



## Diary Dates

# NEWSLETTER



28th February 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard Jesus tell His followers to love their enemies.

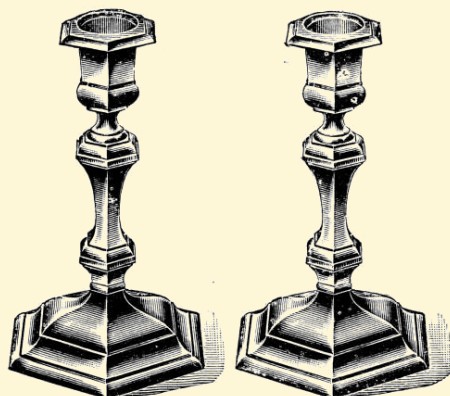
I explained to the children that how we feel on the inside shows on the outside not just in our expressions but how we treat others. When we have feelings of sadness or anger that rise up inside, they can lead us to react. Jesus asks us to love those that we find it difficult to love and to see the other person as God sees them, a person worthy of love and respect.

If we choose to grow love in our hearts then this will flow from the inside out, and bless others.

I told the children the story of Jean Valjean from the musical Les Miserables. He is a man full of hate from his treatment in prison for 19 years (after stealing a loaf of bread) but is changed forever by the loving act of a Bishop. See if your children can remember the story and what happened when Jean stole from the Bishop. It involves two candlesticks.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Doherty



## Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.3%.

This week's top class for attendance was AM Nursery with 100% attendance. A super well done to everyone in Nursery.



## World Book Day costume donations

Thank you for your donations of World Book Day costumes. Please help yourself if you would like one from the box. We will leave it out before and after school next week. World Book Day is this Thursday!



# FSCS News

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## Valentine's Disco



A massive thank you to all the parent volunteers who manned stalls during the event, and of course to all of you who bought tickets and spent money with your children.

We are delighted to announce we raised a fabulous...

**£732.14  
PROFIT**



Our **Dad's Club** is looking for new members. Whether it be socialising or Monday night football, with a great group of guys.

For more information, please contact Liam Murray on 07970 693 484.

## Coming up...



### **Tuesday 4 March**

**Pancake Flip and EYFS Shuttle Run** at School. Letters went out this week, with information on the event and how you sponsor your child(ren) for every flip of the pancake.

*The class who has the highest number of pancake flips on the day will win extra play. All money raised from the sponsorship forms will go towards funding new resources, which will enrich our children's learning for years to come.*

### **Thursday 6 March**

**FSCS Meeting**, 7 pm, School Library

### **Wednesday 2 April**

**Easter Egg Hunt**



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@stcatherine.co.uk)

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# World Book Day 2025



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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The theme for this year's World Book Day Event is Read Your Way. The aim of this is to promote:

- Regular reading at home and school.
- The benefits of listening to stories e.g. podcasts and audio books.
- Reading anywhere and anytime e.g. on trains, in an armchair, in bed etc.
- Reading materials that the children enjoy and are interested in.
- Sharing books and reading experiences e.g. with parents and friends.

During the day we have a range of activities planned for the children including a special assembly, a book token competition, trade a teacher where children will be taught a fun activity from a different teacher in the school and a chance to dive into book related activities.

To make this wonderful day even more special, we would like the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character or author. For example, they could come dressed as an animal from 'Dear Zoo' (in a onesie), a character from 'Goosebumps' reusing your Halloween outfit or in your pyjamas and slippers with your favourite bedtime story.

Please click on the link below for further information and activities about World Book Day.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for reading.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs G Phaure

Assistant Head



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## Year 1 Milestones Museum trip

On Thursday Year 1 visited the milestone museum! They got to explore the streets, shops and play with lots of toys from the 1940s to the early 2000's! The children had a wonderful time learning about different playground games and how toys were made many years ago! They were so well behaved and did great listening! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and helped on our trip. Miss Hobbs





## Lockdown drill

Today we prepared the children for the possibility of a 'lockdown' in school. We also talked about evacuation and invacuation (a situation where the children would need to remain inside school for their safety but not locked in). This could be, for example, a large fire at the nearby petrol station which may release pollutants into the air that wouldn't be good to breathe in.

Lockdown was explained as a situation where (for their safety) the children would need to be locked inside their classrooms with staff. I used the example of a dangerous animal escaping from a zoo and getting into the school premises. The children understood that the safest place, in such an eventuality, would be their classroom and that it would be a good idea to lock our doors and remain hidden from view and silent. Each class (with their teacher) has come up with its own plan for keeping safe in a lockdown and next week we will be having a lockdown drill. Please do talk with your children about what was discussed today. If you have any further questions or concerns please contact the office in the first instance.

