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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard Jesus telling His followers a number of parables.

In one he talks about the blind leading the blind. I showed the children a painting called 'The blind leading the blind' by Sebastian Vrancx. One of the characters has a satchel of money, another has a musical instrument and another has a flask of alcohol. These objects symbolise earthly distractions, pleasures, or attachments that can cloud our spiritual vision and lead us astray.

Samson in Year 2 helped me explain this to the children by holding lots of objects representing the distractions of life. See if your child can remember what he was asked to do.

Lent is a time to turn over a new leaf—symbolised by flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. We want to try to get closer to God and think more of others by **preparing** ourselves/ saying sorry, **fasting**/ going without, **praying** so we can talk to and listen to God and **giving** to those less fortunate than ourselves

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.5%.

This week's top classes for attendance were Year 4 and Year 6 with 99.3% attendance. A super well done to everyone in both classes.



Thank you

Thank you to Father Brian and Reverend Nick, who celebrated Ash Wednesday in school with us this week. All of our children from Nursery to Year 6 received ashes. It was a lovely way to mark the start of Lent.





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



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FSCS News



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Pancake Flip

Well done to all the children on their pancake flipping on Shrove Tuesday.

The best pancake flipper our volunteers observed was Riley Atkins (Year 6), mum and dad can sit back and have their pancakes made for them!

Please submit your sponsorship monies or donations by Friday 14 March.



Sunday 6 July 2025



Plans are under way for the Summer Fayre, following our FSCS meeting last night. Can you help in any way? We are looking for support with the following, at this time:

♦ **Prizes for the Silent Auction**

Do you work for a company or have any contacts to someone who can donate a prize?

- ♦ **Activities:** Do you have ideas for any new games or activities we can put on for the kids?
- ♦ **Any other ideas?** Please share them with us.

Please message your WhatsApp class rep if you have any suggestions or ideas to make it a great event.



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FSCS News



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Other news...

Asda Cashpot

Thank you to all those parents that supported the Asda cashpot initiative. We were delighted to see **£64.21** raised through this campaign.



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...

Wednesday 2 April

Easter Egg Hunt

We will need some volunteers on the day to help with hiding the plastic eggs around the KS1 playground for each year group. Please message your WhatsApp class rep if you are available to help on that morning.



Thursday 1 May

FSCS Meeting, 7 pm, School Library



Mixed Netball Rally

Well done to our mixed netball team who finished 3rd in their group of 7 teams at last Saturday's mixed netball rally. We do not compete in the mixed league so these were our first competitive games as a team. The team won 4 matches and only lost narrowly to Heathrow and St Bernadettes (the eventual winners and runners up of the tournament) by a single goal having led in both games. Mr Lynam and I were so proud of you all. Well done to the team (Noelle, Natalie, Karolina, Hanna, Amira Kate, David, Timmy and Domas), Mr Lynam and Sandra. Player of the tournament was Hanna in Year 4 for some fantastic shooting.



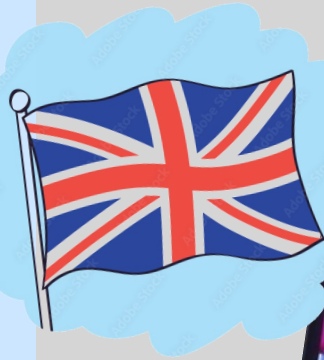


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Greek school zoom call

On Tuesday 4th March, Year 5 were given the opportunity to go on a zoom call with a Year 3 class at a school (33rd Primary School of Piraeus) in Athens. We got to learn more about Greek culture and hear a beautiful song about love, nature and peace. Then Year 5 were given the chance to talk about British culture and what school is like here. Thank you to Miss Hatzi for organising the call with her family in Greece.





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World Book Day

Thank you everyone for taking part in World Book Day this year and for making such an effort with the children's costumes. Thank you also to our staff for fully entering into the spirit and for making the day extra special. It was a wonderful day in school. Here are our winners and runners up for best costumes from each class.





