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NEWSLETTER

24th January 2025

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Football match vs Ryefield (away)

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly I told the children a story about when I was set a challenge for homework (aged 10) to see if I could work out how to step through a piece of A4 paper. I didn't believe it was possible until I let my little brother (after much pestering) show me. I had thought that if I couldn't do it how could he but then I listened to him.

We linked this to Sunday's Gospel when Jesus performed His first miracle at Cana, turning water into wine.

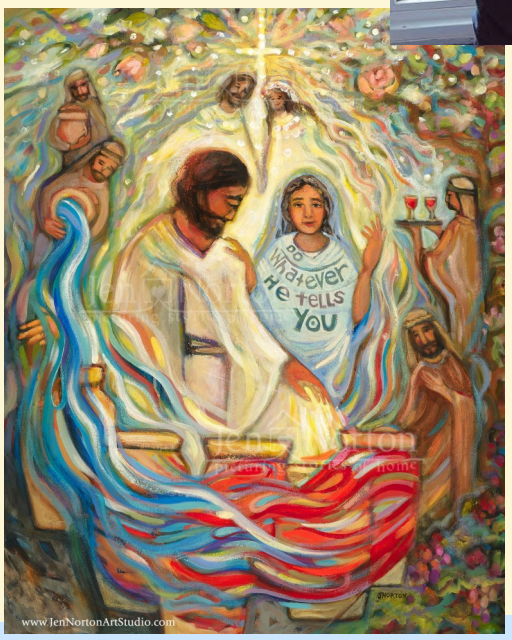
In the story we hear Mary say to the servants at the wedding: "Do whatever He tells you".

Mary's faith filled response (she believes he can turn water into wine) helped others to believe in Jesus and listen to him.

We are reminded to take our problems to Jesus, listen to His instructions and believe in Him.

Have a lovely weekend everybody

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.3%.

This week's top class for attendance is Reception with 99.3% attendance. Well done Reception!

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💖 Valentine's Disco: A Heartfelt Celebration! 💖
Get ready to groove at our Valentine's Disco on Friday 14th February! This year, we're dancing for a cause, raising funds for both our School and the Brompton Fountain Children's Charity. Join the fun at school by wearing red and contributing a £2 donation.

✨ We Need You! ✨ Your support is crucial to make this event a smashing success. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help run the stalls and create an unforgettable Disco experience.
🎟 Tickets 🎟 Grab your Disco tickets in the school playground the week before the event. Don't miss out on the fun!

Pancake Flip / EYFS Shuttle Run
Our annual Pancake Flip / EYFS Shuttle Run is a fun event for all the kids. Which year group can flip the most pancakes combined? The 2024 winners were Year 6, and they earned extra play time!

Coming up...

Friday 14th February
Bring a donation for the Brompton Fountain Children's Charity and wear red clothes and accessories at school.
Valentine's Disco - From 3pm to 5pm in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 4th March
Pancake Flip and Shuttle Run at school

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Thurs 30th Jan

Year 3 trip to the British Museum

Yrs 3-6 Football 3-4pm

Yrs 1-3 Craft club with Miss Simmonds 3-4pm

Fri 31st Jan

Running club with Mr Doherty and Mr Papini 3-4pm

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Running club

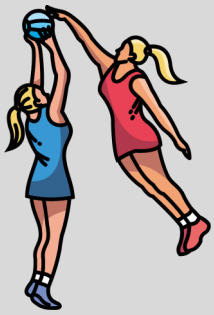
Well done to the runners, who braved the wind and mud today for the first running club of 2025. We are closing in on this years Borough Cross Country in April. I am always so impressed with the children's efforts. Running 2km is not easy!

This week we welcomed Elia (Year 4) to the squad. Well done Elia on making a great first impression! Marilyn and Ciaran ran outstanding times and were this weeks runners of the week for finishing as 1st boy and girl. Well done both of you and all of our incredible squad. Keep putting in the effort and you will reap the rewards!

Football news

Unfortunately Laurel Lane had to postpone this weeks game.