Mr Doherty

## World Book Day costume donation

We would be really grateful for any World Book Day costumes that you no longer need. A donation box will be left on the main playground. They will then be available for families to use for World Book Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The children have been learning about Care of Creation as part of their Catholic Social Teaching and this is a lovely way to demonstrate care of creation in action.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Phaure





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Miss Simmonds  
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FSCS meeting at  
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### Fri 7th March

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Girls Netball  
rally  
Ryefield School  
9.15am start

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## Runners of the week

Well done to Belle and Hallie for being awarded runners of the week in running club today. This was Belle's first session with us and she ran superbly. Hallie was the star of the show after smashing her personal best by almost a minute and running just outside 9 minutes for 1800 metres. VERY impressive Hallie!



## Good luck team!

Good luck to our mixed netball team (David D, Karolina, Domas, Timmy, Amira-Kate, Hanna, Noelle and Natalie) who will be competing this Saturday at Ryefield school. Start time is 9.15am. Please come and support if you can.



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## Thank you boys



## Nursery spare clothes appeal

If your child has borrowed spare clothing, please can it be washed and returned ASAP.

We are running low on the following items, donations would be greatly appreciated:

- size 8, 9, 10, 11 shoes
- socks and tights (ages 4 and 5)
- trousers or leggings (ages 3, 4 and 5)

Please drop into the office or EYFS before or after school.

Thank you  
Miss Bain



A huge thank you to David and Michael Hufkie, Domas and Denis Puidokas for retrieving our lost PE equipment over the half term. This was a wonderfully kind gesture and much appreciated.



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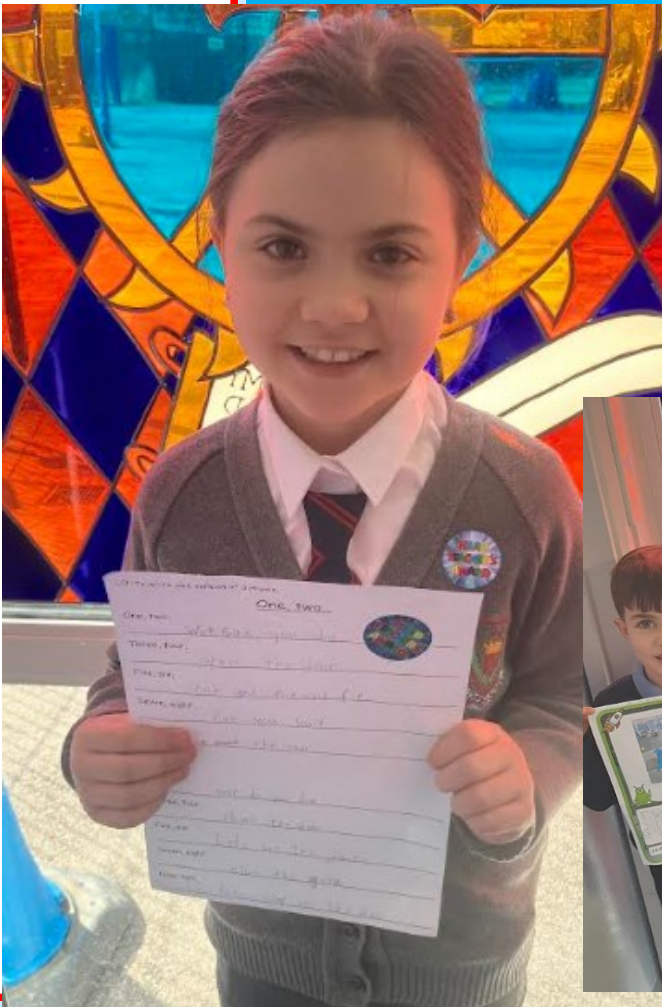
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## Perfect poetry

Well done to Sofiia in Year 2 for her wonderful rhyming poem based upon 'One two, buckle my shoe'. English is Sofiia's second language and she has made incredible progress since joining us. Well done Sofiia. This is SUPER impressive.

## Out of this world rockets

I had a lovely visit from Reception class this week to show me their rocket designs, which were **AMAZING!** I was so impressed at their knowledge of outer space, as they were able to name all of the planets and tell me what an astronaut does. Super stuff.





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## Stonehenge Sasha!



Inspired by her current history topic in Year 4 (the Stone Age), Sasha made this INCREDIBLE scale model of Stonehenge over half term from modelling clay. Not only that but she was able to tell me so much about the history of the stones. SUPER impressive Sasha.

## Lukas the bookworm!



I had a lovely visit from Lukas, in Year 2, who came to see me to show me how many books he had read over half term. I am always telling the children that one of the secrets to success in life is reading lots. Lukas you will go far with this attitude to reading. Lukas wanted me to recommend a book called 'The World's Worst Teachers'. None of them are at St Catherines you'll be pleased to know!



## Royal Academy Young Artist Summer Show

Apologies for the late notice but we are now registered as a school for this years Royal Academy Young Artist Summer Show. Last year Lucius in Year 5 had his animation displayed at the Royal Academy exhibition as one of the winning entrants.

