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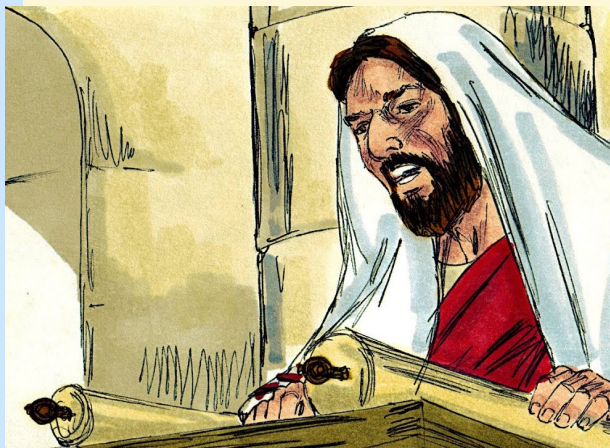
In Monday's assembly we heard the story of Jesus preaching in the synagogue. He says: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

We were reminded in this scripture passage of the special Jubilee year ahead—'Pilgrims of Hope' and our call to know and share the hope that God brings.

'With God life is an endless hope. Without Him life is a hopeless end'

This week the children were asked to think about how they can grow their friendship with God during this very special year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend everybody
Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.3%.

This week's top class for attendance is Year 3 with 99.3% attendance. Well done Year 3!



Exclusion period after illness

Can I please remind you that if your child vomits or has diarrhea, they should not return to school for a minimum of 48 hours from the last incident. This is **VERY** important in preventing the spread of further infection to children and staff. Thank you for your support.





St Catherine Catholic Primary School



FSCS News

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Valentine's Disco 2025



We need you—your support is crucial to make this event a smashing success. We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help run stalls and create an unforgettable disco experience.



Grab your Disco tickets in the School playground the week before the event.

Coming up...

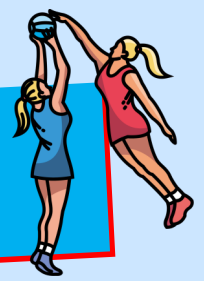
Friday 14 February **Valentine's Disco**

Bring in a donation for the Brompton Fountain Children's Charity, and wear red clothing and accessories to school and also be party ready.

Tuesday 4 March

Pancake Flip and Shuttle Run at School





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Netball news

St Helens 0 v St Catherine 20

Well done to our INCREDIBLE netball team, who remain unbeaten this season and without conceding a single goal. What an achievement!

The girls got off to a quick start against St Helens, scoring 5 goals in the first quarter. Great defending saw us withstand the St Helens counter attacks. The final quarter was St Catherine's in full flow, scoring 7 without reply.

The team (who top the netball League) now go into their last game of the season against Hermitage (away) with the chance to defend our League title. Please come along and support the team.

Player of the match: Sadie

Team: Emmie, Sophia, Amira, Kate, Karolina, Katherine, Sadie, Victoria, Noelle



Poetry/ Art collaboration in Year 6

In our recent English lessons, Year 6 had the exciting opportunity to explore the vibrant world of colours through the poetry of Grace Nichols. One poem, in particular, inspired us—a dazzling piece that celebrated the richness and diversity of colours. Fuelled by this inspiration, the children penned their own poems, imaginatively capturing their favourite colours and the feelings they evoke.

To deepen our understanding of colours, we transitioned into our Art lessons, studying striking paintings from renowned artists such as Wassily Kandinsky, Piet Mondrian, and Pablo Picasso. The children observed how these artists used shapes and colours to express emotions, prompting them to think creatively about their own artistic styles. As a culmination of this project, the students created their own paintings, using bold shapes and colours, just like the artists they admired. This seamless integration of English and Art not only enhanced their learning experience but also nurtured their creativity. The results were truly spectacular, showcasing each student's unique expression and interpretation of colour.

Mrs Reardon



Year 3 British Museum trip

On a bright and sunny day, Year 3 set off on an exciting adventure to the British Museum. This was our first time using public transport for a school trip, as we travelled on the Elizabeth Line.

When we arrived, we put our bags down and went straight to the Roman Britain exhibition. It was fascinating to see real artefacts from the past, including pieces of an amphitheatre wall, ancient sarcophagi, and the famous Vindolanda tablets with Latin inscriptions. We also explored everyday Roman objects, such as pottery and beautiful necklaces, which helped us imagine what life was like in Roman Britain.

