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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard the story of Jesus' transfiguration.

When they saw Jesus transformed the disciples understood who Jesus was and God told them to 'listen to Him'.

I told the children that we need to listen carefully to what God is asking us to do. We should take time during Lent to be still and quiet because it is at these times that we can reflect on our lives and allow God in.

I told the children about how St Patrick listened to his call from the people of Ireland and returned to a place of danger where he had been treated terribly to tell them about God. He listened to his heart.

You should always listen to your heart. Even though it's on your left side, it's always right!

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



## Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.6%.

This week's top class for attendance with 99% attendance was Year 6. Well done Year 6!



## Parents Evening

You will now receive your parents evening appointment times this Wednesday as we haven't received all of our reply slips. Apologies for the delay. We will do our very best to ensure you get an appointment time within your chosen slot.





# Big Lent walk



During Lent we are asked to think of others and give to those less fortunate than ourselves. This year our Mini Vinnies have decided that we will be supporting the work of CAFOD with a sponsored 2.5mile Big Lent Walk in the Closes park on Monday 31st March at 9.30am. This will be adapted for our younger children. We hope that all of the children will take part (from Nursery to Year 6) but to do so we will need as many parent volunteers as possible. If you can help please reply to the Googleform, which was sent out by the office today.

Through the simple act of walking together, we can demonstrate that we are all connected to others and by joining forces and raising money we can make an enormous difference.

Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

£10 can provide nutritious warm meals and shelter to refugees who have fled their homes due to conflict.

£25 can give a child a school uniform, stationary and a school bag - simple, everyday items needed to attend lessons

£42 will buy 10 chickens

£50 can provide a family with emergency food following a disaster caused by climate change

£140 can buy 50 metres of shade netting to protect growing plants.

£200 can provide a life-changing loan - the first step in helping someone start their own business, or buy farming supplies

£750 can help a remote community to establish their own supply of clean, safe water

£1298 will pay for a plant Nursery

All of the children took home a sponsorship form home today. You can also donate via our Just Giving page link below. Please share with others.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-catherines-west-drayton-big-lent-walk-fundraiser>

Thank you in advance for your continued support and for helping us put Catholic Social Teaching into practice.



# COMMUNITY STAY AND PLAY

Thank you to everybody who attended last Saturday's Stay and Play in school. It was a lovely morning and it was a delight to meet so many new families. Can I please say an extra big thank you to Mrs Phaure for organising another very special event and our school staff who gave their time on the morning: Mrs Charlton, Ms Kilmartin, Mrs Murray and Mrs Doherty. We are blessed to have staff willing to go the extra mile for our families.



# Year 6 Junior Citizens

Year 6 really enjoyed their afternoon at Brunel University for this years Junior Citizens event. They had workshops on water safety with the RNLA; how to use the roads safely and travel on public transport with TFL; knife crime with the Metropolitan Police, the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse with nurses from the NHS, fire safety with the London Fire Brigade and riding bikes safely with the Hillingdon Safer Roads team. Preparing our children for transition to Secondary school and keeping them safe is so important. Please talk with your child about what they learnt.



# Library visits

Thank you to the staff at West Drayton library for hosting Years 1,2 ,4,5 and Reception this week. The children enjoyed hearing about the job of a librarian, how the library works, hearing stories and having time to choose and take home their own books. Please make visiting our local library a regular experience for your child. One of the greatest gifts we can bestow upon our children is a love of reading. Thank you also to our parent volunteers for accompanying the children. Without you these trips would not be possible.





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# 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!**

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## Reconciliation

During Lent all of our children who have received Holy Communion should try to get to confession. This is a time for making things right with God. Father Brian hears Confession in church at 10.30am and 6.30pm on Saturdays. I am sure he would be delighted to see our children attending.



## TCS London Mini Marathon

We had over 50 applications for this years TCS Mini Marathon. We will confirm on Monday who has been selected. Please look out for a confirmation email and thank you for expressing an interest everybody.



## Parking around school

Can I please remind you all that if you are driving to school with your children you should take extra special care in and around Money Lane. There have been two near misses this week and I feel that we are an accident waiting to happen. Please show consideration for the children and our residents and try to park and stride if you can. Thank you for your continued support.

## Running club

Today's running club was the last of this academic year. Next week the 16 children selected for the Borough Cross Country will train. Mr Doherty will contact parents during the week. Thank you to all of the children who have attended this year. You have been amazing to work with. Thank you mostly to Mr Papini for coaching our children and giving his time so generously. It is very much appreciated.



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## Football news

### St Bernadettes 3 v St Catherine 0

Unfortunately our cup run came to an end against a dominant St Bernadettes side who put us to the sword with a stunning opening goal and two more from costly errors. At least we can now concentrate on finishing as high as possible in the League! Unlucky team.

