



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another term comes to an end I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of our wonderful staff who work so hard everyday to give your children their very best.

I would also like to say well done to our children for their continued efforts in class. In celebration assembly today it was wonderful to see our teachers speak so proudly of all of their achievements this term.

Remember to keep reading children and practicing your times tables! Make sure you say thank you for all that you may receive over the Christmas period then you will truly appreciate how fortunate you are.

Finally thank you to you, our parents and families for your unwavering support and generosity. I know that myself and the staff would like to say a huge thank you for the many cards and gifts received this week. Looking after and teaching your amazing children is truly reward enough but it is so kind of you to show your appreciation.

Have a peaceful, holy and healthy Christmas and a happy New Year everybody. See you all back at school on January 7th.

Mr Doherty



Goodbyes

This week we said goodbye to Mr Andrews and Mrs Kowalska. We thank them both for all that they have done for our children and wish them every blessing for the future.



*May the road rise to
meet you.
May the wind be
always at your back.
May the sun shine
warm upon your face.
The rains fall soft
upon your fields.
And until we meet
again, may God hold
you in the palm of
his hand.*



St Catherine Catholic Primary School

FSCS News



19th December 2024

CHRISTMAS @ St Catherine's

The FSCS want to say a great big...



To our wonderful FSCS community, for your unwavering support in our mission to raise funds for our lovely School.

We wish you a blessed and restful Christmas break.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for our Christmas Hamper. Well done to **Samson, Year 2**, who had the winning raffle.



COMING UP IN 2025...

Thursday 16 January

FSCS Meeting, 7 pm, School Library

Come along and see what we can do in 2025.



Top Tech!

In Year 2 we have been learning all about vehicles for our DT topic. We looked at lots of toy cars and trucks to learn how they moved and investigated how wheels turn on an axle.

We made a prototype using card, attaching the axle and wheels using an axle holder to the chassis. Then, using what we had learnt, we designed our final product using wood, straws, dowelling and card. The children did this all independently (after being shown how to use a glue gun safely). I'm sure you'll agree that their moving vehicles are fantastic. Well done Year 2, your teachers are very proud of you. Miss Simmonds :)



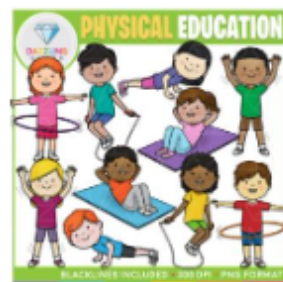
Dear parents and carers,

Please find attached PE timetable for next term. You should ensure that your child is in PE kit on the day of their PE lesson.



PE days **Spring** 2025

For the whole of the Spring Term the PE days will be:



Nursery	Tuesday
Reception	Tuesday
<i>Children will need to come to school in trainers for PE. Same uniform as always.</i>	
Year 1	Tuesday
	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday
	Thursday
Year 3	Monday
	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday
	Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday
	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday
	Wednesday



Mrs Kowalska's last Art Club

Today's after-school club was a snowy success! We made snowmen using tea lights for noses—because, of course, every snowman deserves a glowing personality! It was a fantastic, light-hearted afternoon full of laughter, creativity and holiday spirit. As today marks my last day at St. Catherine's School, I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to Mr. Doherty and his wonderful team. These past six years have been truly fantastic, filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences. I am incredibly thankful for the support, guidance, and kindness I've received during my time here. It has been an honour to be part of such a special community. Thank you all for everything. Mrs K



Singing at the Burroughs Care Home

We are so fortunate to have a strong link with The Burroughs care home in West Drayton.

Yesterday the children sang Christmas carols for the residents.

One of the pillars of Catholic Social Teaching (which the children will be learning more about this year) is Community and Participation. We encourage our children to be active participants in the community by sharing their skills and talents.

When we visit the residents of the Burroughs we are also enabling them to feel a part of our community. Well done children for performing so beautifully and to Mr Lynam for organising. A lovely way to end the term!