After the exhibition, we attended a special lecture in the museum's auditorium led by an archaeologist. The talk, How Roman Was Roman Britain?, gave us insight into how Iron Age Britain changed under Roman rule. We learned so much and asked lots of great questions.

Throughout the day, everyone behaved brilliantly and represented St Catherine's School with pride. It was a fantastic trip, and we are looking forward to more adventures like this in the future!

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Running club news

Well done to our runners, who braved VERY muddy conditions today to get another session of hard running under their belts.

We had 17 children training today, which is fantastic with just 2 full months left before team selection.

This week's runners of the week were Erin and Elia for knocking huge chunks off their personal best times. Mr Papini and I were so impressed at the whole squad. Things are looking VERY promising for the Cross Country Championships in April.

Please note!

There will be no running club next week as Mr Doherty is away at a Deanery Headteachers meeting.

Football news

Unfortunately Ryefield had to postpone this weeks game due to a waterlogged pitch.



Runners of the week—Elia and Erin





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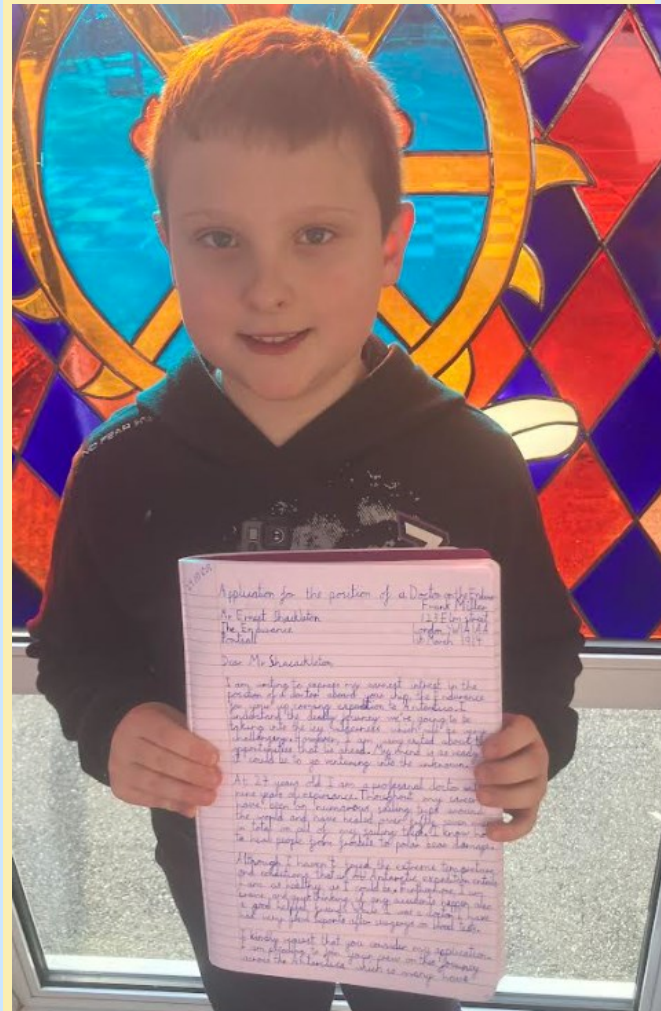
We are looking for some help in dismantling our woden gazebo on the rear playground on Saturday 1st March from 12 noon. With enough help it shouldn't take more than an hour. If you are available to help please speak to the office or email office@stcatherine.co.uk

Many thanks in advance



Excellent writing

Well done to Domas in Year 6, who was sent to see me with his OUTSTANDING writing. The children wrote fictional letters to Ernest Shackleton, applying for the position of Doctor on his ship Endurance. I have to say that it read beautifully and was written in the style of the early 1900s. This links to their current history topic on explorers. Super stuff.



Application for the position of a Doctor on the Endurance
I Ernest Shackleton
The Endurance
London W1A 1AA
18th Nov. 1917

Dear Mr Shackleton

I am writing to express my interest in the position of a doctor aboard your ship. I have the privilege of the skills, training and experience in taking care of the crew. I would like to be a part of your journey and I am confident that I can be of great help to you. I would like to be a part of your journey and I am confident that I can be of great help to you.

At 27 years old I am a professional doctor with five years of experience. Throughout my career I have been responsible for the health and wellbeing of my patients. I have a strong understanding of the human body and I am confident that I can be of great help to you. I would like to be a part of your journey and I am confident that I can be of great help to you.

