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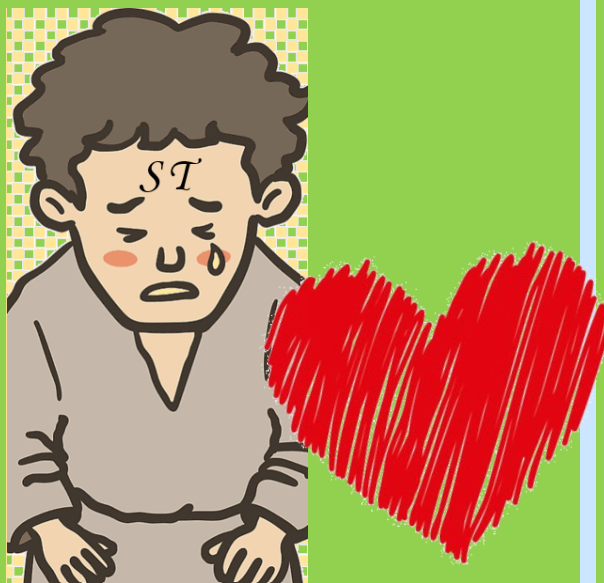
In Monday assembly we read the Gospel passage in which Jesus told his followers to 'love one another as I have loved you'.

There are lots of songs about how love changes everything and it truly does.

I told the children a story about a sheep thief who was branded with the letters ST so that everybody would know he was a criminal.

The man decides to change and spends the rest of his life doing good deeds. Ask your children what happens when a stranger (many years later) asks what ST stands for.

Love does change everything in the story.



Have a lovely half term everybody.  
Mr Doherty

## Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.8%

This week's top class for attendance with 96.4% was Year 3. Well done Year 3!





St Catherine Catholic Primary School

# FSCS News



23rd May 2025



## Family game night fundraiser

Thanks to your efforts, we raised a fantastic:



*Thank you for all your support  
with our latest fundraiser!*

### Coming up...

**Thursday 12 June**

**FSCS Meeting**, 7 pm, School Library

Our last meeting before the Summer Fayre!

**Sunday 6 July 2025**

**Summer Fayre**, 12-3pm

In the School Playground



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# FSCS News



23rd May 2025



**Sunday 6 July 2025**

We are fast approaching the event of the year!

- **PRIZES** Can you help us get prizes? Do you work for a company or have any contacts who can donate a prize? We have a letter you can provide to the prospective donator, please ask one of our representatives.
- **ACTIVITIES** Do you have any ideas for new games or activities for the kids?
- **VOLUNTEER** Can you help us set up before the event and/or help on a stall? We can only have stalls if we have people to help operate them.

Please contact one of the FSCS representatives (via your WhatsApp Class Rep or on the playground) for more information.


## List of stalls we require volunteers for

- International food stall
- Cakes stall x3
- Ice cones x1
- Pick a carrot x2
- Hoopla x2
- Tin Can Alley x2
- Bottle Tombola x2
- Face Painting x2
- Glitter Tattoos x2





# ST CATHERINE'S SUMMER FAYRE



Sunday 6th July  
12:00–3:00pm

IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND  
MONEY LANE, WEST DRAYTON

£1 ENTRY  
(CHILDREN FREE)

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!  
ALL WELCOME!

- tombolas • fun games •
- fully licensed bar • BBQ
- food and cakes • silent auction
- glitter tattoos • face painting
- raffles • great shows and entertainment •
- music by Radio Hillingdon and much more!

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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>

# May Procession 2025

Finally we got to have our outdoor May Procession! What a wonderfully public demonstration of our faith. We brought our little part of West Drayton to a standstill and I am sure Mary would have been honoured by how beautifully the children processed, read and sang.

Can I say a very special thank you to Hannah for her beautiful piano playing, to Mrs Head for preparing the Rosary Club children to read the litany, to Reverend Nick for leading us in prayer and for his beautiful words, to the UCM and Parishioners for joining our procession and Miss McCann for once again creating the most stunning of backdrops for our very special altar.