KS2 CAROL CONCERT

Well done to all of the children who performed at this years Community Carol Concert on the playground on Monday. This was another very special evening of carols and a beautiful way to mark the end of the festive period at school. Thank you to all of our parents/ carers and families who supported the children by coming along.



Visit from Santa!

This week we had a very special visit from Santa, who gave carrots to the children to leave out for his reindeers on Christmas Eve. He also told them that he likes milk and mince pies! I am pleased to say that none of the St Catherines children were on the naughty list! Thank you Santa for dropping by even though you must be extremely busy!



Farewell from the Naughty Elf!

Great NEWS!!!! I caught Wally sneaking into the Kitchen about to eat all the food out of the fridge!! I have put him securely into envelope to send him straight back to Santa!!!

Thank you for all being amazing and working so hard, I used my Elf powers on Mr Doherty and have given you all the day off

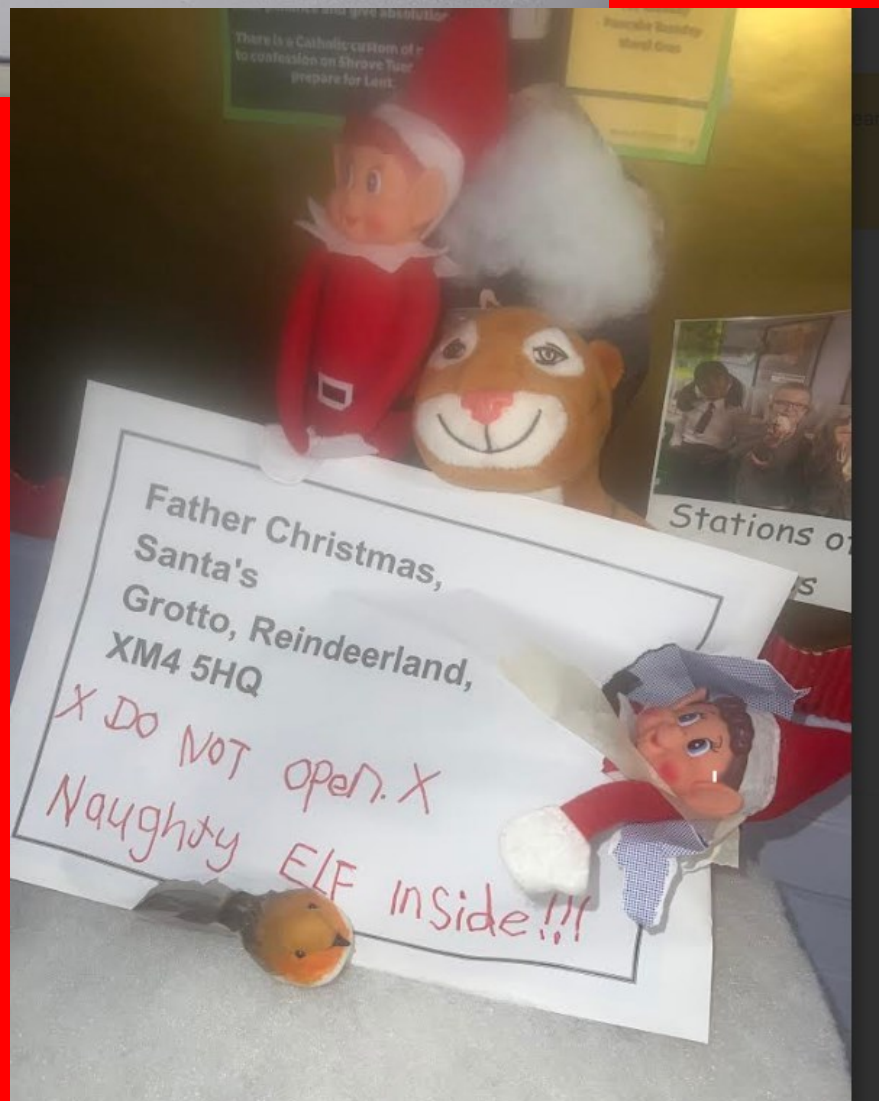
TODAY

so you can start your Christmas Holidays sooner!!!