Although I haven't read the entire logbook and collection of letters that you have written, I am confident that I can be of great help to you. I would like to be a part of your journey and I am confident that I can be of great help to you.

I kindly request that you consider my application. I am confident that you will find me to be a valuable member of the Endurance. I would like to be a part of your journey and I am confident that I can be of great help to you.



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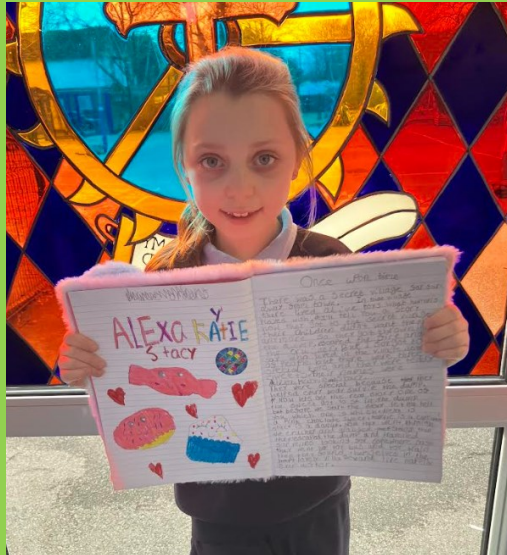
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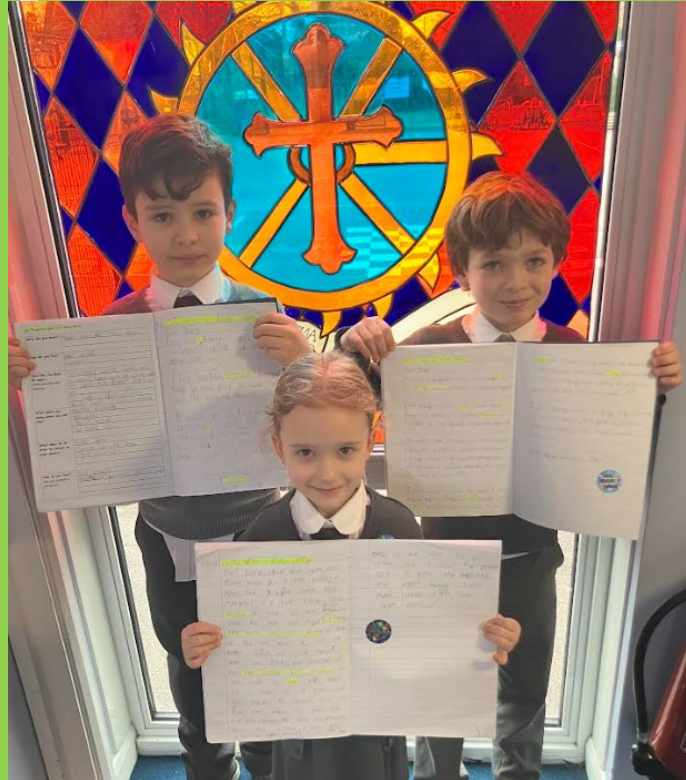
Budding writer



I had a lovely visit from Beatrix in Year 3, who wanted to show me her writing that she has been doing independently at home. Beatrix is writing a book based upon the adventures of three toys (Alexa, Kaytie and Stacy) who get thrown away by their owners. It is so lovely to see our children pursuing their interests away from the classroom and putting the skills learnt at school to such good use. Well done Beatrix.



Write on!



Well done to Kristian, Lukas and Elizabeth in Year 2, who were sent to see me with wonderful diary entries inspired by their class book 'Ossiri and the Bala Mengro'. The book is about a Traveller girl who creates her own musical instruments from a willow branch and lots of recycled materials and awakens an ogre with the noise she makes. I was so very impressed at the children's use of adjectives, in particular when describing meeting the Bala Mengro.



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.



BEACTIVE //

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP

SPECIALIST MULTI- SPORT HOLIDAY CAMP //

USE CODE SIB10 AT CHECKOUT FOR 10% SIBLING DISCOUNT

EARLY BIRD PRICE
BOOK NOW BEFORE FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY TO AVOID PAYING £25 PER DAY



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

St John's Cof E School | St Joseph's Primary School | Ruislip Gardens Primary School | St Catherine's Primary School | Belmont 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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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.

