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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we listened to last Sunday's Gospel reading about St Thomas and his disbelief in Jesus' resurrection.

Jesus says 'blessed are those who have not seen yet believe'. I always saw this as making us extra special but I find myself asking, at times, do we really believe? If we all believed then there would be no hungry people, no war, no arguing.

I told the story of the famous tightrope walker Charles Blondin and how people didn't believe he could walk across Niagra Falls blindfolded. He did! He then asked for volunteers to get into a wheelbarrow to be pushed across, while he was blindfolded. The believers were not so confident then! Finally his own mother volunteers. If we really believe we must put our trust in all of Jesus' teachings and metaphorically 'get into the wheelbarrow'.

I asked the children to see Jesus in everybody and show that they believe this through action, thought and word—'Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto me'.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.7%

This week's top class for attendance with 96.9% was Reception class. Well done Reception!



Bethany in Reception has 100% attendance this year! Well done Bethany!



Swimming Gala CHAMPIONS!



In a year of unprecedented sporting success at St Catherines our swim squad became our latest hall of famers by clinching the team relay trophy and overall team trophy at this week's Uxbridge and District Swimming Gala. We haven't won any trophies at the gala since 1984 let alone two!

Once again this was an **AMAZING** achievement by our **INCREDIBLE** children—all of whom took home at least 1 medal. Thank you to Mrs Doherty for selecting and organising the squad and thank you to Mr Lynam for accompanying the team on the evening. Without staff willing to go the extra mile these opportunities would not be available to our super talented children.

Swimming Gala Results!



Boys Breaststroke
Girls breaststroke
Boys backstroke
Girls backstroke
Boys freestyle
Girls freestyle
Mixed Medley relay
Girls Freestyle relay
Boys Freestyle relay

Filip 2nd place
Ciara 1st place
Theo 3rd place
Sophia 1st place
David D 2nd place
Fara 2nd place
Ciara, Theo, Fara 3rd place
Erin, Lily Sophia 1st place
David D, Ciaran, Filip 1st place



St Catherine Catholic Primary School

FSCS News



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THIS WEEK...

Last chance this weekend for that wardrobe clear-out ahead of the Little Recyclers Collection on Wednesday morning.

The School playground will be open for cars to drive in and drop off filled bags.

Bags must be dropped off by 8.30 am.



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



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Friends of St. Catherine's School
presents

Family GAME NIGHT!

Join us for a fun night for the whole family!
Games for ADULTS and CHILDREN, and...

HOMEMADE ITALIAN FOOD!

Sunday 11th MAY, 5pm to 7pm

in the Parish Hall, Money Lane, West Drayton, UB77

£5 per TEAM

up to 6 people per team (over 3 years old)

Tickets will be available on the school playground from
Tuesday 6th May. There is limited availability to this event.

GAME NIGHT!

Join us for our popular Family Game Night, complete with authentic Italian Food made by our wonderful Italian community.

Tickets are available by pre-sale only (not on the door) so get yours from next week Tuesday on the playground.



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Rosary Club in May

May is the month of Mary. Each year Mrs Head leads the children in prayer in Rosary Club. This year Rosary club will be held each Tuesday from 6th May. Children from years 3-6 will be given the opportunity to join Mrs Head at lunchtime.

The prayers of children are considered to be very powerful, particularly when directed towards Mary, the mother of Jesus. If you have anyone you would like us to pray for please pass on to the office via the school email and we will pass on to Mrs Head.



SORTED workshop

This week Year 6 attended a workshop delivered by the SORTED team from Hillingdon. The children learnt about the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse as they transition into Secondary School. This covered what drugs are, what alcohol is, nicotine and vapes.



Please see the attached flyer for an art competition to raise awareness of Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month, which is in June.

Art Competition



We would like to invite all young people ages 6 to 18 to celebrate Gypsy, Roma, Traveller History Month (GRTHM) by submitting their artwork for a competition.

Artwork could be a drawing, painting, photo, poem, audio recording on the mobile phone or a short video showing young people playing music, dancing or singing.

Prizes to win!

Winning entries will be exhibited at London's Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month event taking place at London City Hall on June 27th.