I'm going to miss you all so much and I can't wait to see how much you all have grown when I come back next year!!

Love Jolly and Wally.

P.s – Don't forget to give us a wave goodbye on the way out, we are by the post box in the hallway waiting for the postman to collect us!



Singing at Uxbridge Golf Club



Well done to all of the children who sang so beautifully at Hillingdon Golf Club this week. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to share our passion for music and singing at St Catherines with the wider community.

Can I also say a big thank you to Mr Lynam for arranging and to the Golf Club for inviting us. The club also made a VERY generous donation to the school which they asked to have spent on our children.



Diary Dates

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Thank you FSCS

A huge thank you from all the children in KS2 to our wonderful FSCS for enabling us to attend Aladdin at the Hammersmith Apollo this week. The children had an amazing time.



Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.5%. Down 0.1% from last week.

This week's top class for attendance is Reception with 97.5% attendance. Well done Reception!





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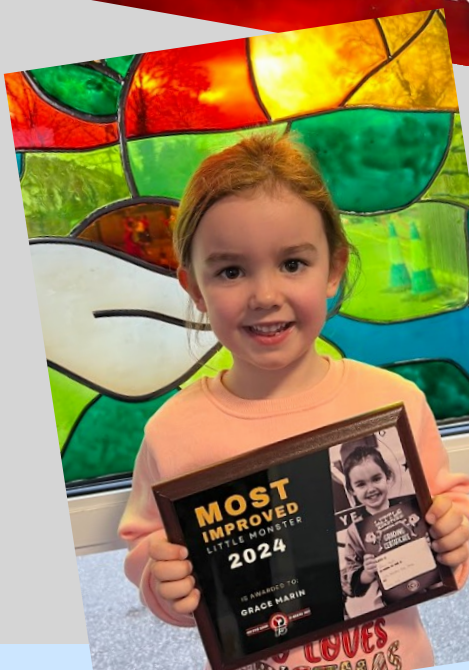
Martial Arts Masters

Well done to Szymon and Samson who achieved their green belt with white stripe in martial arts this week. What a wonderful achievement boys!



Fundraiser for The Passage

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our charity collection after the KS2 carol concert on Monday evening. We raised £222.51 for a very special charity called 'The Passage' who provide shelter for the homeless. This week, in school, we have been teaching the children about the 'Preferential Option for the Poor' and making sure that the least fortunate in society are looked after. What a wonderful way for our school to put our faith into practice.



Well done to Grace in Year 1, who also achieved great success this week in martial arts. She was recognised as the most improved student in her class this year. Another amazing achievement. Well done Grace! Isn't it lovely to see that our pupils succeed in and out of school?

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

St Catherine's Primary School | Roxbourne Primary School



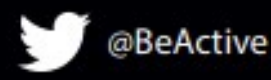
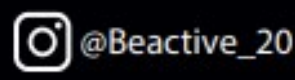
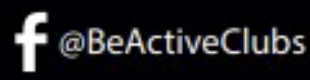
**DAILY COSTS
STANDARD DAY**
9.00-3pm- £20

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



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-  BASKETBALL
-  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**)

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

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

Email: info@beactivesports.co.uk or Call: 07715 847 132



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.

