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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard the parable of the fig tree.

In the parable we learn that God gives us many chances (like Jonah and St Paul) but there will come a time when these chances run out.

I explained that we should therefore live every day like it's our last.

This doesn't mean doing all the things we've ever wanted to do. That would be selfish. Rather it is trying to love others even more.

Love like it's your last day!

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



## Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.6%.

This week's top class for attendance with 98.6% attendance was Reception. Well done Reception class!



## End of term

Can I please remind you that school closes at **1.30pm** next Friday. After school club will finish at 4.30pm or 2.30pm for Nursery.



St Catherine Catholic Primary School

# FSCS News



28th March 2025

## Pancake Flip Fundraiser



Thanks to your efforts, we raised a record breaking amount this year:

**£1,465.55**

Thank you so much for all your support with these events, they make a great difference to our children's experience at the School.

Shout out to our top fundraiser:

**Marilyn, Yr 4**

Well done on your efforts Marilyn, maybe you can share your tips with your friends.

## Coming up...

Wednesday 2 April  
**Easter Egg Hunt**

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

Wednesday 7 May  
**Little Recyclers,  
Clothes collection**



## 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 (adults, childrens, 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, rags, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Lifen & towels

**PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!**

**RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES**



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## Other ways you can raise money for the School

If you are in need of some School parent staples, you may be able to help raise additional funds for the School:



**15% of each sale goes to the FSCS**, as long as you use our unique tracking link, below to access their website:

<http://bit.ly/STAMPUB77NX>

You can get the **StampTastic's Deluxe Bundle** for the same price as the Basic Bundle using our code: **UB77NX**



**24% from each order goes to the FSCS**

Our School ID is **8274**

You must use the school ID above for the School to be credited with your order.

<https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=8274>

## First Aid Kits



A first aid kit for parents. Our code is **STCATHERINE**

Use this code at the checkout (as a coupon code) and **£5 per sale goes to the FSCS.**

<https://www.ouch-pouch.co.uk>



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## BIG Lent Walk

Many thanks to all of those parents who volunteered to help out at Monday's Big Lent Walk. We had 34 volunteers, which is amazing!

We are hoping to leave school at 9.15am so it would be great if all volunteers could aim to be at school by this time. Thank you in advance.

Can I also ask that all children come to school in trainers on Monday. I am happy for them to wear them all day or they can change into shoes if you prefer.

Please get as many sponsors as you can this weekend so we can raise as much money as possible for CAFOD.



## Gifts for classmates

Can I please remind parents that for birthdays, religious festivals etc we do not allow parents/ carers to bring in gifts/sweets for classmates.

Some of our parents have sent fruit in as an alternative, which we are happy to give to our children.

If you do wish to give gifts/sweets to your child's classmates this must be done outside the school gates as we cannot take any responsibility for children consuming foods containing allergens for example. We would kindly advise that gifts/ sweets are given to a parent/carer NOT children. Many of our children have allergies and their wellbeing is our number 1 priority. Thank you for your co operation.





# 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. Can we please ask that volunteers aim to be at school for 9.15 so we can be in the park by 9.30am.

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.



# Year 3 trip to the British Museum

On a bright and adventurous morning, Year 3 set off on an exciting journey to the British Museum, travelling on the Elizabeth Line. We arrived at Tottenham Court Road and enjoyed a short walk to the museum, eager to begin our exploration.

Our first stop was the Ford Centre for Young Visitors, where we collected our tablets for the *Tablet Tour: Sutton Hoo*. This immersive experience used augmented reality to bring the famous Anglo-Saxon burial site to life. We examined incredible artefacts, including the famous Sutton Hoo helmet, and learned about Anglo-Saxon society, religion, and culture. Using the tablets, we could see reconstructions of the burial site, making us feel like real archaeologists uncovering history!

After the tour, we continued to explore the museum's vast collection. We then took a well-earned break to enjoy our packed lunches before heading back to Tottenham Court Road, where we had the chance to experience a mesmerising immersive light show. It was the perfect way to round off a fantastic day of learning and discovery.

Throughout the trip, everyone showed great enthusiasm and curiosity. It was a truly memorable day, and we can't wait for our next adventure! Thank you especially to our parent volunteers, who gave their time and made the trip possible.