Deadline: May 15th 2025

by sending it to:

aspiration@romasupportgroup.org.uk

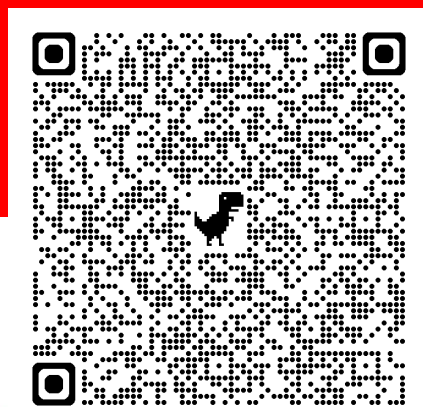


TCS Mini London Marathon

Well done to the children who ran in Saturdays TCS Mini London Marathon. We are so fortunate to be invited to such special events and it was made even more special as we were able to raise £2115 so far for The Passage—a London based homelessness charity.

If you are able to give to our Go Fund me page simple follow the link below or scan the QR code. Thank you to all of you who have donated so far. It is going to a very worthy cause. In a year in which we are called by Pope Francis to be 'Pilgrims of hope' your support is bringing hope to many.

<https://gofund.me/acb668f7>



The Passage 

Everyone deserves a place to call home

Photos from the TCS Mini London Marathon:





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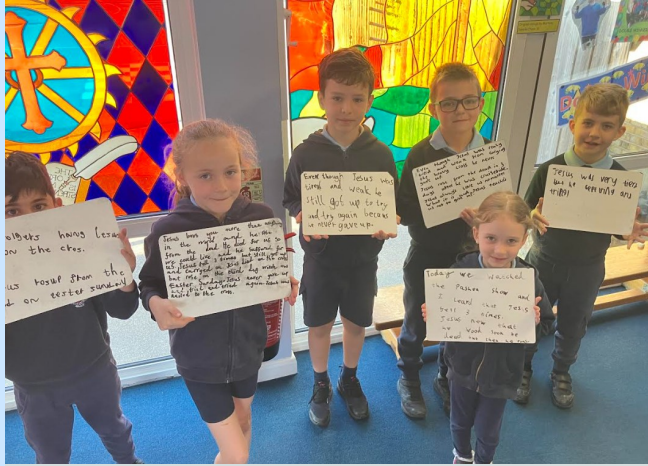
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Stations of the cross



I had a lovely visit from Year 2 last week who wanted to share with me their memories of the stations of the cross with Mrs Phaire in Church. It was beautiful to see the messages that the children took from their experience.

Young author



It is wonderful to see our children choosing to write at home. Elizabeth in Year 2 wrote an alternative version of Stick Man by Julia Donaldson, which she was keen to share with her class. Well done Elizabeth.





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VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

To mark the 80th Anniversary of VE day on Thursday, we will be asking the children to come to school in red white and blue. Classes will be taking part in VE day activities during the day.

Years 2-6 will also be visiting the Burroughs care home on Thursday, as they have kindly invited us to celebrate with the residents.

Year 2—11.11.30am
Year 3- 11.30-12
Year 4- 1.15-1.45
Year 5- 1.45-2.15
Year 6 2.15-2.45pm



If you can help by accompanying your child's class down to The Burroughs please let the office know before Thursday. The children will depart 15 minutes before their allotted start time.