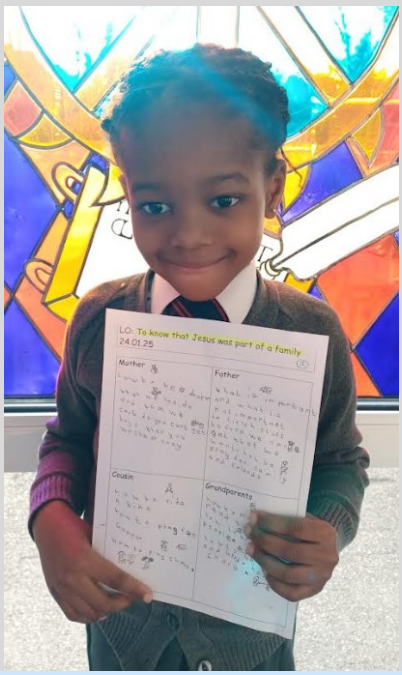
Netball news



Unfortunately St Helens had to postpone this weeks match due to a waterlogged court.

Year 1 RE (family)

I had a lovely visit today from Ewurasi in Year 1, who had some outstanding RE work to show me. Year 1 are learning about how our families help us just as Jesus' family helped him. Ewurasi (and her sister Araba) only joined us last week and she has already settled in wonderfully. Well done Ewurasi and keep up the good work.



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Hillingdon and Ealing Chess competition runners up

Well done to our chess team who were runners up in Saturdays Hillingdon and Ealing district chess competition.
We were missing some of our players but Colin and I were so proud of the teams efforts. We narrowly missed out on top spot by 1 point!
A special mention for Wenxin, who was runner up in his age group and Alexandra, who was the top girl in her age group.
Wonderful achievements.

The attached flyer was sent home with the children this week. BE ACTIVE will be in school every day of half term. The more children that attend the more the school receives. Thank you.

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For Children aged 4-12 years

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

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

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- FOOTBALL
- BASKETBALL
- DODGEBALL
- CRICKET
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- TAG RUGBY
- HOCKEY
- ATHLETICS
- NERF

LOCATIONS

Hillingdon

St Catherine Primary School
Money Lane,
UB7 7NX
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Ruislip Gardens Primary School
Stafford Road Ruislip Gardens, Ruislip
HA4 6PD
Tuesday 18th February - Thursday 20th February

Harrow

Roxbourne Primary
Torbay Rd
HA2 9Q
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Belmont School
Hibbert Road
HA3 7JT
Monday 17th February - Wednesday 19th February

St Joseph's Primary School
Dobbin Close, HA3 7LP
Wednesday 19th February - Friday 21st February

St John's CofE School
127 Stanmore Hill,
HA7 3FD
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

HOW TO BOOK

Visit our website
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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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Email: info@beactivesports.co.uk or Call: 07715847132

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Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument. The Hillingdon Music Service currently have spaces for new musicians. Please see letter below…..

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Instrumental and Vocal Tuition
with Hillingdon Music Service

Learning to sing or play an instrument can help concentration, confidence and coordination as well as being great fun!

If your child goes to a school in the borough or lives in the borough, we can arrange for them to have music lessons during the school day at their school, or on some occasions, at one of our centres at various locations across the borough. Lesson times are set by the school and our teachers to fit with their timetables so exact lesson times will vary from school to school. We aim to deliver 10 lessons each term.

To find out more and watch demonstration videos about these lessons visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/startmusic

Tuition is available on a range of instruments including woodwind, brass, strings, drum kit, piano, guitar and voice.

There is also the opportunity to play and sing with others in choirs, bands, orchestras, ukulele and steel pan groups. See more at https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/musicschool

Fees and charges are available on our website, including reduced charges for those who are unable to meet the cost.

ST CATHERINE'S AMAZON WISH LIST

amazon

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

Our prayer for January is the Jubilee prayer. 2025 is a Jubilee year in the Catholic Church. Pope Francis asks us to be ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ who work together to make the world a better place by loving God more, loving each other more and loving creation more.

Please make this a prayer that you say with your children at home during January and throughout the year.

Whole School Jubilee Prayer (official school prayer)

God, our loving Father,
In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together to replant, repair, and renew.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to love our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity; to be fair; forgiving; and kind.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others, and to be united as God's global family.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

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.