Team:  
David D, Theo, Sovereign, Roco, Riley ©, Emmie, Lukas, Jace, Louie



### Laurel Lane 0 v St Catherine 2

On Wednesday the school team won their penultimate game of the season at laurel Lane with a 2-0 victory. Our opener came directly from a corner and was scored by Jace. An incredible feat! The second was a glorious 20 yard lob from Theo who was playing as centre back! Best goals of the season! Well done to Filip, who made his first team debut. We now sit joint 2nd in the table on 15 points with St Martins with one game to go next week. Well done team! Keep it up.

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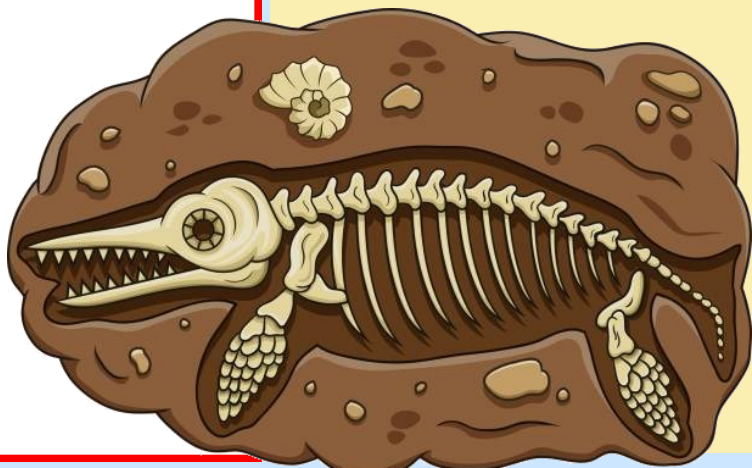
## Brilliant biographies

Well done to year 3 who created some superb biographies of Mary Anning, the famous fossil hunter. The children worked so hard planning and designing and illustrating their very informative pieces of writing. Keep up the super standard. Mrs Doherty

## Perfect pianist!



Thank you to Isabella in Year 3 who performed her Grade 1 pieces for her class this week. It is wonderful to see our children making the very most of their God given talents. Good luck in your upcoming exam Isabella!





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## Running club squad selection

Well done to the Fara, in Year 6, who was today selected for the upcoming Borough Cross Country event on 3rd April and completes our two teams of 8. Good luck squad!

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:

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



## Crown of thorns Lent tradition

Please remember to send in your messages if your child does anything especially kind or loving during Lent so they can remove a thorn from the Lent crown. This week Belle and Rhys got to remove thorns. Belle was extra helpful on the playground by tidying up equipment that she hadn't been playing with and Rhys was extra nice to a child who didn't have any fruit and offered him some of his own. I also had a group of ten Year 5 boys who have been extra kind to a younger child at lunchtime by allowing him to join their game. Lent is a time of selflessness and it fills me with happiness to see our children putting others first.





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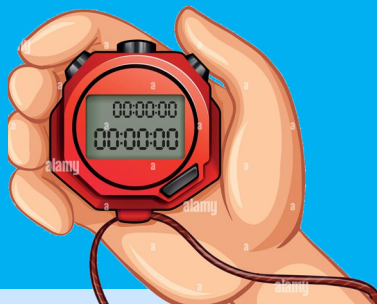
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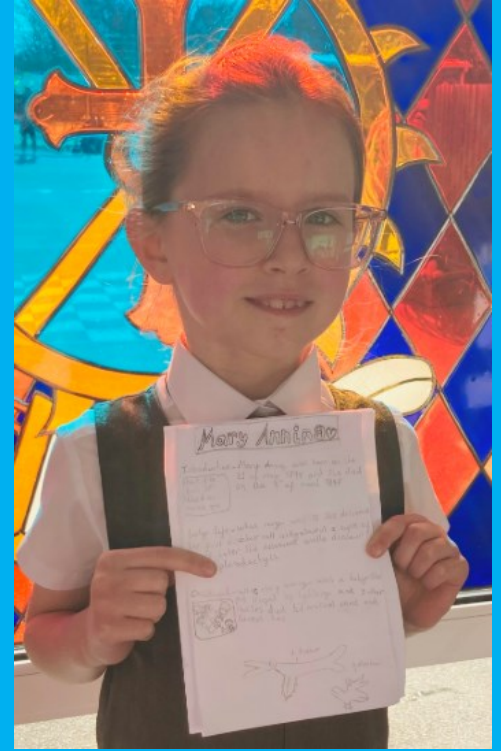
## Runners of the week



Well done to Iwo and Victoria, who were this weeks runners of the week at running club. Both children ran more than half a minute under their personal best. We are peaking at the right time!!! Well done both of you on FANTASTIC runs.



