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# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely having the children back at school but this was a week tinged with great sadness with the death of Pope Francis.

Francis was a voice for the poor, the young and the marginalised of society and believed strongly in the transformative power of education. His legacy will continue to guide our work at St Catherines and will shape the hearts and minds of our children for generations to come. May he rest in peace.

This week I shared with the children Pope Francis' three words which are the key to happy relationships and families. They are: 'please, thank you and sorry'. Try saying these words more often to each other.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



## Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.7%.

This week's top class for with 100% attendance was Year 3. Well done Year 3! An amazing achievement.



## School Mass

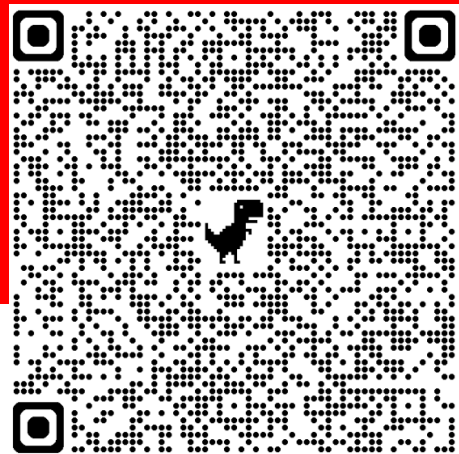
We will be celebrating the start of Summer term with Mass in Church at 9.30am on Tuesday. Please join us if you can.



# TCS Mini London Marathon

Today 25 children 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! Good luck to our runners this weekend.

<https://gofund.me/acb668f7>



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This week we welcomed Anna from The Passage to school. She led a whole school assembly where she explained what The Passage does to help the homeless in London. Anna also met with our Mini Vinnies, who shared some of their fundraising ideas planned for the rest of the year including a 'sleep out to help out' overnight camping at school.

Anna also visited Year 5 who had planned some questions about the charity having learnt about the work of the Passage during their work on the 4th pillar of Catholic Social Teaching (Community and Participation).

Thank you Anna for your time and for sharing the amazing work your charity undertakes. Pope Francis said that 'Life is good when you are happy but much better when others are happy because of you'.



Year 5 question and answer session



Our Mini Vinnies



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>



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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
- VWorkwear
- Carpets, rugs, mats, curtains
- Hygiene items, diapers
- Linen & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING  
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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### Coming up...

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

Wednesday 7 May  
**Little Recyclers**

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

It has been lovely to see so many wonderful creative homework examples of amazing human accomplishments achieved by people working co-operatively. Here are some below:



The children have 1 more week to complete their projects.





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## Swimming gala

Good luck to our swimming team who will be representing St Catherines at Thursday's swimming gala:

Sophia (Yr 6)  
Fara (Yr 6)  
Lily (Yr 6)  
Filip (Yr 6)  
Theo (Yr 5)  
David D (Yr 5)  
Ciara (Yr 5)  
Erin (Yr 4)  
Ciaran (Yr 3)



## 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.

## ANZAC biscuits

Year 5 had a wonderful day today making delicious ANZAC biscuits with Miss O'Callaghan-Sear. Anzac day (25th April) is the national day of commemoration of Australia and New Zealand for victims of war. These biscuits (made from simple ingredients that wouldn't spoil) were sent out from home to troops in care packages during wartime. Thank you to Miss O'Callaghan-Sear for sharing her Australian culture with our children. They were DELICIOUS!





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## PGL Parents information session

Mrs Reardon will be holding a final PGL information session ahead of the Year 6 trip. This will be at 6pm on Thursday 12th June. Attendance at this meeting is very important. You may bring your children along.

## Singing and Signing club

I had a lovely visit to our new 'singing and signing' club this week. The children had managed to learn the signs for our celebration assembly song ('Proud' by Heather Small) in just their first session! Thank you to Miss Hobbs for giving our children such a wonderful opportunity.





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## Perfect poetry

Lily in Year 6 entered the BBC 500 word writing competition this year with her poem called 'Father'. I thought I'd share it with you all. It was too beautiful not to.

