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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard the story of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. I talked to the children about how, during Lent, we empty ourselves by thinking about our relationship with God and those in need—'when you're full of yourself you can't let God in'.

I think our double winning netball teamed summed this up in a small but powerful moment before their final against John Locke last Saturday.

Having not conceded a single goal all year in the league and progressing to the final of the rally without conceding and having beaten the other finalist 6-0 in the earlier group stage, our girls had every right to be full of themselves. Yet, it was at this point that Amira Kate called the team together to pray. Our team knew that, despite all of their success, they needed God and that all of their achievements are only possible because the Holy Spirit works through them. It was a beautiful moment and summed up everything that our school stands for. Well done Amira Kate and our incredible team. I can honestly say I was the proudest I have ever been as your Headteacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Doherty



Crown of thorns Lent tradition

This week I showed the children our Lent crown of thorns.

The thorns represent the times when we hurt God through what we do and fail to do.

If your child acts in a way that would please God please let us know by sending a note in to their class teacher and they will be asked to remove a thorn during Lent at whole school or Key Stage assembly.





We did the double!!!!

What can I say! Our girls netball team only went and won the double (League and Cup). This is an unprecedented achievement, which was made even more special by the fact that the first goal they conceded all year was in the final match. I guess that leaves a little room for improvement next year!!!!

We were the smallest school entered into last Saturday's rally yet punched well above our weight, once again, to reach the final unbeaten in the group stage, quarter final and semi and without conceding a goal.

In the final we met John Locke (who we had beaten 6-0 in the group stages). An early goal against us in the first minute set up a nervy remainder of the game where we failed to equalise until the final minute. This set up an even more dramatic 4 minute extra time in which, once again, John Locke went ahead. But our girls dug deep and in one final push (and with 5 seconds left on the clock) Emmie our team Captain equalised. Both teams decided to share the cup as parents' and teachers' hearts couldn't take any more!!

I cannot put into words how proud we are of our team. They have represented us all with humility all year despite all of the success and have achieved beyond all of our wildest dreams. Well done girls and thank you to Sandra and Mr Lynam for the hours and hours of dedication over years that helped our children to live their lives in all of its fullness. Welcome to the St Catherine Hall of Fame girls!





St Catherine Catholic Primary School



FSCS News

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Sunday 6 July 2025 - SUMMER FAYRE

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.



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.

Coming up..

Wednesday 2 April - Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 1 May - FSCS Meeting, 7 pm, School Library

Wednesday 7 May - Little Recyclers - Clothes collection



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SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes -
more funds for
your organisation
1 kg = £0.45

YOUR COLLECTION IS
ARRANGED ON:

07 MAY
WEDNESDAY

FILL ANY BAGS WITH CLOTHING AND
BRING THEM TO SCHOOL/ORGANISATION
WE WILL COLLECT AND WEIGH THEM

✓ WE ACCEPT

- Good quality clean clothing (adult's, children's, baby)
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Swimwear, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Uniforms
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & pillows
- Single shoes
- Toys, stationery
- Bric-a-brac & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Workwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES



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

Author visit

Thank you to Ruth Burgess, who visited the school today to tell the children about being an author, to read extracts from her books and to engage the children in role play and drama to inspire their writing. I do hope some of our children will be even more inspired to write for pleasure. Thank you Ruth and thank you to our parents who purchased her signed books at the end of the day.





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Parents Evening

You should all have received your appointment sheet for the upcoming Parents Evenings on 1st April and 3rd April. Please ensure that these are returned by Monday. Thank you.



Stupefiant!

I had the most lovely of visits by Martyna, Hanna, Molly and Alejandra from Year 4 who wanted to show me how much conversational French they have learnt this year. It was incredible to hear the girls hold a conversation in fluent French. Well done to Mrs Harnett for inspiring our children. They are a credit to your wonderful teaching.





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Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.6%. We are slowly improving!

