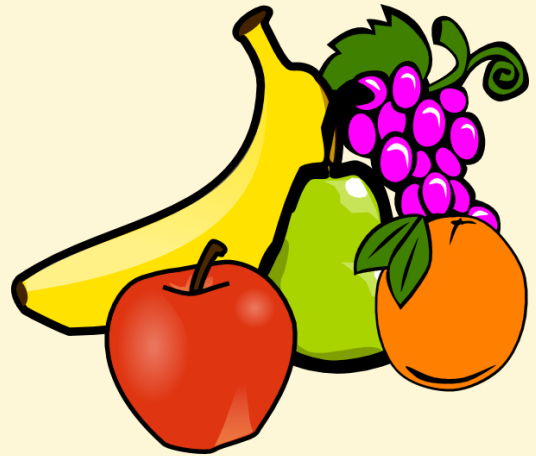
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Christmas story writing

Well done to Simon and Arthur in Year 1, who were sent to see me by a VERY proud Miss Hobbs for their wonderful recount of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem from Nazareth. I was also VERY impressed by how much they wanted to tell me about what they had learnt. I could barely get a word in edgeways! Well done boys!

Playtime snacks

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



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 the year 1000
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 and Joseph had
 to go to
 Bethlehem. M.
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 impossible.

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 born Mary and
 Joseph took
 him to the
 manger.

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TTRS Battle of the Classes

This week Years 5 and 6 and Years 3 and 4 have been engaged in battle on Times Table Roackstars. Here are the results:

Y6 won against Y5 (1521 to 1293). The top player was Alexandra from Yr 5 with 24,240 points and close second Amira-Kate Brown with 24,124 points.

Yr 4 won against Yr 3 (1519 to 409). The top player was Artur from Yr 4 with 17,561 points and Clyde second with 7,498 points.

Well done children and keep practicing your times tables whenever you can.



Bottle donation/ non uniform day

Thank you to all of the families who sent bottles in today for the Christmas Fayre. Your generosity is, once again, greatly appreciated.



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.





ART



There wouldn't be Christmas without a Christmas tree !! Today was a festive and creative day as we embraced the magic of Christmas!

The children gathered to make their own enchanted Christmas trees, using paint, golden paper, and tinsel. They eagerly experimented with mixing and blending various colours, creating unique shades that brought their trees to life.

It was a joyful, hands-on celebration of Christmas spirit as each tree took shape, becoming a personal work of holiday art. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who patiently waited for their children to finish. Your support means the world to both them and me.

Mrs Kowalska



ROAD TO RIAT STEM GLIDER CHALLENGE

This week Year 6 took part in the live event: `RAF Glider Challenge`. They had to design, create and test a glider in teams of two and determine what type of aircraft was the best design to achieve the longest distance.

The winners of the class competition were Amira-Kate and Victoria with their gliders travelling a huge 8.86 meters. Peter and William were a close 2nd with 8.81 metres! Well done children.

Thank you to the RAF and the Smallpiece Trust for the opportunity to take part in the challenge, which was free of charge and gives our children the chance to experience purposeful STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities.



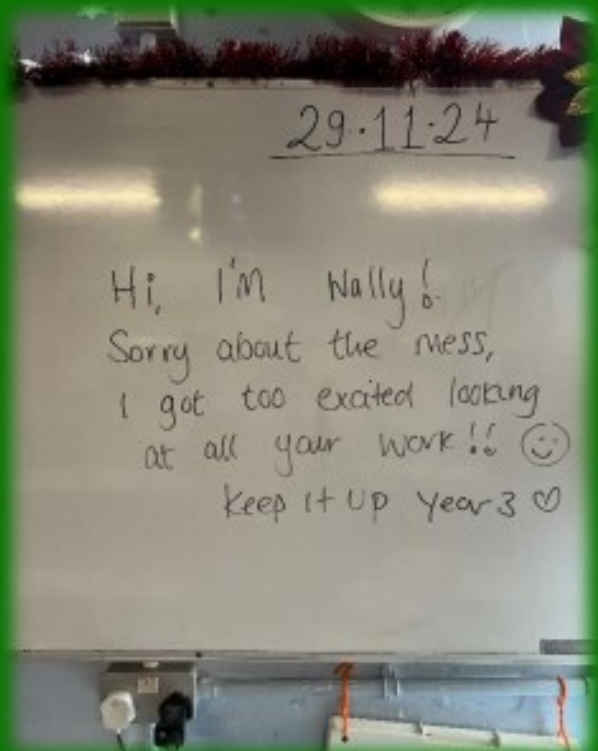
Jolly and Wally have arrived at ST Catherine School!!



" Hi my name is Jolly!! I'm the good Elf! I'm staying nice and warm with the office team while I learn all your names and will be reporting back to the North pole.

My naughty twin brother Wally is being very naughty around the school and causing chaos!! Please keep an eye on him if you see him."

Oh No Wally has been up to no good in the Year 3 Classroom!! I wonder where he will be next.....



Cheeky ELF Wally drew all over Nursery childrens fruit!!! We all think he has gone BANANAS!!!!