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More world book day photos





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Author visit

I am delighted to inform you that local author Ruth Burgess will be visiting the school next Friday (14th March) and will deliver story writing/drama workshops to Year 3–6. Ruth is offering these workshops free of charge to our school, which is such a lovely gesture. She will be on the school playground after school from 3pm selling signed copies of her books. Please say hello to Ruth.

SALE - BUY BOTH BOOKS FOR JUST
£12



Buy both books now and have them signed by the author. Available to buy singly at full price. Do you love Fairy Stories? Then you'll love these adventures where you'll meet all your favourite characters from well known Classics





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Runner of the week

Well done to Lukas in Year 5 who was awarded runner of the week in running club. He ran an INCREDIBLE 7 minutes and 16 seconds for 1800 metres. I can quite safely say that this is probably the fastest time I've ever seen over this distance in running club. Well done Lukas! Well done to all our runners this week. We had multiple children all lowering their personal best times.





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Good luck team!

Good luck to our girls netball team (Emmie © Victoria, Sadie, Noelle, Karolina, Amira Kate and Sophia) who will be competing this Saturday at Ryefield school in the girls netball rally. Start time is 9.15am. Please come and support if you can.



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





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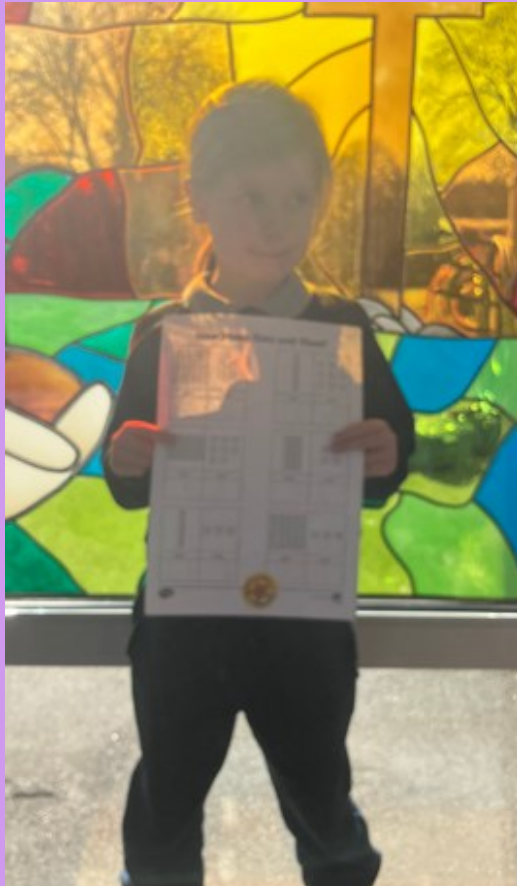
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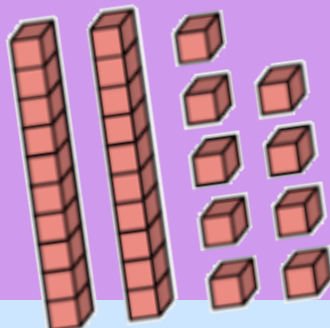
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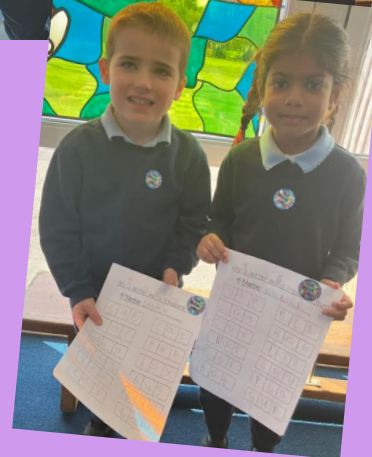
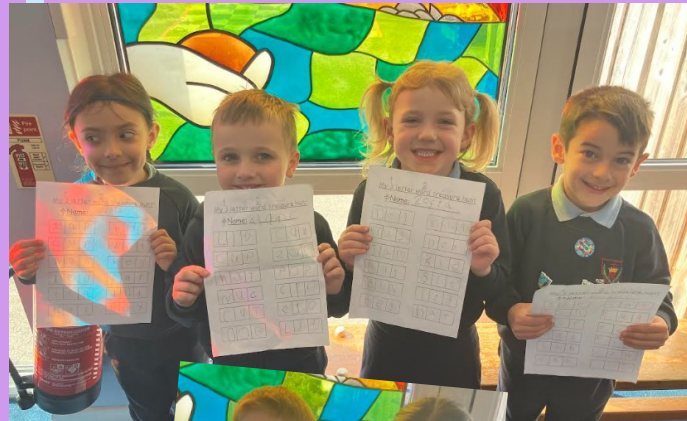
Number superstar