Mr. Reardon



# Library visits

Years 3,5, and 6 completed our class trips to West Drayton library. It was lovely to see our children making the most of the opportunity to get lots of books. Thank you to all of the wonderful library staff for your informative talks and for giving all of our children the opportunity to spend time in such a special place. Please make visiting the library a familiar routine for your children.





## TCS Mini London Marathon

This week you would have been notified if your child/children were selected for the upcoming TCS London Mini Marathon. We are so sorry that we couldn't take everyone but we were only given limited places.

Our Mini Vinnies have decided that we will be raising money this year for The Passage, which is a homelessness charity. Catholic Social Teaching says we should choose to help those less fortunate. We have set up a go Fund me page where you can support our fundraising efforts. Please share far and wide!  
<https://gofund.me/acb668f7>

The Passage 

Everyone deserves a place to call home



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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.



## 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.

## End of term Mass

Please join us this Tuesday in Church for our end of term Mass. All welcome.





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## Football news

### Ryefield 2 v St Catherine 0

On Wednesday our season ended with a defeat to Ryefield. This leaves us joint 2nd in the table. We had lots of chances but our finishing was a little off.

Can I say a huge thank you to our parents for getting the children to games and supporting us all season but I must save our biggest thanks to Mr Casse for coaching our children and managing them. They have learnt so much from you Mr Casse.

Well done team on a very good year.

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



## Year 6 Passion Play

Please note that the Year 6 Passion play will be on Thursday at 9am in the school hall. Friends and family of our Year 6 children are welcome to attend. Please remember that no photographs/videos are to be taken on school premises. The school will take photos, which will be shared on Google Classroom.



## Second hand uniform give away

We will be giving away used (but good condition) uniform on the playground next Tuesday afternoon.

Help yourselves. If you wish to make a small donation feel free to do so.



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## Good luck team

Good luck to Mr Papini and our boys and girls teams who will compete in the Uxbridge and District Cross Country event on Thursday on Vyners playing fields in Uxbridge. Come and support us if you can.



## Parents Evening

You should have received your parents evening times this week. We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday or Thursday next week. The playground will be open from 4.10pm for additional parking space.



## 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 of thorns.



## Stations of the cross

Next week Mrs Phaure will be leading the children in each class from Year 1-5 in the Stations of the Cross at Church. This is a wonderful Lent tradition. Please make sure you talk to the children about their experience.





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## Catholic Social Teaching

This week at Year group assemblies we introduced the next pillar of Catholic Social Teaching—Community and Participation. This pillar says that together we can confront the problems of our world and seek solutions. We listen to people in our communities we, help them to participate if needed, and speak out boldly on their behalf when it is right to do so.

Next week each class will undertake a class activity linked to this. Please talk with your children about what they have learnt.



**SOUTHLANDS CHESS CLUB**

★ ★ ★  
£5 PER PLAYER  
ADMIT ONE

25% OFF @ CAFE

**SATURDAYS 4-6pm**

Group Puzzles  
Unranked Friendly Matches

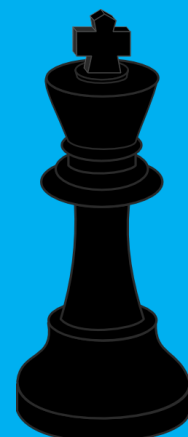
Under 18's **Must** be Accompanied by a Parent

Southlands Arts Centre  
087 7PM  
SouthlandsChessClub@yahoo.com  
<https://www.SouthlandsArts.co.uk>





40% Discount for Senior Citizens

All Skill Levels Welcome (Lessons provided)





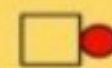


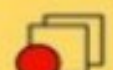

















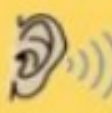



















I know we have lots of keen chess players in school so you might be interested in bringing your children along to the Southlands Chess Club, who meet on Saturdays between 4pm and 6pm.



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.