This week's top class for attendance was AM and PM Nursery with 100% attendance. **AMAZING** achievement Nursery!



Stay and Play TOMORROW!

Please remember that our next Community Stay and Play takes place **tomorrow** between 10am and 12 noon. All children of Nursery and Reception age welcome as well as siblings. We look forward to seeing you.

Runner of the week!

Runner of the week has to go to Ciara in Year 5 this week for running a **FABULOUS** personal best of 8:01 minutes for 1800 metres. Almost a minute faster than her previous best time! **WOW!**





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Running club squad selection

Well done to the following children who were selected for the upcoming Borough Cross Country event on 3rd April:

Boys team:

Lukas (Year 5)
David D (Year 5)
Ciaran D (Year 3)
Jace (Year 5)
Riley (Year 6)
Filip (Year 6)
Louie (Year 4)
Iwo (Year 4)

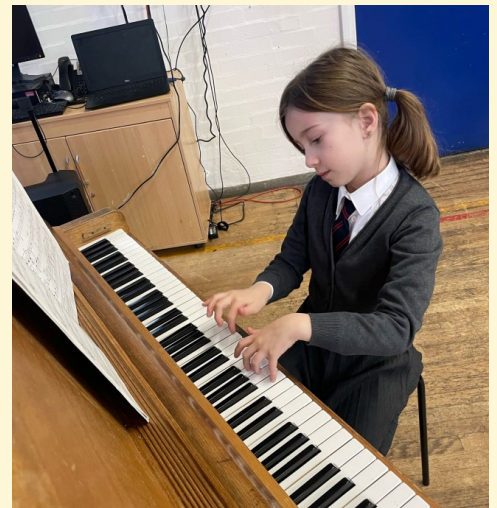
Girls team (so far):

Emmie (Year 6)
Noelle (Year 6)
Victoria (Year 6)
Ciara (Year 5)
Marilyn (Year 4)
Katherine (Year 6)

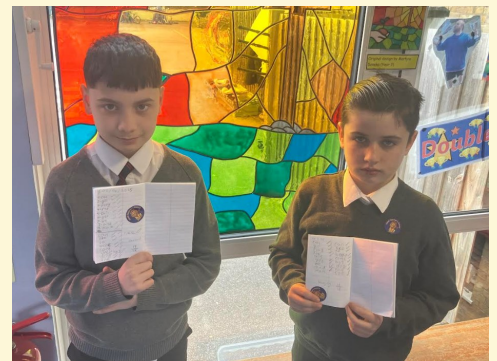


Zuzanna the superstar

This week the theme of the Year 1,2,3 assembly was perseverance. Zuzanna in Year 3 showed what perseverance and commitment can achieve when she played the piano for everyone. What a wonderful talent.



Spelling stars



Well done to John and Jacob who achieved 100% on their spelling tests for the 2nd week in a row! Keep it up boys!



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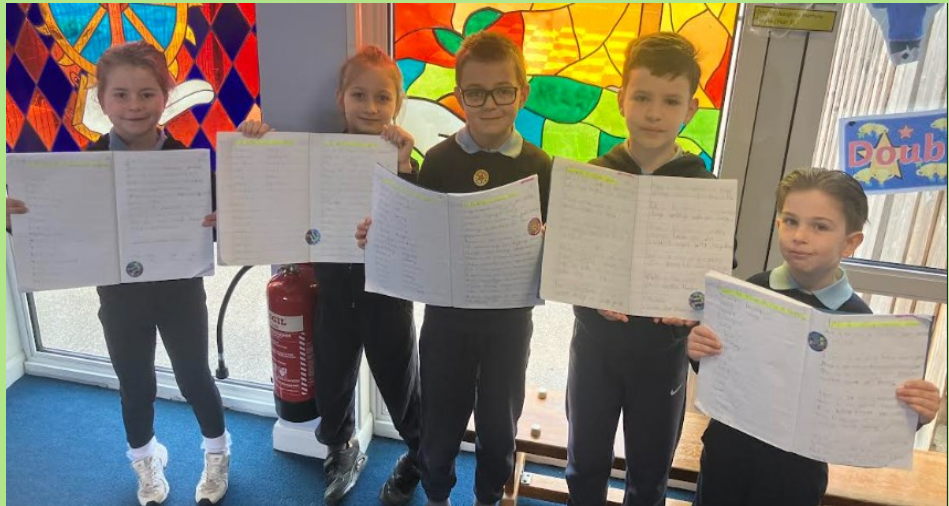
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Colour poetry