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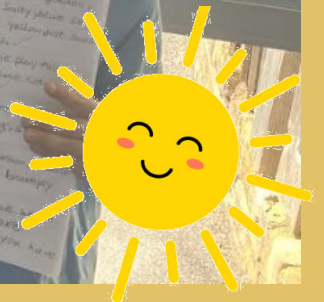
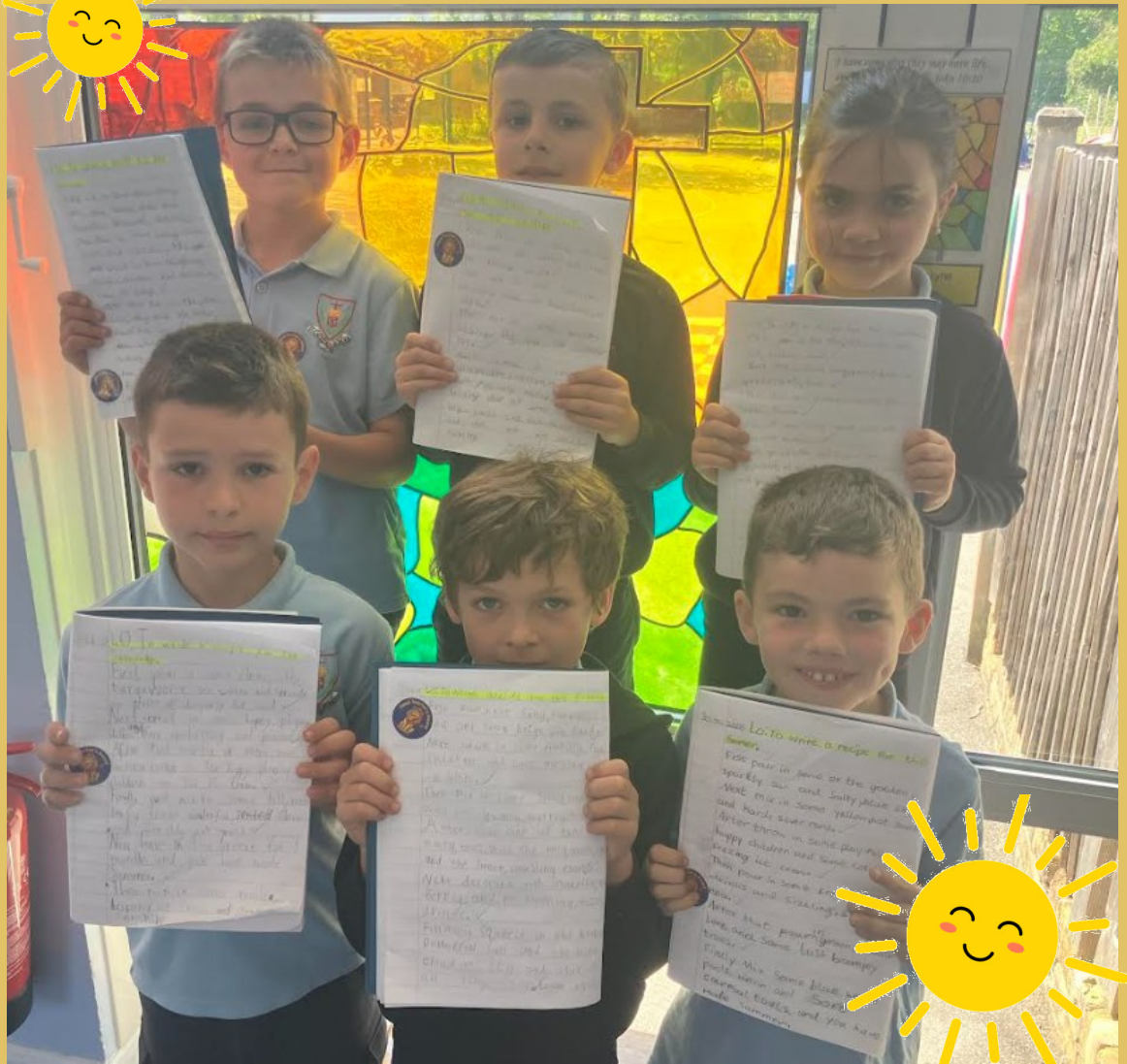
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The perfect summer recipes



This week year 2 wrote some stunning instructions for how to create the perfect summers day. They used sequencing words, imperative verbs and adverbs. Great work children. Keep it up.



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Tricky word wizards!



Well done to the Reception children who were sent to see me with their wonderful 'tricky word' spelling work. It was amazing to see how much they enjoyed learning to spell. Thank you to our Reception team for making learning so much fun.



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Iconic icons!



Well done to Michael and David who produced this most spectacular icon of Mary at home. They used acrylic paint and water colours and applied it with feathers and brushes. It will take pride of place at Rosary Club during May.

Year 4 class Mass

Year 4's class Mass will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 6th May. Families are welcome to attend. Please aim to arrive at school by 1.50pm at the latest so we can seat everybody.