# More photos from the May Procession....



# Nursery trip to The Closes

The Nursery children absolutely LOVED our school trip to The Closes Park today. We have been learning about how to be safe when 'out and about' and today we had the chance to put what we learnt into practice.

Albion and Jemimah were super line leaders and told us when it was safe to cross the road (and navigate big piles of rubbish for bin day!) and we made it to the park just in time for an ice lolly.

We then went into the playground to play! Ivaan enjoyed playing music on the climbing frame, Clara and Isra loved spinning around on the roundabout and Aoife and Luna loved swinging super high on the swing!

Thank You so much to the parent helpers! The children had such a lovely time and it is not possible without parent volunteers.

Miss Bain



# Year 5 Aussie rules football

Thank you to Miss O'Callaghan Sear and the team from Vibe Teacher Recruitment (Nick, Billy and Colleen) for organising a morning of Aussie rules football for Year 5 as part of their Australian day which was linked to their current geography topic— 'Down Under'. What a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn a new sport.



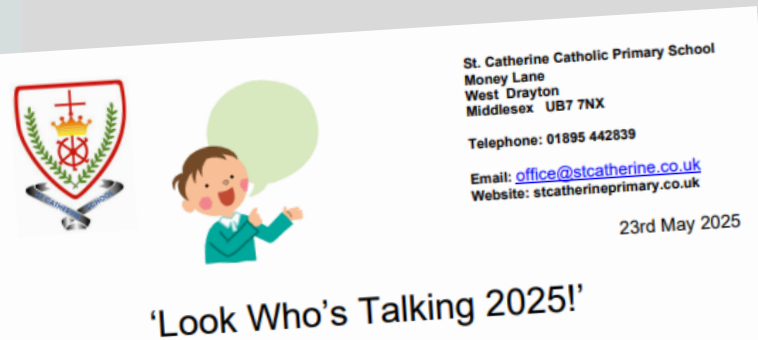
# More photos from Australia day in Year 5

As well as learning Aussie rules football, Year 5 also got to make Lamingtons, Fairy Bread and Chocolate Crackles which are all popular Australian sweet treats shared at birthday parties. I have to say they tasted **AMAZING!**



# Look Who's Talking 2025!

This half term we have asked all the children to prepare a presentation for this year's Look Who's Talking competition. The letter sent home is below. We are looking forward to hearing the children's entries. Thank you in advance for supporting us. The ability to speak confidently is a gift that will enable our children to truly live life in all of its fullness.



Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be running a 'Look Who's Talking!' competition after half term, which promotes spoken English in primary schools. Speaking and Listening is a very important part of the National Curriculum Programme of Study for English.

The class competition will take place within school between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. The in-school Finals will take place between 4 winners: one from EYFS, one from Years 1 and 2, one from Years 3 and 4 and one from Years 5 and 6. The final will be held on Wednesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> in the school hall during our whole school celebration assembly. The parents of the winners will be invited to this.

Your child has been set Look Who's Talking preparation as their homework over the half term. It is our expectation that **all children** participate and therefore your support will be greatly appreciated. For your information, the requirements for the Age Categories are as follows:

**EYFS (Nursery and Reception) – children must complete both sections**

**Section 1: Show-and-Tell (maximum 3 minutes)**  
Show something special to your listeners and tell them about it – e.g. a teddy bear; a special toy; a beautiful shell, a souvenir, a poster, a favourite book, an object related to a hobby or pastime. A group of related objects is acceptable.

**Section 2: Nursery rhyme**  
Perform a nursery rhyme you have learnt by heart. You may use props and costumes!



**Years 1 and 2 – children must complete all 3 sections**

**Section 1: Poetry (maximum 10 lines)**  
Share a poem you have learnt by heart.

**Section 2: Show-and-Tell (maximum 4 minutes)**  
Show something special to your listeners and tell them about it – e.g. a teddy bear; a special toy; a beautiful shell, a souvenir, a poster, a favourite book. This could be an object or picture related to a hobby, pastime or a topic you are very knowledgeable about. A group of related objects is acceptable. *Powerpoint presentations are NOT allowed.*

**Section 3: Q&A session (maximum 3 questions)**  
These will be asked by staff and will be relating to your show-and-tell presentation