Well done to Ava in Year 1, who was sent me to show me her wonderful tens and ones work in maths. Super impressive Ava!



Word finders



Well done to the children in Reception who completed a three letter word hunt at home after reading Mog and the V-E-T during World Book Day. I have to say that the class were an absolute pleasure to teach on Thursday and listening to all the other teachers who swapped classes, I know that they all felt the same. Thank you children.



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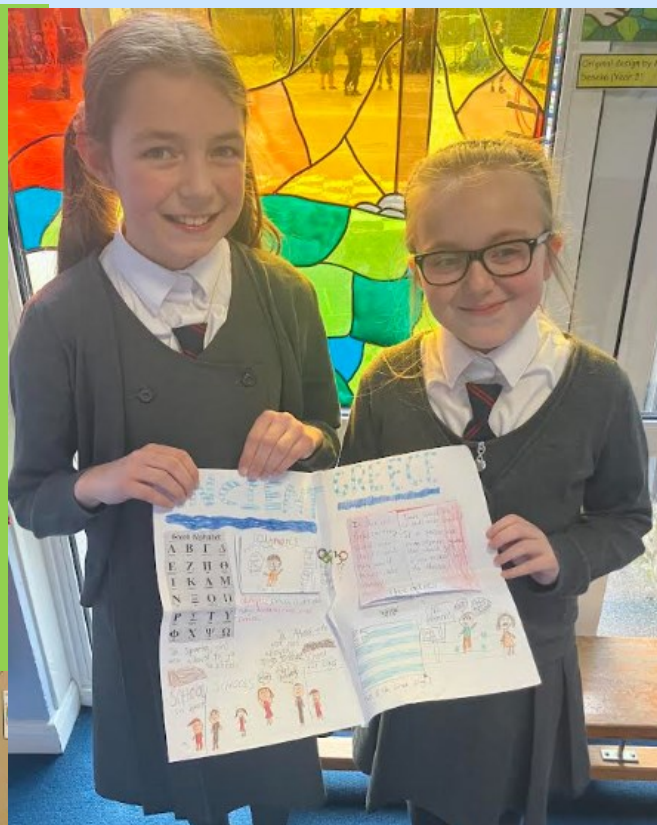
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Top topic work

I had a lovely visit this week from Alisa and Alexandra in Year 5 who did some extra topic work having learnt about the Ancient Greeks last half term. I cannot tell you how happy it makes me to see our children inspired to learn even more.



It was lovely to see our Art club making World Book Day inspired book marks in after school club. You were all so creative, Thank you to Ms Simmonds for inspiring the children.



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Irish dancing champs

Well done to the school's amazing Irish dancers who returned from their latest competition with multiple awards. Madison and Mason in Nursery came 6th in their age group. Calley Ann (Year 3) came 1st in her age group as did Kourtney, who left us last year but still comes back every week to dance at school. We are so proud of all four of you. Well done to the amazing teachers at the Caulfield Academy for enabling our children to reach such heights.



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 March is the prayer of St Patrick. This is a lovely prayer for your children to learn. Please make it a prayer your children learn over the next month.



Prayer of St Patrick



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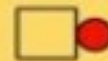


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WOW Walk to school challenge

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.