Well done to the children in Year 2, who were sent to see me with their wonderful shape poetry. I was so impressed at some of their similes. Well done Year 2 and Ms Simmonds.

Wonderful watering cans!

Ms Simmonds' art club produced some beautiful 3D watering can pictures this week in Art Club. I think you'll agree that they look INCREDIBLE!





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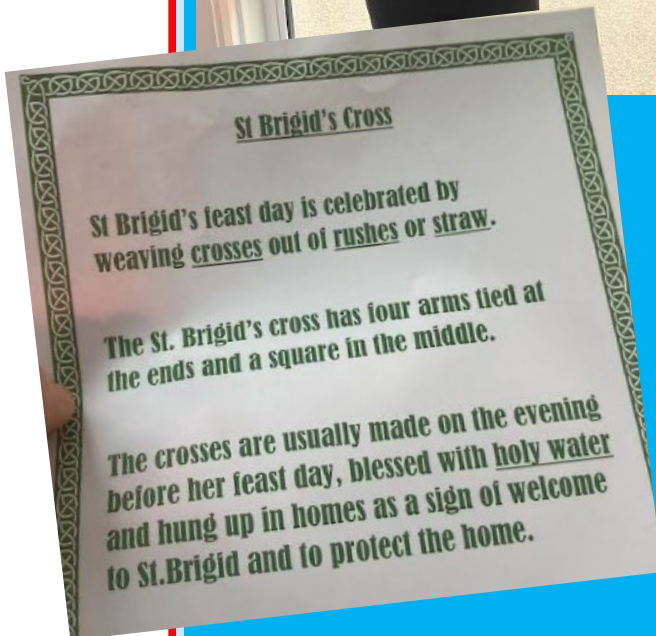
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Brigid cross





I was so impressed at Santana's Brigid cross, which she made (from paper straws) with Mrs Gallagher. Santana had also researched the story behind the cross. Fantastic Brigid.







A huge thank you to Ms Slobodyan (who has a child in Reception) for making our entrance flower pots look so beautiful. We are so lucky to have parents and carers willing to give their time and expertise to the school to make it an even more special place for the pupils and staff.











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





 Christ be with  me,  Christ be beside  me,





 Christ be before  me,  Christ be behind  me,




 Christ be within  me,  Christ be at my right hand, 






 Christ be at my left hand, 


 Christ be in every   ear that hears  me,

 Christ be in every mouth that speaks of  me,  

 Christ be in every heart that thinks of  me,  

 Christ be everywhere I go,  

 Christ be my friend,   forever and  ever, 


Amen

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>



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.