**Years 3 and 4 – children must complete all 3 sections**

**Section 1: Poetry (maximum 20 lines)**  
Share a poem you have learnt by heart.

**Section 2: Show-and-Tell (maximum 4 minutes)**  
Show something special to your listeners and tell them about it – e.g. a teddy bear; a special toy; a beautiful shell, a souvenir, a poster, a favourite book. This could be an object or picture related to a hobby, pastime or a topic you are very knowledgeable about. A group of related objects is acceptable. *Powerpoint presentations are NOT allowed.*

**Section 3: Q&A session (maximum 3 questions)**  
These will be asked by staff or students and will be relating to your show-and-tell presentation.

**Years 5 and 6 – children must complete all 3 sections**

**Section 1: Poetry (maximum 30 lines)**  
Share a poem you have learnt by heart.

**Section 2: Project (maximum 4 minutes)**  
Show something special to your listeners and tell them about it – e.g. a teddy bear, a special toy; a beautiful shell, a souvenir, a poster, a favourite book. This could be an object or picture related to a hobby, pastime or a topic you are very knowledgeable about. A group of related objects is acceptable. *Powerpoint presentations are NOT allowed.*

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'Look Who's Talking!' aims to celebrate *all* children's achievements, and especially those who are particularly talented in the area of Speaking and Listening. We wish all the children the best of luck and are so looking forward to listening to your presentations.

Yours sincerely

Our next community Stay and Play event will be held on Saturday 28th June from 10am. Please share this with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you and your children there.



# St Catherine Catholic Primary School and Nursery

*Our next community Stay and Play morning  
for Nursery and Reception aged children  
and siblings will be held on:*



## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June

## 10am until 12 noon

This event is open to children children  
currently attending our school and children in  
the local community. If you have a questions  
please contact our office:

[office@stcatherine.co.uk](mailto:office@stcatherine.co.uk)

telephone: 01895442839



# NEWSLETTER

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Singing and signing club  
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Fri 6th June

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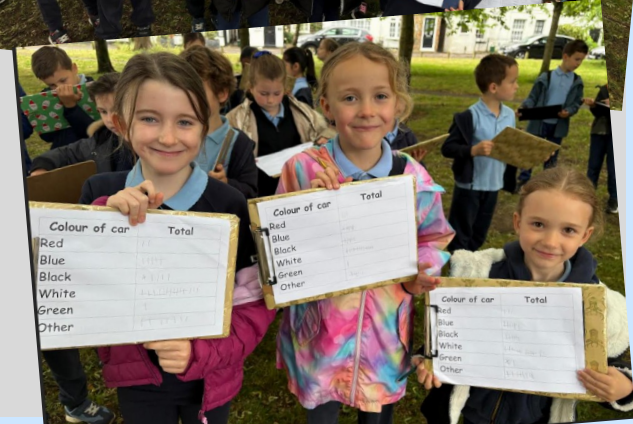
## Thank you!

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the 'Helping your child recognise and manage worries' coffee morning on Thursday. We hope that you found it useful. Thank you to Elinor from Hillingdon's Mental Health Support Team for sharing many useful strategies. The information shared at the coffee morning has been shared with you all via email.

## Yr 2 traffic survey

Year 2 had a great time using tallies to record the types of transport travelling along Swan Road this week.

This is inked to their current topic in maths on data handling.





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## Emmie for Chelsea!

This week I received the incredible news that Emmie in Year 6 had trials for Chelsea youth development and was selected to join their squad! A wonderful achievement. Don't forget us when you become rich and famous Emmie! We are all very proud of you.



## Catholic Social Teaching

This week we learnt about pillar 5 of the 6 pillars of Catholic Social Teaching—Dignity of Workers. We learnt how the Church believes in the importance of work and protection of the worker. We prayed for those who do not get the opportunity to work, who work in unsafe conditions or are not paid fairly. We also prayed for children around the world who need to work to support their families instead of attending school. In class the children will be thinking of ways to make things better for workers around the world.



I am delighted to inform you that Be Active will be using the school during the upcoming half term for 4 days. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Please remember that the more children sign up the more we receive as a school!