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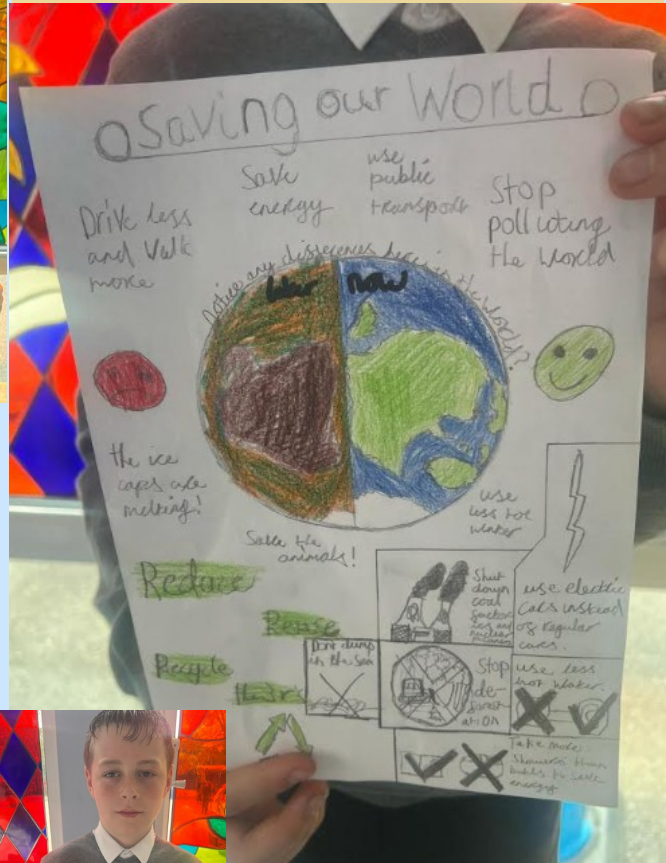
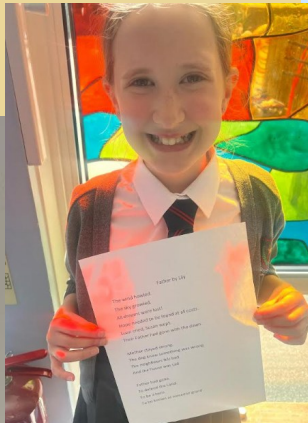
Year 6 have been learning about ways in which we can protect the planet as part of their current science topic 'Looking after our environment'. Pope Francis' Laudato Si told us about how important it is to protect our environment. It is those that have the least who have suffered the most as a result of climate change. We should do everything we can to help the planet and our fellow man. Here is Riley's 'Saving our world' poster.

Father by Lily

The wind howled.  
The sky growled.  
All dreams were lost!  
Hope needed to be found at all costs.  
Luan cried, Susan wept.  
Their Father had gone with the dawn.

Mother stayed strong.  
The dog knew something was wrong.  
The neighbours felt bad.  
And the house was sad.

Father had gone.  
To defend the Land.  
To be a hero.  
To be known as someone grand.





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## Super stitching!

It was wonderful to see Year 5 learning important life skills as part of their Design lessons linked to last term's topic in Geography on 'Extreme Earth'. The children were designing emergency bags and were stitching motifs onto their final designs.