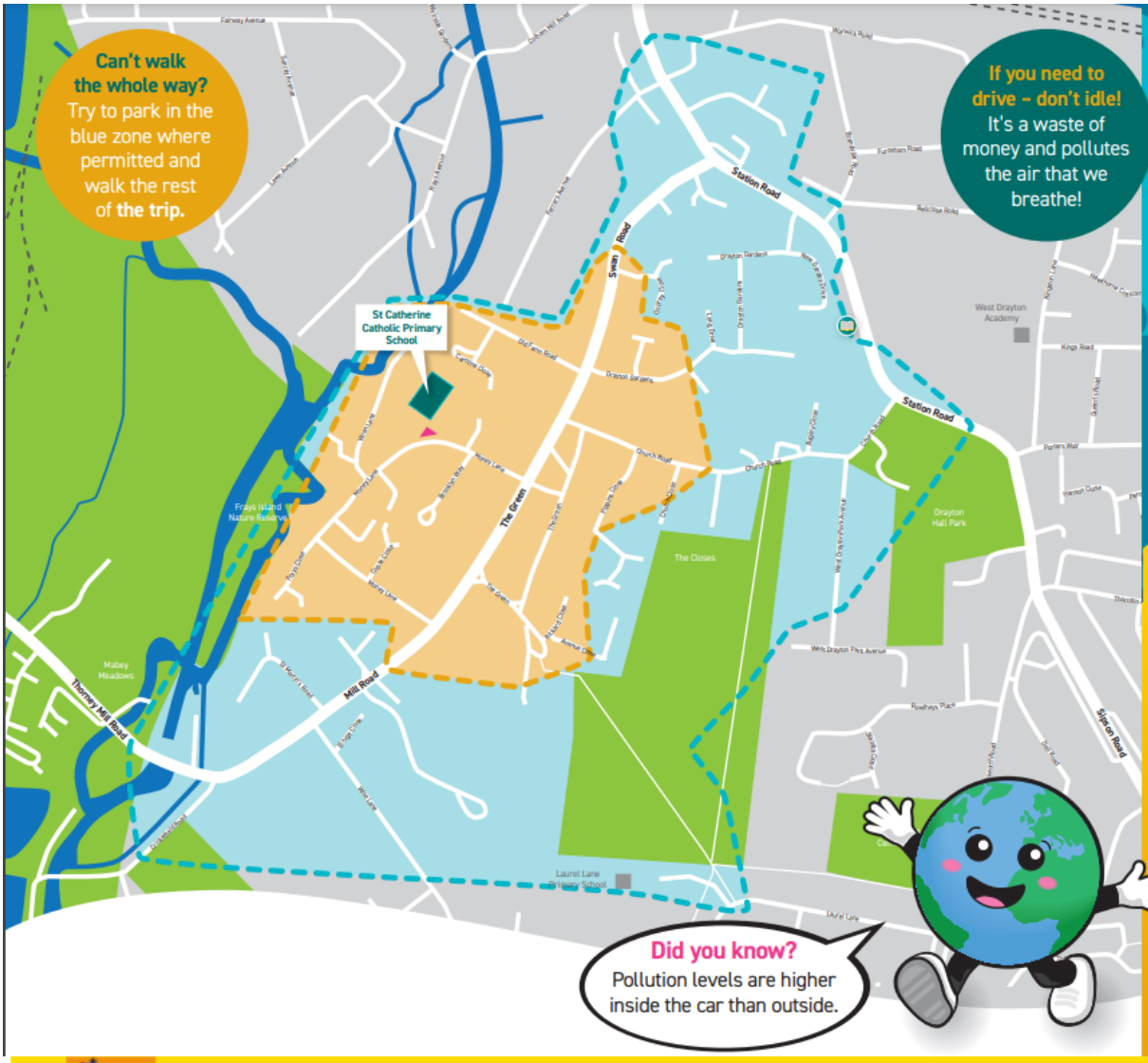
Park and Stride – If driving, park and stride can help your child earn their WOW badges. **Park at least 10 minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.** If using public transport, hop off at least 10 minutes away and walk. Use the map below to see suggestions for areas to park and stride. 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

LIVING STREETS — LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

EXPLANATION OF TRAVEL MODES ON THE WOW TRAVEL TRACKER

WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

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.

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.

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.

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

Thursday 30th January: Year 3 trip to British Museum

Friday 14th February: Wear red own clothes day—donations to the Brompton Fountain charity

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

Saturday 1st March—Girls Netball Rally

Tuesday 4th March—FSCS Sponsored pancake flip

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day

Saturday 8th March—Mixed Netball Rally

Saturday 15th March - Community Stay and Play morning

Wednesday 19th March—Junior Citizen event at Brunel (Year 6)

Tuesday 1st April—Parents Evening (3.30pm-5.30pm)

Wednesday 2nd April—FSCS Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 3rd April: Year 6 Passion Play at 9am

Thursday 3rd April—Parents Evening (4pm-7pm)

Thursday 3rd April—Borough Cross Country

Friday 4th April—Last Day of term

Tuesday 22nd April—Back to school / start of Summer term