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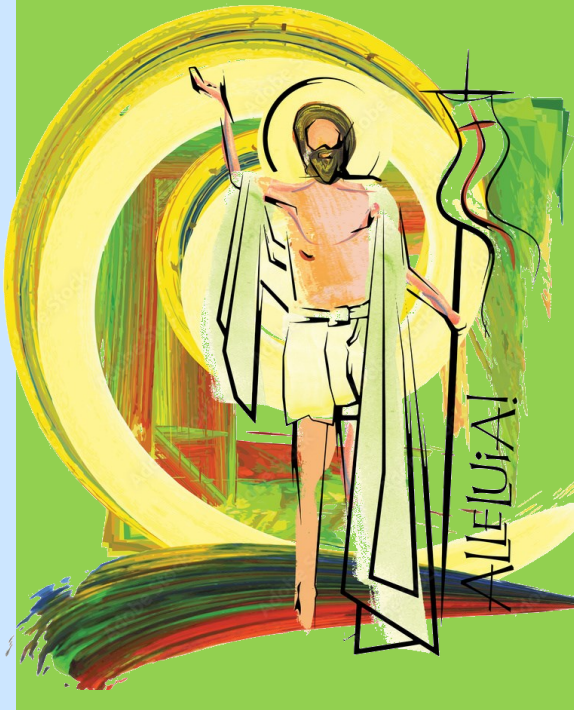
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a delightful but busy end to the term in school with Monday's Big Lent Walk, cross country, the Passion Play, school Mass, Easter Egg Hunts, visits from the RNLI, Stations of the Cross and more.

Can I say a huge thank you to our families who have donated so generously to our Big Lent Walk. Today we received a single donation of £330 from one of our families! In a half term when we taught the children about the power of community we have now raised over £1325 for CAFOD. This is a reminder of how special a family we are at St Catherines.

Have a lovely Easter holiday everybody.

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.7%.

This week's top class for attendance was Year 3 with 98% attendance. Well done Year 3!



Parents Evening

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended Parents Evening this week. It is lovely to share with you your children's successes. If you didn't make an appointment please contact the office or speak to your class teacher to re-arrange.

Girls Cross Country champions 2024/25



For the 2nd year in a row!

Well done to our INCREDIBLE running squad who came 1st in the girls team event and 3rd in the boys team event in Thursday's Uxbridge and District Cross Country. For one of the smallest schools in the borough this is a fabulous achievement. Once again we punched well above our weight.

What made this even more special was that the girls defended their title from last year. We are the real deal! Well done to all of our boys and girls for doing us proud once again.

Thank you also to Mr Papini, who has given his time every Friday this year to train our children. He's the only person I know that can now keep up with them!!!

More photos from the Cross Country.



Our AMAZING running squad



More photos from the Cross Country.



Our 3rd place boys team



More photos from the Cross Country.



The running squad:

The champions (girls)

3rd place (boys)

Emmie (Year 6) 2nd
Katherine (Year 6) 18th
Victoria (Year 6) 30th
Noelle (Year 6) 15th
Fara (Year 6) 33rd
Ciara (Year 5) 9th
Marilyn (Year 4) 6th
Hallie (Year 4) 26th

Lukas (Year 5) 10th
Filip (Year 6) 17th
Riley (Year 6) 20th
Iwo (Year 4) 15th
Castiel (Year 5) 62nd
David D (Year 5) 55th
Ciaran D (Year 3) 32nd
Jace (Year 5) 21st



Easter holiday creative homework

This half term the children have been learning about one of the Catholic Social Teaching pillars (Community and Participation).

When people work and come together in communities, amazing things can be achieved.

For your creative homework I would like you to complete a project on something amazing that has been achieved by people working together. This could be presented as a craft project, a poster, a presentation, a picture, a collage or sculpture, a poem or a song. Be as creative as you wish. I have put some examples below e.g concorde, Mother Theresa and the sisters of mercy, the Hadron collider, the Olympic Games, the Wright brothers, CAFOD, Dunkirk, the Bayeux tapestry, Stonehenge, explorers. I am sure you will come up with your own ideas and we look forward to seeing what you come up with. We are hoping to have a whole school creative homework exhibition after the holidays. Thank you in advance for taking part. This homework is due to be completed by Friday 25th April.





St Catherine Catholic Primary School

FSCS News



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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>

Clothes Collection

Spring is finally upon us and with the Easter break now here, what better time to sort your winter wardrobe!

The Little Recyclers will be here on Wednesday 7 May, and every bag donated will raise money for our wonderful School.

Coming up...