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

LOCATIONS //

Hillingdon	Harrow	
St Catherine Primary School Money Lane, UB7 7NX	Roxbourne Primary Torbay Rd HA2 9Q	St Joseph's Primary School Dobbin Close, HA3 7LP
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February	Wednesday 19th February - Friday 21st February
Ruislip Gardens Primary School Stafford Road Ruislip Gardens, Ruislip HA4 6PD	Belmont School Hibbert Road HA3 7JT	St John's CofE School 127 Stanmore Hill, HA7 3FD
Tuesday 18th February - Thursday 20th February	Monday 17th February - Wednesday 19th February	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

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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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: 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.



www.hillingdon.gov.uk

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>

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.

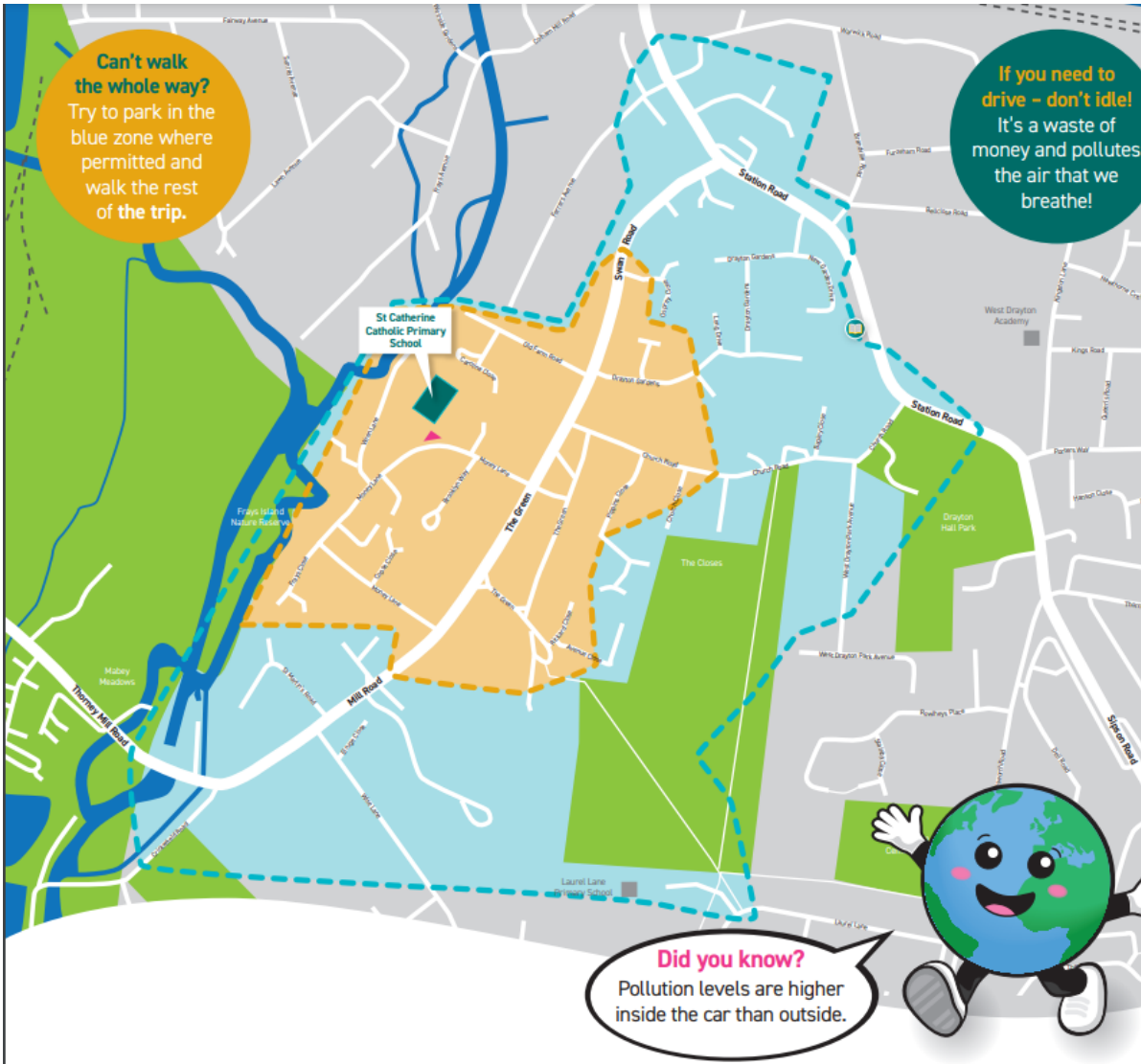
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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





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

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