## Fantastic factfile



Well done to Emilia, who was so inspired in English lessons that she went home and found out even more about Mary Anning the fossil hunter. Emilia created a wonderful Mary Anning factfile, which she shared with the class. It is lovely to see children with such a passion for learning in and out of the classroom. Well done Emilia.



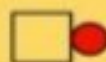
Our prayer for March is the prayer of St Patrick. This is a lovely prayer for your children to learn. Please make it a prayer your children learn over the next month.



## Prayer of St Patrick



Christ be with me,



Christ be beside me,



Christ be before me,



Christ be behind me,



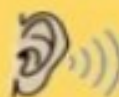
Christ be within me,



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.

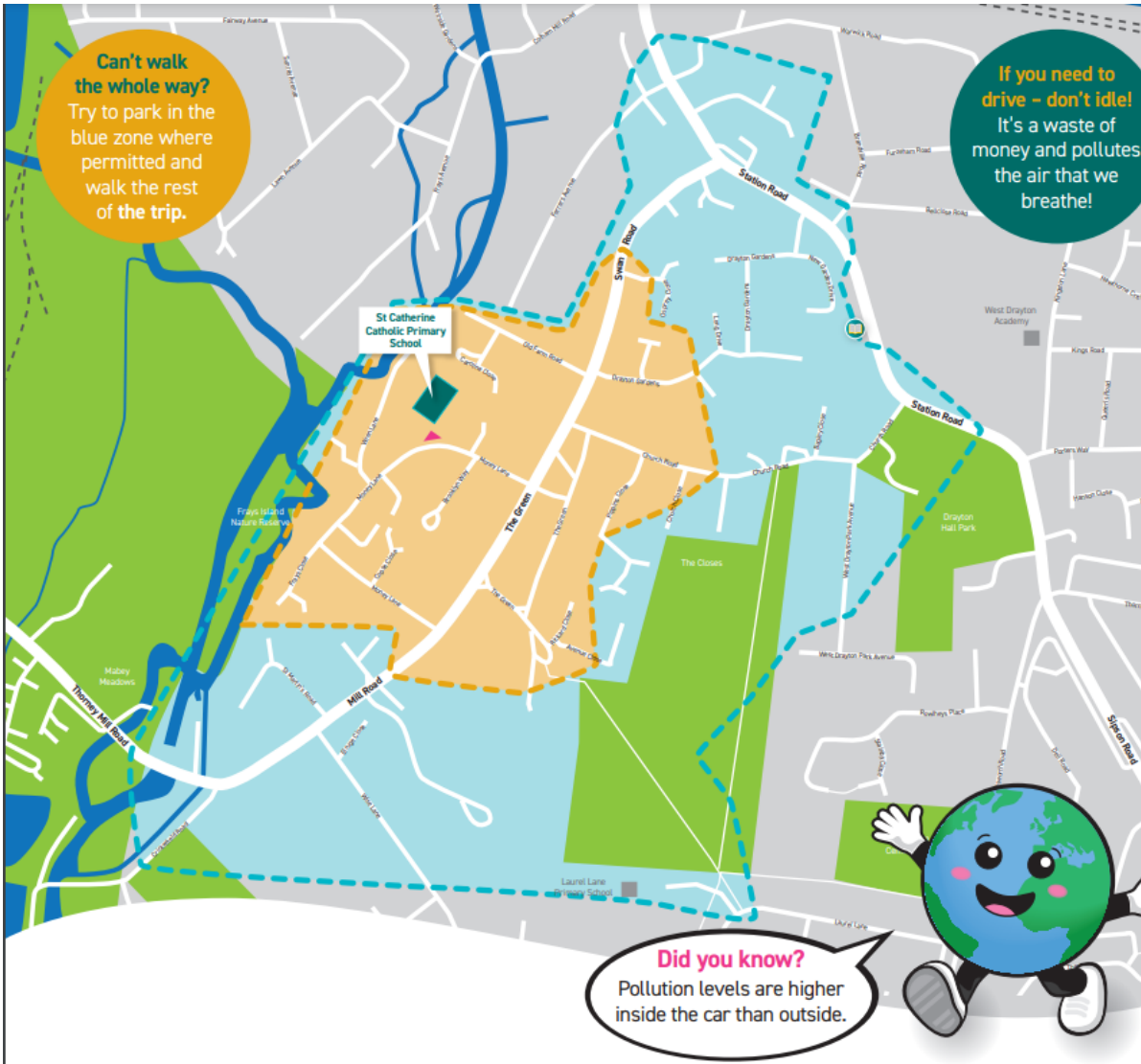
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

Thursday 27th March—Year 3 trip to British Museum

Monday 31st March—CAFOD Lent Big Walk

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