Thursday 1 May
FSCS Meeting
7 pm, School Library

Wednesday 7 May
Little Recyclers,
Clothes collection

Sunday 11 May
Family Games Night
5—7 pm, Parish Hall



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

hello@thelittlerecyclers.co.uk • 07476 406699 • thelittlerecyclers.co.uk

Have a fantastic and blessed
Easter break and thank you for all
your support
and donations
this term!



Thank you to the FSCS for another wonderful Easter Egg hunt. The children loved it!



Stations of the Cross

Thank you to Mrs Phaure who took classes 1-5 through an interactive Stations of the Cross in Church this week. The Stations of the Cross is a Lent tradition in school.

These Stations of the Cross introduce children to Jesus' Passion (suffering), breaking it down into stages that they can reflect upon and remember. The Stations are more than the retelling of a story: they are a prayerful participation in the event that lies at the heart of our Catholic faith- Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Please talk to your children about their experience.





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The Passage assembly

On Thursday 24th April we will be visited by representatives from The Passage who are a charity that helps people who are homeless. In recent research it is estimated that there are around 4612 people sleeping rough in London each night. The children running in the TCS Mini London Marathon at the end of the month will be raising money for The Passage. Please follow the link below to donate:

<https://gofund.me/acb668f7>



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.



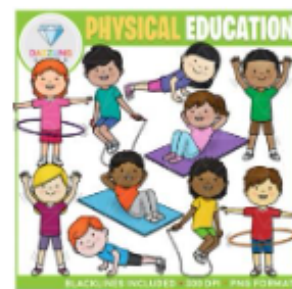
PE lessons - Summer term

Below is a list of days for PE lessons next term. Children from Years 1-6 should come to school in full PE kit on their PE day.



PE days **Summer** 2025

For the whole of the Spring Term the PE days will be:



Nursery	Tuesday
Reception	Tuesday
<i>Children will need to come to school in trainers for PE. Same uniform as always.</i>	
Year 1	Tuesday
	Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday
	Wednesday
Year 3	Monday
	Wednesday
Year 4	Monday
	Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday
	Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday
	Thursday

Big Lent walk

Well done to all of our children for completing the Big lent Walk on Monday morning. Thank you also to our parent volunteers who walked with us. Without you this wouldn't have been possible. Please return your sponsorship forms and money to your child's class teacher or the office as soon as possible so we can get a final amount for our fundraiser. You can also give directly via the Just Giving page:

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

So far the amount raised stands at £1325.40

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



THE **BIG**
LENT
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TCS Mini London Marathon

This year children 25 from our school will be taking part in the TCS Mini London Marathon. 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!

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The Passage 

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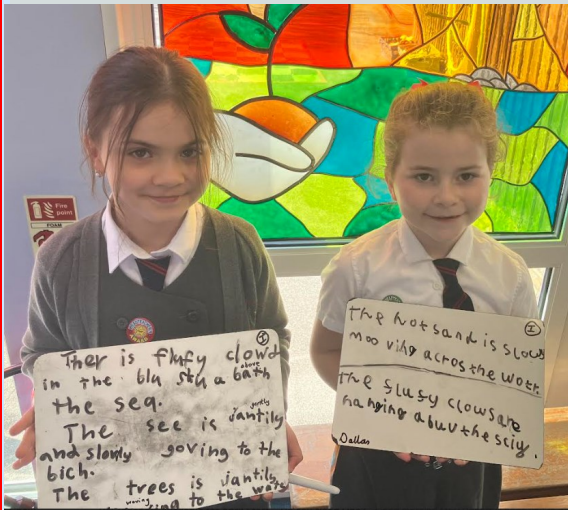
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Fab writing



Well done to Dallas and Sofiia from Year 2, who were sent to see me with their wonderful descriptive writing ideas. Miss Simmonds is so proud of both of you and your outstanding progress. Keep it up girls!

Crown of thorns Lent tradition

This week we took the final thorns from the crown. Mary Claire had the honour of taking the last thorn out after an act of kindness to Mrs Bryant. It was lovely to see so many children coming up this year for helping their friends or teachers. Selfless acts of love are a declaration of our faith.





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On Thursday Year 6 performed the Passion play for the whole school and their parents. They created the most special of atmospheres in the school hall and presented the story of Jesus' suffering with reverence and maturity. Well done to Year 6 and their teachers. It was very very special. Can I also say a huge well done to Noelle, who played 'were you there' on the piano to accompany her class singing. We have such talented children.



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RNLI workshops

Thank you to David from the RNLI who came in this week to talk to the children in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 about water safety. The children watched videos of real life rescues and looked at pictures where they had to spot hazards and figure out solutions. They learnt about the job of being a lifeguard by the coast and what different coloured flags mean. The children got to use RNLI safety equipment and practiced rescuing each other. Most importantly they learnt never to jump into water to save someone. Instead they should phone 999 or 112. I was so proud afterwards when David told me how fantastic all of our classes were.