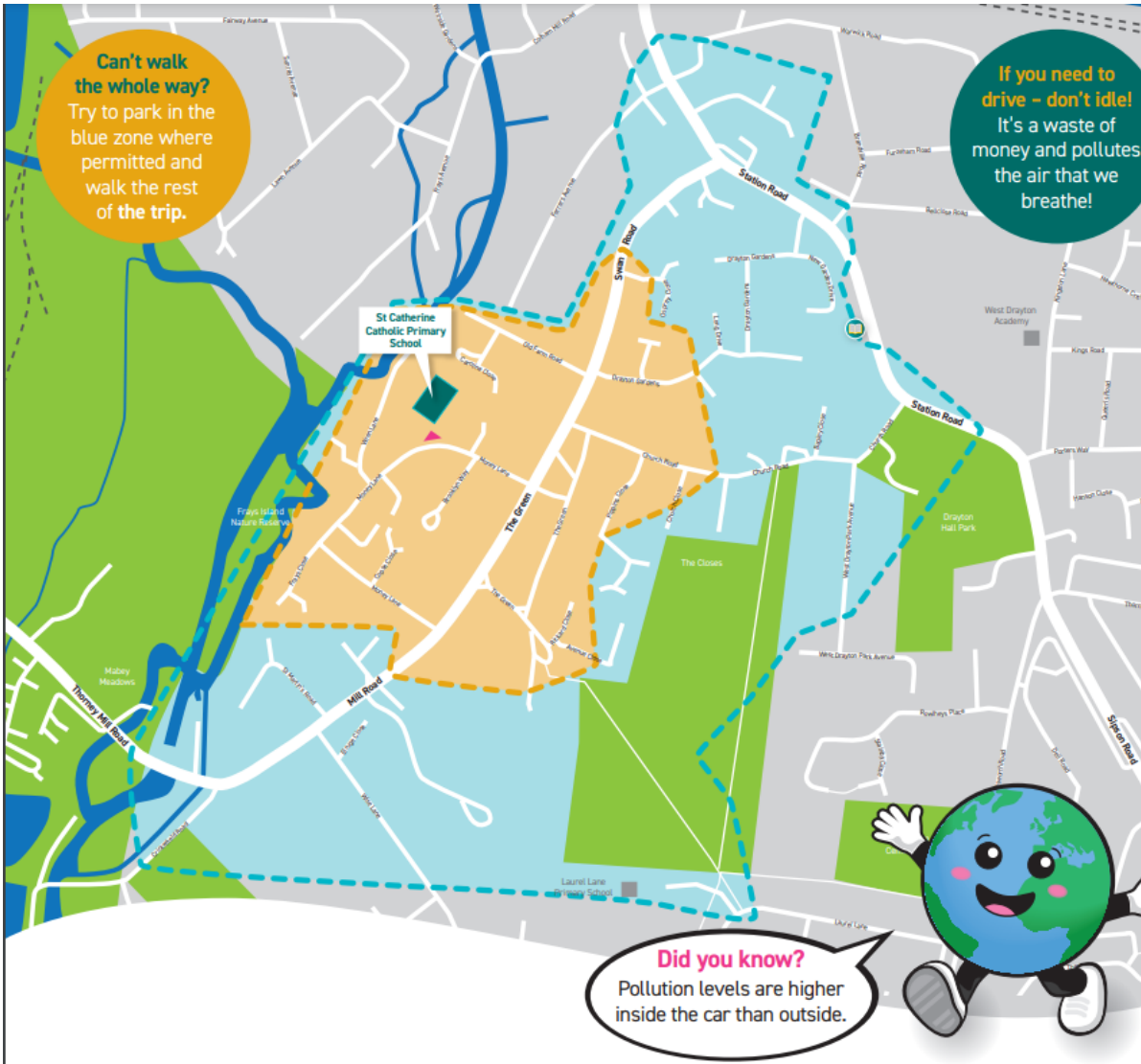
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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



Important future diary dates

Saturday 15th March - Community Stay and Play morning

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

Thursday 27th March—Year 3 trip to British Museum

Tuesday 1st April—End of term Easter Mass at 9.30am

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

Tuesday 29th April—Start of term Mass at 9.30am

Thursday 1st May—Swimming gala

Wednesday 7th May—Bag 2 School day

Monday 12th May—SATS week

Monday 12th May—Class photos

Tuesday 20th May —May Procession at 1.30pm

Monday 2nd June - training day (school closed)

Friday 4th July—training day (school closed)

Tuesday 15th July—Leavers Mass at 9.30am