# 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.

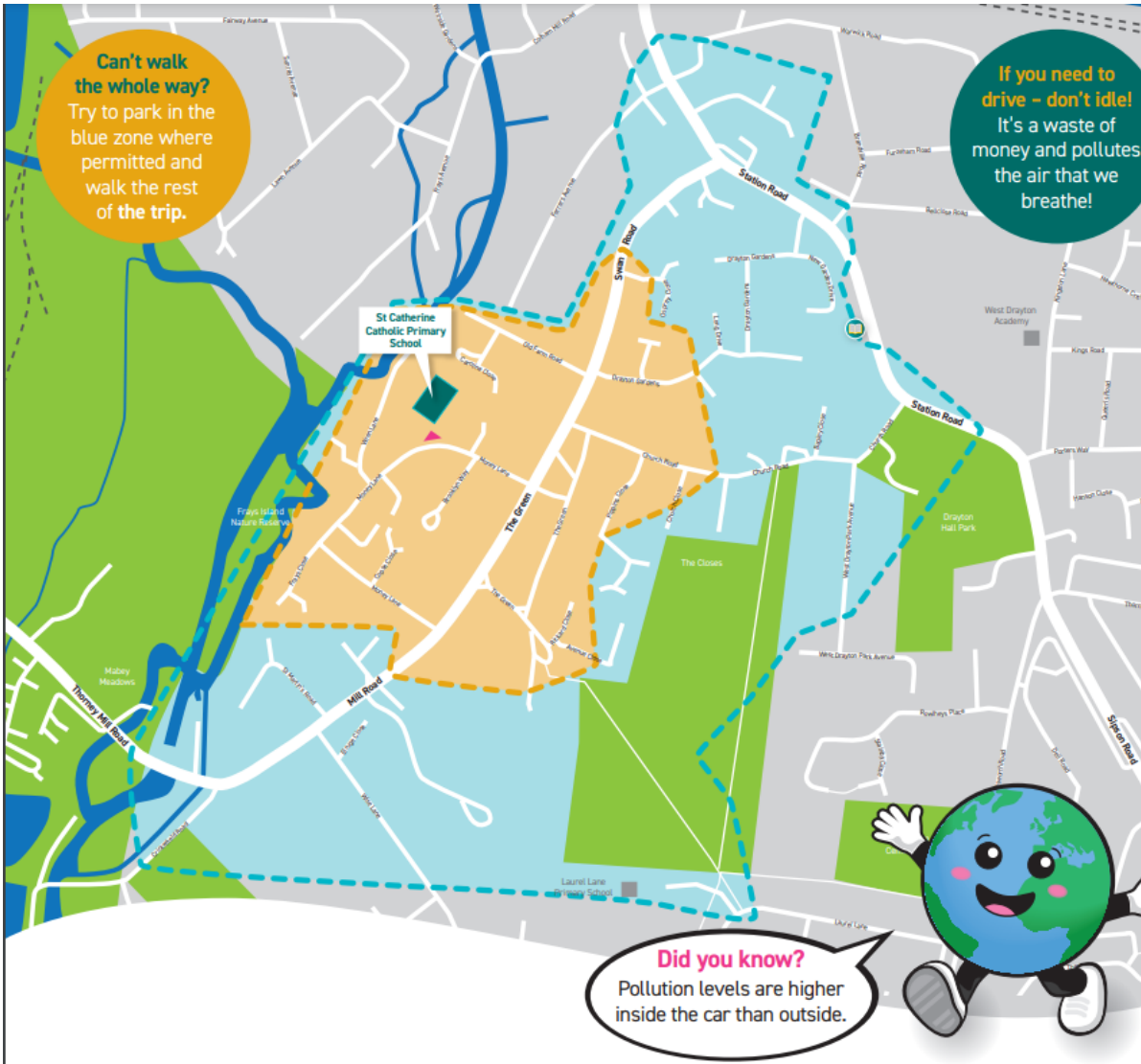
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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





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

Thursday 1st May—Swimming gala at 7pm

Wednesday 7th May—Bag 2 School day

Wednesday 7th May—Inclusive football tournament at Colham Manor

Thursday 8th May—Phonics screening workshop @6pm in school

Mon 12th May—Thurs 15th May —SATS week

Monday 12th May—Class photos

Tuesday 20th May —May Procession at 1.30pm

June—Traveller Awareness month

Monday 2nd June - training day (school closed)

Thursday 12th June - PGL parent information session at 6pm in library

Friday 13th June—Year 5 Longridge outdoor activity centre trip

Thursday 19th June - Rounders Tournament

Mon 23rd June - Fri 27th June—Year 6 PGL trip

Saturday 28th June—Community Stay and Play morning 10am-12 noon

Wednesday 2nd July—EYFS Sports Day in school 9-10am

Friday 4th July—training day (school closed)

Sunday 6th July—School Summer Fayre



## Important future diary dates cont....

Wed 9th Jul—Year 1,2,3 Sports Day on school playground 8.45—10am

Wednesday 9th July—Yr 2 transition to Yr 3 parents meeting at 6pm

Friday 11th July—Year 4,5,6 Sports Day on The Green (9-10.30am)

Tuesday 15th July—Leavers Mass at 9.30am

Tuesday 15th July—Optional Parents Evening 3.15pm-4.30pm

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

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