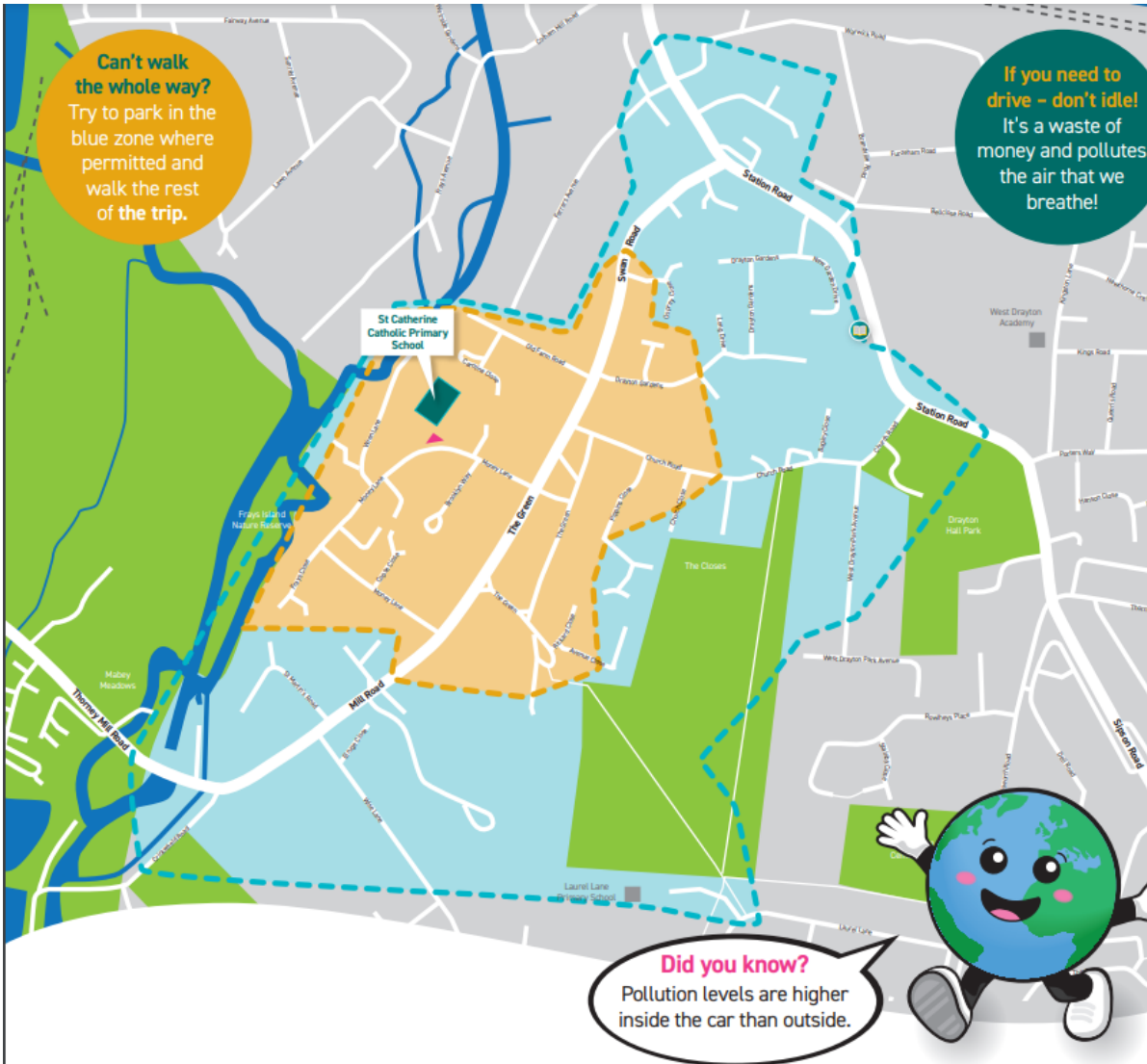
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

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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 8th March—Girls Netball Rally

Saturday 15th March - Community Stay and Play morning

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

Wed 19th March- Years 2, 1 and 5 visiting West Drayton library

Fri 21st March— Reception and Year 4 visiting West Drayton library

Fri 28th March—Year 6 and Year 3 visiting West Drayton library

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