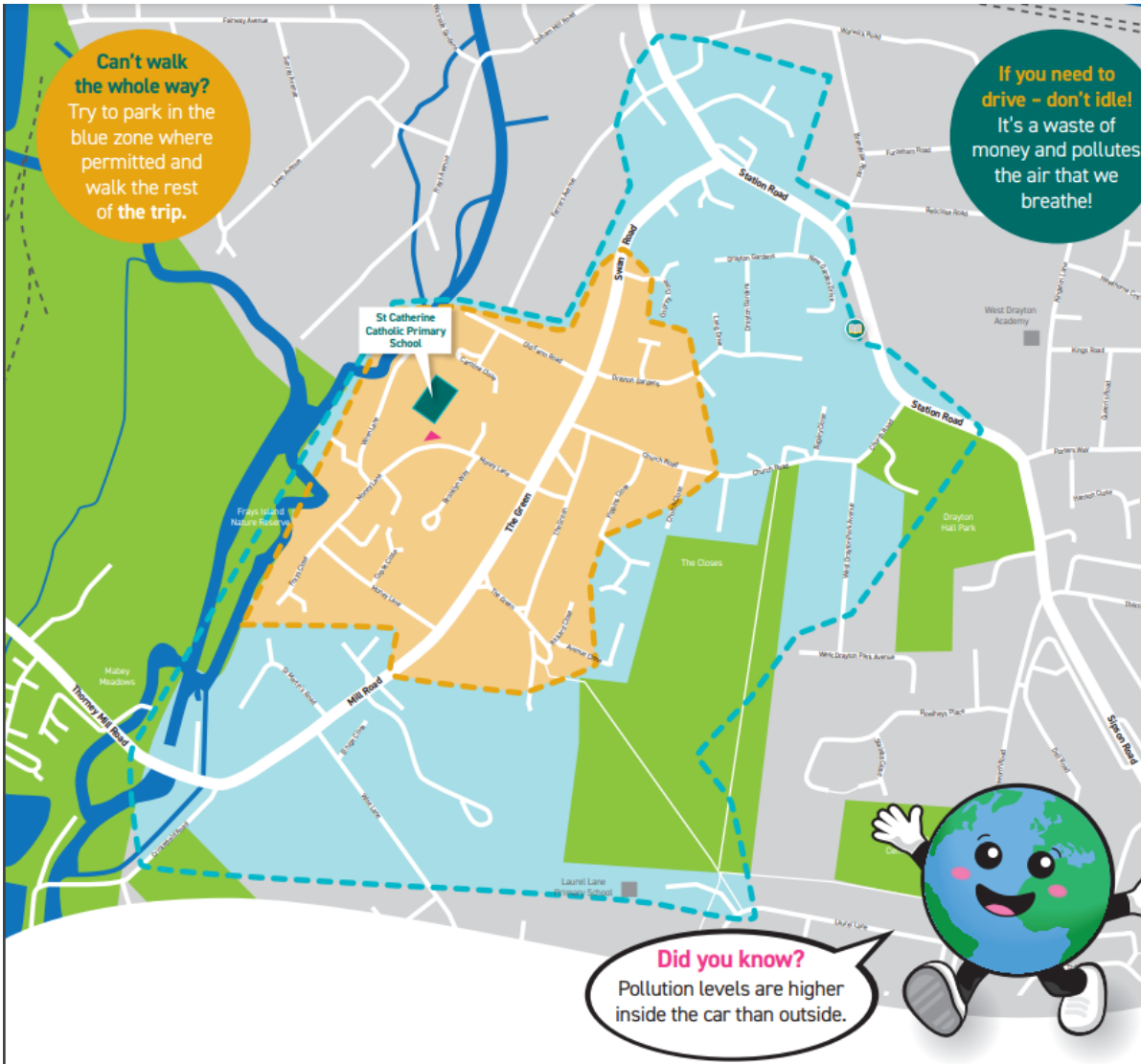
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

Monday 6th January: Teacher training day. NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 7th January: Back to school.

Thursday 9th January: Accent nutritional workshops in school

Tuesday 14th January: Beginning of term school Mass at 9.30am in Church

Thursday 16th January: Year 6 trip to 2nd World War archives in London

Saturday 18th January: Chess tournament in school

Thursday 30th January: Year 3 trip to British Museum

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st Feb: Half term