# BEACTIVE

## MAY HALF-TERM CAMP

**SPECIALIST MULTI- SPORT CAMP** 

**EARLY BIRD PRICE**  
BOOK NOW BEFORE MONDAY 19TH MAY TO AVOID PAYING £25 PER DAY

### REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY!



**BOUNCY CASTLE**



**MULTI SPORTS**



**ARTS & CRAFTS**



**AXE THROWING**



**NERF ACTIVITIES**



-  Roxbourne Primary School
-  Belmont Primary School
-  St Joseph's Primary School
-  St Catherine's Primary School
-  Ruislip Gardens Primary School
-  St John's Primary School



**DAILY COSTS**  
9.00-3pm- £20

**Call 07715 847 132 / 07540 984 154**

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 FOOTBALL

 BASKETBALL

 DODGEBALL

 CRICKET

 ARTS AND CRAFTS

 TAG RUGBY

 HOCKEY

 ATHLETICS

## **DATES & LOCATIONS**

**PLEASE PROVIDE:  
PACKED LUNCH  
WATER BOTTLE**



### **Harrow**

**St Joseph's Primary School - HA3 7LP**  
Tuesday 27th May, Wednesday 28th May  
Thursday 29th May, Friday 30th May

**Roxbourne Primary School - HA2 9QF**  
Tuesday 27th May, Wednesday 28th May  
Thursday 29th May, Friday 30th May

**St John's Primary School - HA7 3AZ**  
Tuesday 27th May, Wednesday 28th May  
Thursday 29th May

**Belmont Primary School - HA3 7JT**  
Tuesday 27th May, Wednesday 28th May  
Thursday 29th May, Friday 30th May

### **Hillingdon**

**Ruislip Gardens Primary School - HA4 6PD**  
Tuesday 27th May, Wednesday 28th May  
Thursday 29th May, Friday 30th May

**St Catherine's Primary School - UB7 7NX**  
Tuesday 27th May, Wednesday 28th May  
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## **HOW TO BOOK**

Visit our website  
<https://www.beactivesportsandclubs.co.uk/book-online>

Select the venue you would like your child to attend

Select the chosen dates that suit you

Confirm your selection and pay via our secure online system

If you are having trouble booking online or would like more information regarding our holiday provision please contact us at:  
Email: [info@beactivesports.co.uk](mailto:info@beactivesports.co.uk) or Call: 07715 847 132



Scan with your smart phone

HECA - Hillingdon & Ealing Chess Association

# May Half Term Camp

**Tues 27 May 10am to 3pm**  
**Puzzles, group lesson, games & Rapid 10+5 Comp**

**Wed 28 May 10am to 3pm**  
**Puzzles, games & Simul Vs Coaches £100+ prize money**

**Thurs 29th May 10am to 3pm**  
**Puzzles, games & Blitz 5+3 9 round Competition**

**£30 a day or £73 for all 3 days**

Venue: Lady of Lourdes Church Hall,  
▣ Osborne Rd, Uxbridge UB8 1UE  
▣ Contact: Daniel Knight  
▣ 07834 267109 E; Uxbridgejuniorchessclub@hotmail.com



### What You'll Learn

- ▣ Chess fundamentals
- ▣ Tactics & strategy
- ▣ Opening/Middle/Endgame

- ▣ To join in
- ▣ Full name, contact No, DOB, ECF no.
- ▣
- ▣ Payable to Uxbridge Junior Chess Club
- ▣ Acc: 42841360 Sort: 309950
- ▣ Childs name for reference

[WWW.uxbridgejuniorchessclubs.com](http://WWW.uxbridgejuniorchessclubs.com)

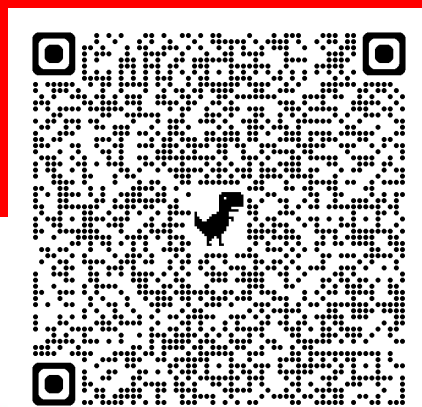


## TCS Mini London Marathon

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 £2155 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