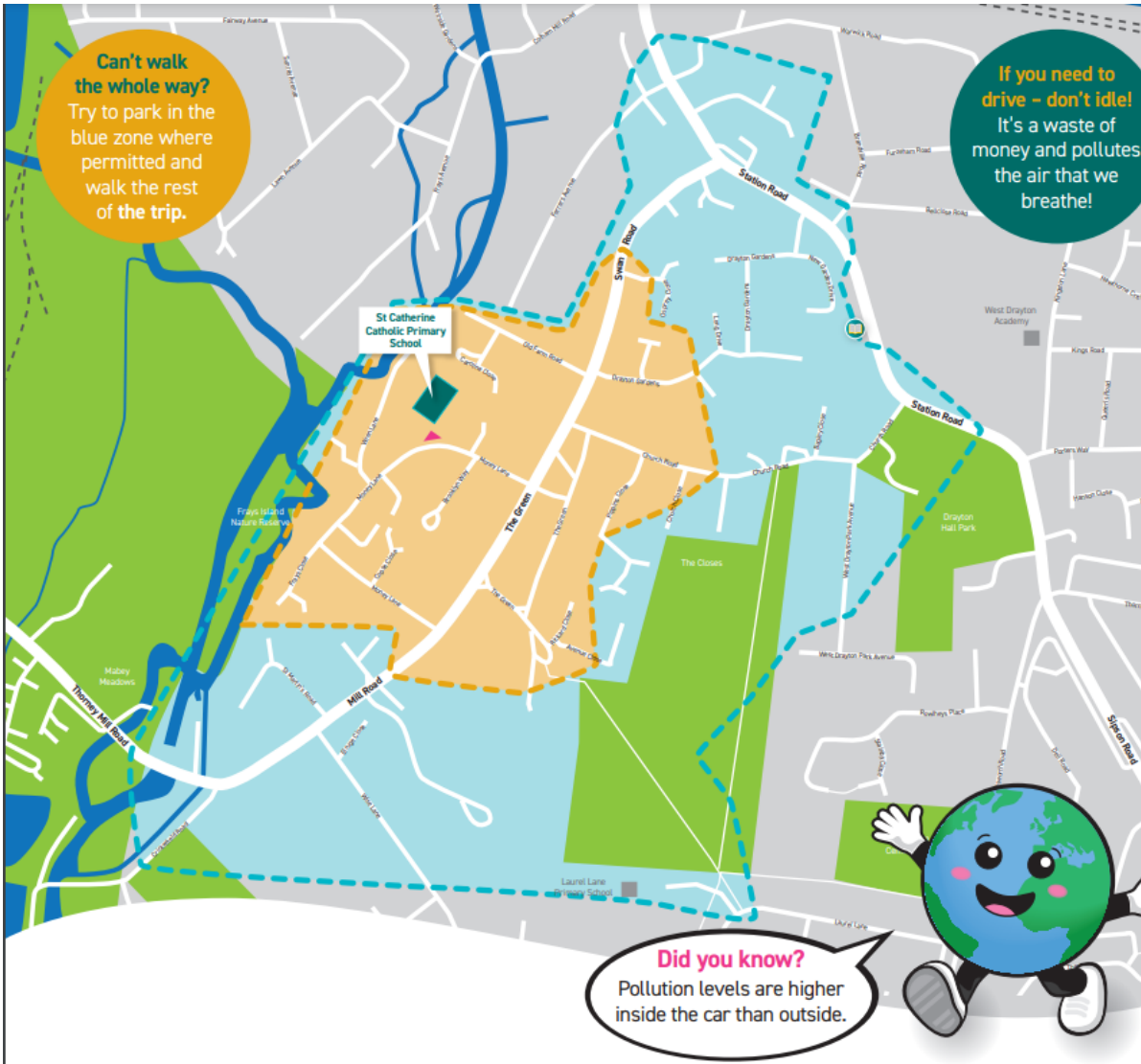
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

HILLINGDON A TEL COMMUNITY PROJECT

**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

Monday 31st March—CAFOD Lent Big Walk

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

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Friday 4th April—Last Day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm

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 13th June—Year 5 Longridge outdoor activity centre trip

Friday 4th July—training day (school closed)

Tuesday 15th July—Leavers Mass at 9.30am

Thursday 17th July—Year 3/4 trip to WWT London Wetland Centre

Tuesday 22nd July—last day of term— 1.30pm finish