Below are some photos of Wally's adventure around Year 1,2 and 5 this week

Try to catch me
Mr Do herey!!!
-from elf your bestie
You will NEVER
CATCH ME



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>

FREE PLACES AVAILABLE
FOR BENEFIT RELATED FSM CHILDREN

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



BEACTIVE

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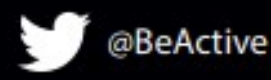
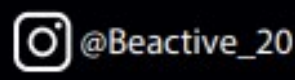
**DAILY COSTS
STANDARD DAY**
9.00-3pm- £20

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



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- DODGEBALL
- CRICKET
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- 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!



1- To book your child's FREE place visit our website www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online

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**)

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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

If you are having trouble booking online or would like more information regarding our holiday provision please contact us at:

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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.

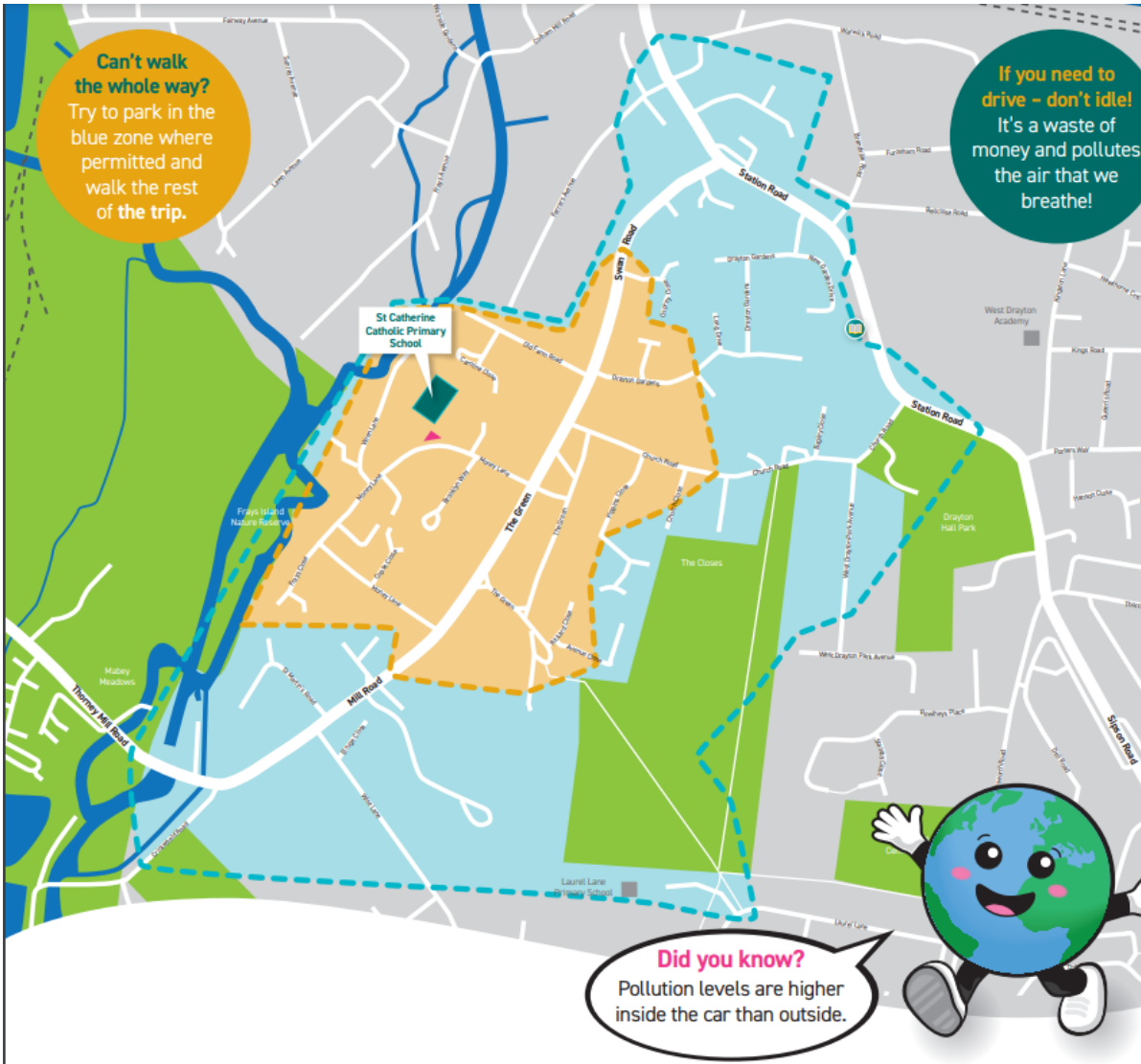
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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





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

Mon 9th Dec: Pantomime (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

Wednesday 11th December: Reception Nativity performance at 9.15am

Thursday 12th December: Year 3 trip to Verulamium

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Monday 16th December: FSCS Gift Day

Monday 16th December KS2 Community Carol concert on playground at 6pm

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