# 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.

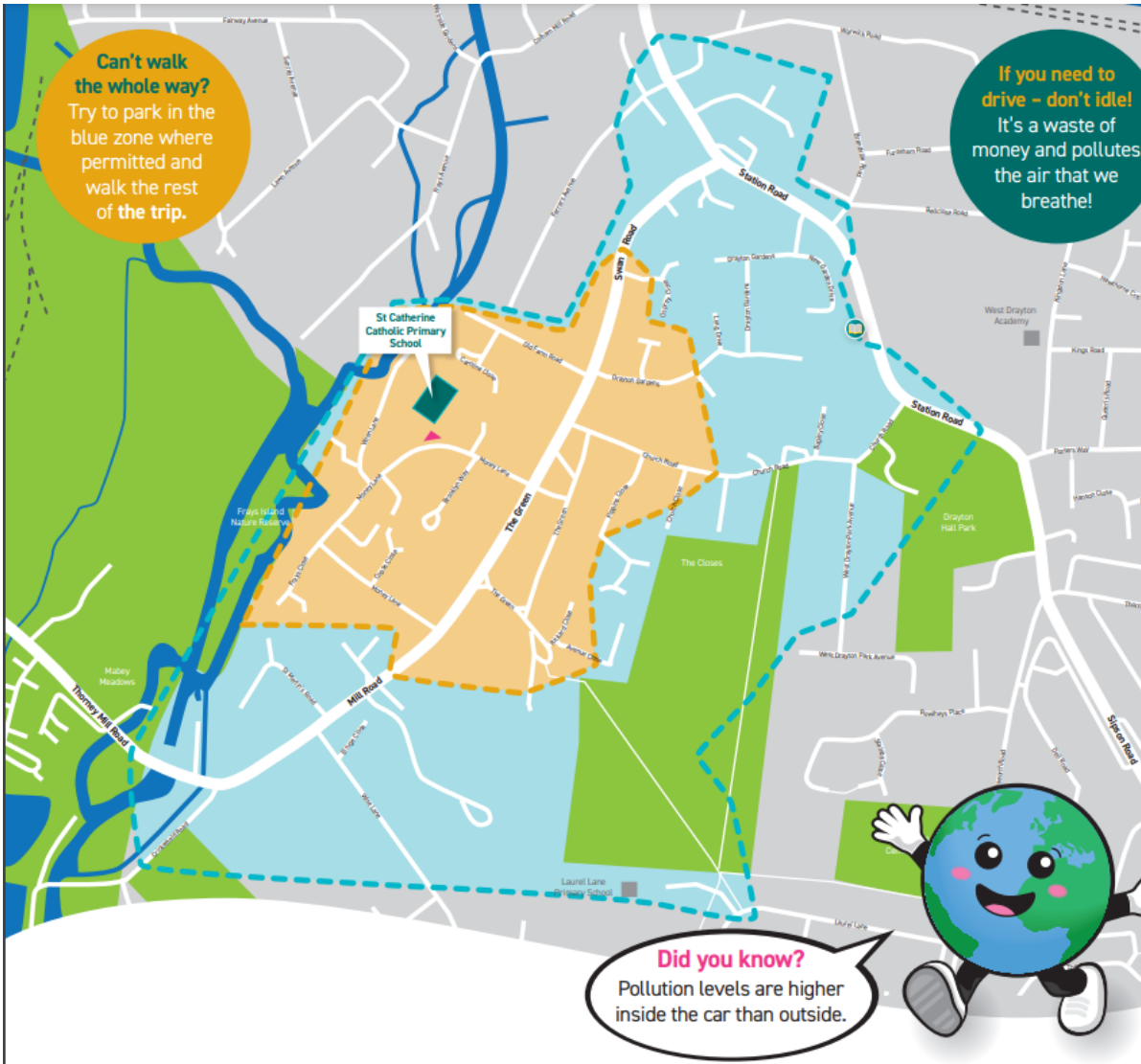
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

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

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