Our school prayer for April

The prayer for the month is the prayer to St George whose feast day is 23rd April. Please say this prayer with your children and encourage them to learn it.

Prayer to St George



Dear



St George



extend



me



your



shield



and

your



powerful



arms



defend



me



with



your



strength



so like

you,

with



God's



help



I



will

triumph

over



evil



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.

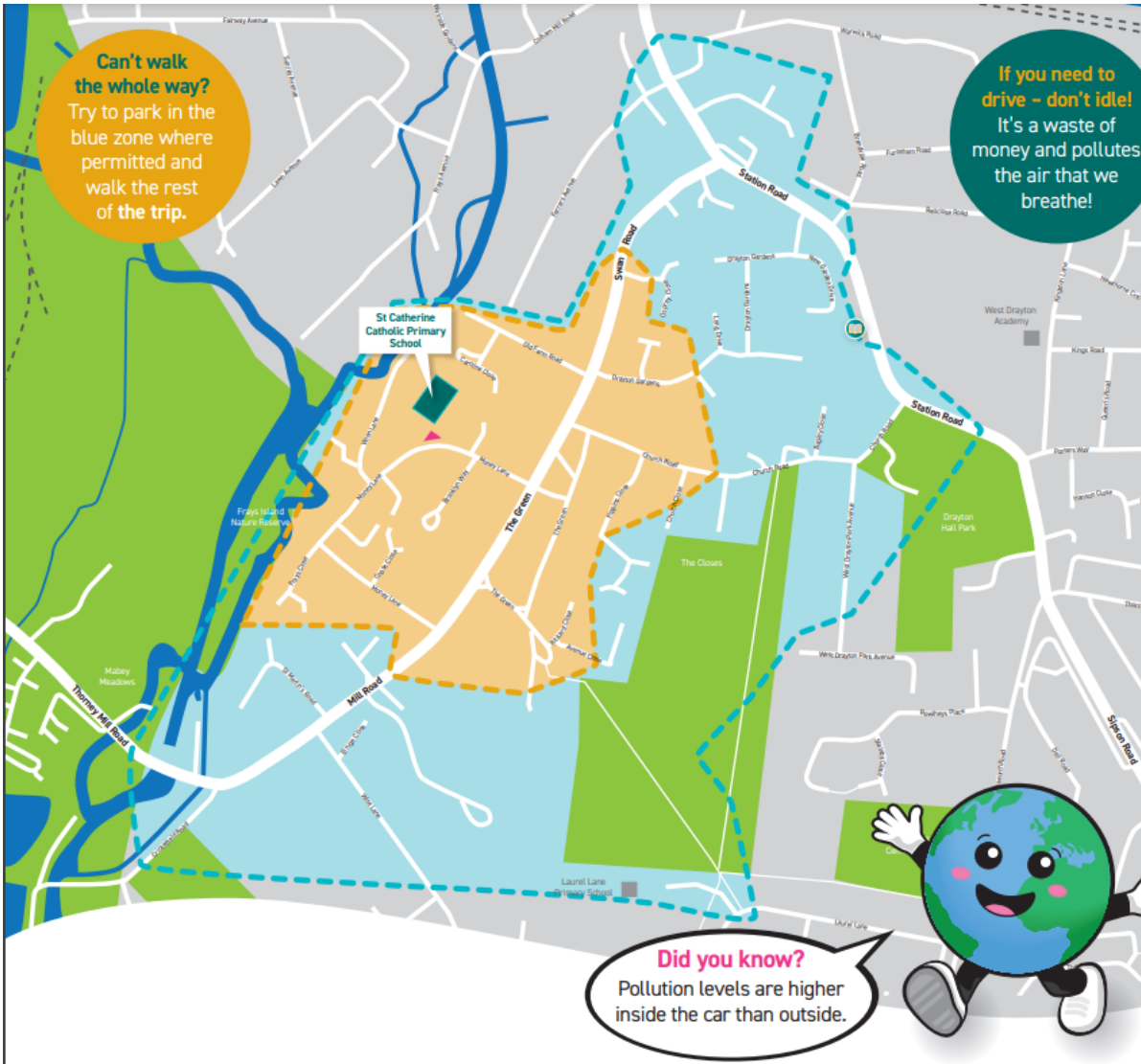
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

Tuesday 22nd April—Back to school / start of Summer term

Thursday 24th April— The Passage homeless charity in school

Thursday 24th April—Year 1 parents phonics screening workshop at 6pm

Saturday 26th April—TCS Mini London Marathon

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

Thursday 1st May—Swimming gala at 7pm

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