If you would like to upload any of your child's artistic work please do so by registering at:  
[youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk](http://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk)

Entries must be submitted by 5pm on 5th March. Good luck.



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# 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 February is called 'Walk with Me'. It is lovely to remind our children that Jesus walks alongside them and that we should try to follow in his footsteps. Please make this a prayer that you say regularly with your child at home so that they learn it off by heart, if possible.

# Walk with Me



God our loving Father

We come to you today.

Be with us, hear us guide us

In all we do and say.

You give us times and seasons,

Your Spirit makes us grow.

In times of joy and sadness,

We see your blessings flow.

I place my life before you

In all my work and play.

I will try to walk with Jesus,

And in his friendship stay.

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.

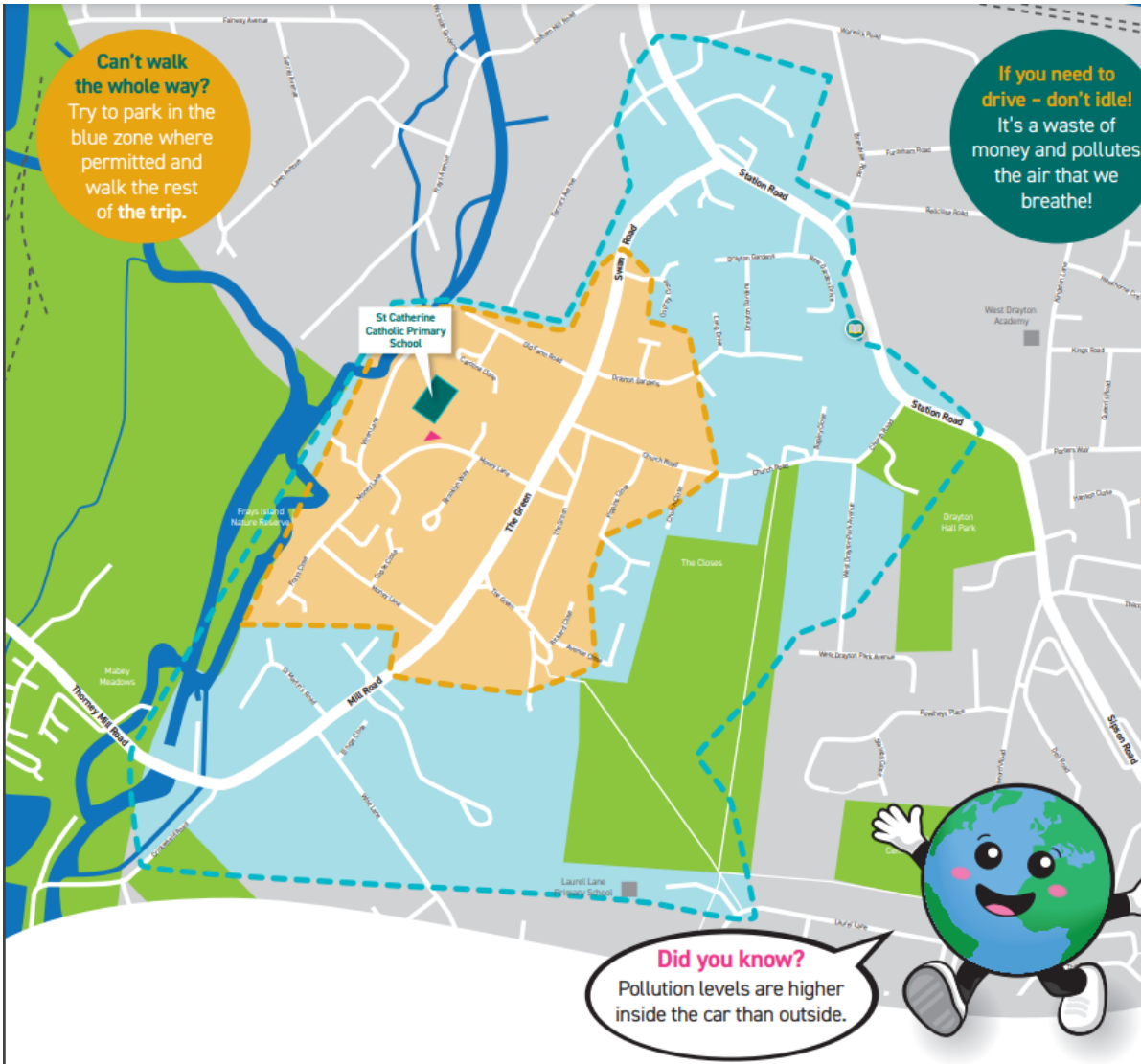
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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



# Important future diary dates

Saturday 1st March—Mixed Netball Rally

Tuesday 4th March—FSCS Sponsored pancake flip

Wednesday 5th March—Start of Lent  
(Ash Wednesday Service for children in school)

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day

Saturday 8th March—Girls 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