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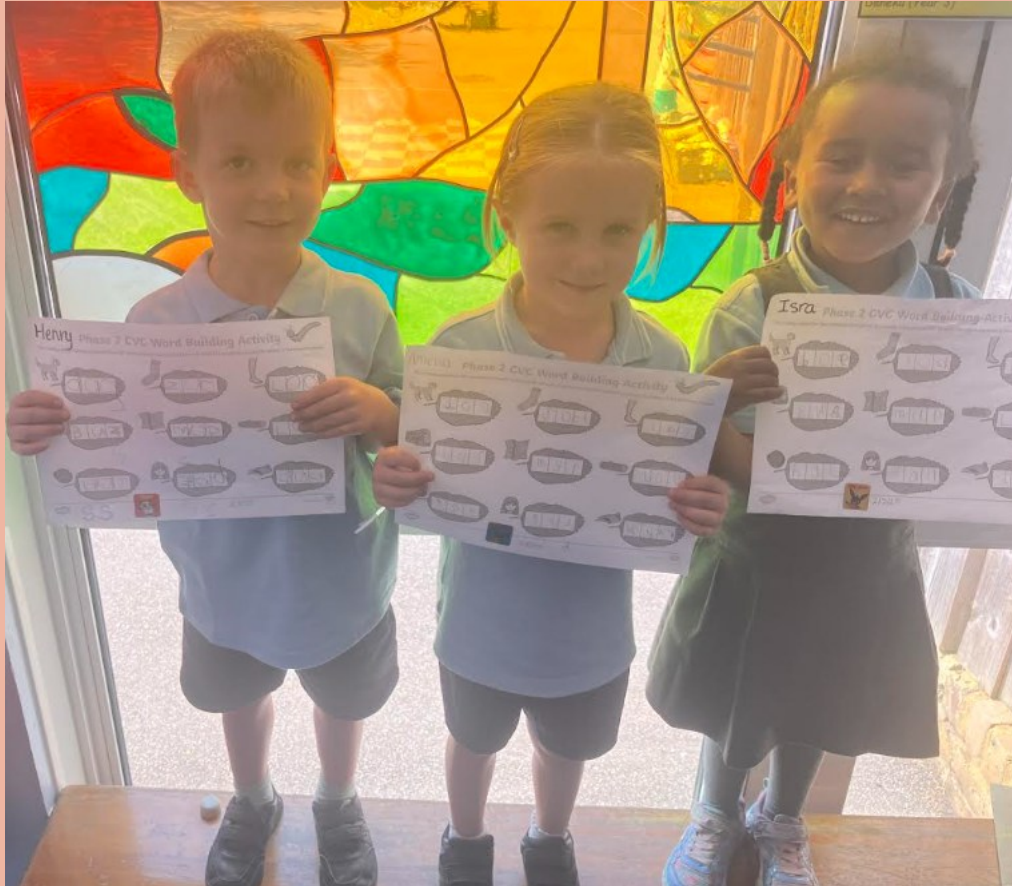
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CVC word superstars!








Well done to the Nursery children (Henry, Amelia and Isra) who were sent to see me with their wonderful 'CVC' word spelling work. These are our youngest children and it is amazing to see how much confidence they have and how rapidly they are progressing. Well done to our Nursey staff for their continued hard work. They are a credit to you.





Our school prayer for May

Our school prayer for the month of May is the Memorare in honour of Mary. May is a special month which we devote to Mary. Please make this a prayer you say with your children









Memorare








Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known







that anyone that fled to your protection









implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided





Inspired by this confidence I fly unto you









O virgin of virgins, My mother







To you do I come, before you I stand




Sinful and sorrowful



O mother of the word incarnate despise not my petitions



but in your mercy, hear and answer me

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.

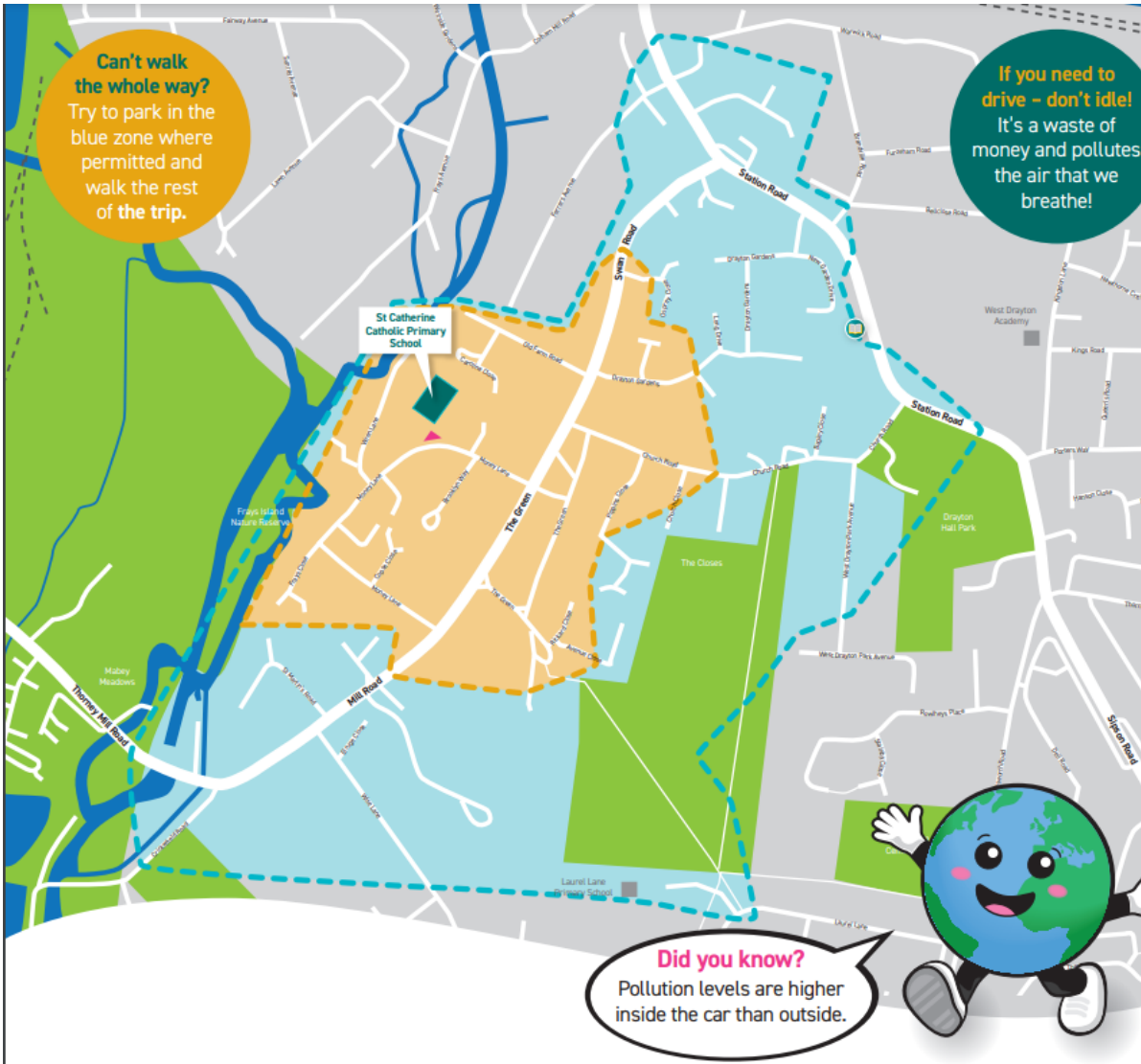
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk 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 6th May—Year 4 class Mass at 2pm

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

Tuesday 1st July—EYFS Sports Day in school 9-10am

Tuesday 1st July—Year 3 class Mass at 2pm

Tuesday 1st July—Reception transition to Yr 1 evening (6pm)

Thursday 3rd July—Year 5 transition to Year 6 evening including PGL information for 2026 (6pm)

Friday 4th July—training day (school closed)



Important future diary dates cont....

Sunday 6th July—School Summer Fayre

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 1/2 trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre

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

Thursday 17th July—Year 6 production from 6pm

Monday 21st July—Year 6 Leavers BBQ from 1pm (parents welcome)

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

