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Dear Parents and Carers,

In whole school assembly this week I spoke to the children about the Gospel from Sunday where Jesus sends out 72 disciples. He warns them that they will be like 'sheep among wolves'. When we want to live like Jesus we will face many difficulties. 'Great achievement is usually born of great sacrifice and is never the result of selfishness'. The children heard the story of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian who gave refuge to persecuted Jewish citizens (even though she knew that this would put her and her family in great danger) in Holland during the 2nd World War and was eventually sent to a concentration camp for doing what God would have wanted and helping those in need.

Living God's mission is not easy. 'God does not promise an easy journey but there is a great destination'.

Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the sunshine!

Mr Doherty



Attendance

Attendance this week was 94.7%

This week's top class for attendance with 97.5% was Year 4.

Well done Year 4!

Winners for the 2nd week in a row!



Leavers Mass

A reminder that our Leavers Mass will be at 9.30am on Tuesday in Church.



NEW NETBALL ERA

Heathrow 0 v St Catherine 10

Things are looking good for the 2025/26 season as the next generation of St Catherine netballers defeated Heathrow this week in a pre season warm up game.

Saint Catherine's started off quickly scoring 4 goals in the first quarter courtesy of Julia and Ciara.

The goals didn't stop there and Saint Catherine's continued to score more in the final three quarters by Hallie, Aria, Erin, Molly and Marilyn!!

Well done girls. What a start ! Mr Lynam





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Summer Fayre 2025

It was a shame on the attendance. But a great atmosphere as always.

We pay a special word of thanks:

- To our wonderful and supportive Headteacher, Mr Doherty,
- The Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Philip Corthorne,
- the Hillingdon Hospital Radio for supplying us with some fabulous tunes and Tsunami Martial arts for their demonstration,
- our main sponsor Oakwood Estates and to the many local businesses and individuals who donated prizes or gave a donation!



A special **THANK YOU** to all on the committee, teachers, parishioners and parent volunteers who manned stalls during the event.

Thank you to each and every child and parent who donated a toy or bottle and came to the event and spent money.

We are pleased to announce we raised a fabulous...

**£2,941.85
PROFIT**



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Other ways you can raise money for the School

If you are in need of some School parent staples before next term, 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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3-4pm**

Thurs 17th July

**Sleep Hygiene
Stay and Play @
1.30pm**

**Year 3/4 trip to
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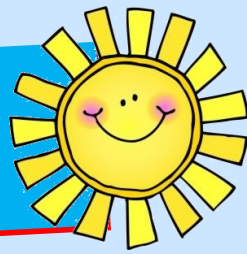
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Look Who's Talking Final

Well done to Luna (Nursery), Sara (Reception), Noah (Year 1), Hallie (Year 4) and Karolina (Year 6) who performed to the whole school in the Look Who's Talking final this week. Luna spoke about Peppa Pig, Sara spoke about her toy cat, Noah talked about his holiday to Sri Lanka, Hallie spoke about her visit to Lapland and Karolina spoke about Roald Dahl. It was so impressive to see our children confident enough to talk in front of over 200 people! A special mention to Luna, who became our first ever Nursery child to perform in the final! Well done all!





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Summer music concert

On Monday 21st July our children who learn musical instruments in school will be staging an open air summer concert on the playground from 2pm. All welcome to attend. A list of the children currently performing is below:

- Ciaran Doherty
- David Doherty
- Olivia Carter
- Noelle Kyaw
- Alisa Popov-Higgs
- Cora Walsh
- Martyna Deneka
- Olivia Bray
- Isabella Coleman
- Zuzanna Dyrka
- Martina Meli
- Aria Veiga
- Elia Veiga
- Michael Popov-Higgs
- Stephen Stivin
- Marilyn and Hallie
- Kristian
- Yaroslav
- Lily Wormald

We look forward to seeing you there.



Magic Mitchell

I received a lovely message this week informing me that Mitchell Simpson (who left us last year) won the St Joseph's Catholic High School Year 7 award for progress in Physical Education. This is a VERY prestigious award to receive. We are so proud of you Mitchell. It's so lovely to hear that our past pupils go on to reach such heights.





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CASTLE CRAZY



I had a lovely visit from Year 2 this week who were sharing their project books about castles, which is their current history topic. I was so impressed at the facts they remembered and the level of presentation. Some of the drawings were INCREDIBLE.



Sleep hygiene Stay and Play

Elinor from Hillingdon's Mental Health Support Team will be hosting a workshop on sleep hygiene on Thursday 17th at 1.30pm. This is aimed at supporting parents and carers whose children struggle to sleep. All welcome to attend.

PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS AND WORKSHOPS JULY 2025

Challenging Behaviour Workshop

How to support your child with managing big emotions, following instructions, and behaviour that is challenging.

3rd of July at 2:15pm



Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

Supporting your child with worries and anxieties related to moving to Secondary School and how to prepare for this

10th July at 4:30pm

Sleep Hygiene Stay and Play

Tips on supporting your child if they have difficulty sleeping, bed time routine, and general tips on how to support your child over the summer holidays

17th July at 1:30pm



All workshops will take place at St Catherine's in the school hall

Even if these topics do not apply to you, please feel free to come along for further information on the Mental Health Support Team and how we may support you!

Year 4,5,6 Sports Day

Well done to all of the children who gave their all in this years Year 4,5,6 Sports Day today. As District Sports Champions there was a lot of talent on display. Thank you to the parents and families who turned up in numbers to support. It was a great atmosphere and a wonderful morning. Thank you to the FSCS and parent volunteers who helped out, to the school staff and especially to Mr Lynam for organising another fantastic morning. Mr Lynam also won our parents/ teachers race in a photo finish against Mrs Doherty! Congratulations to St Bernadettes for being this year's winners.



more photos.....



Year 1,2,3 Sports Day

Well done to all of the children who gave their all in this years Year 1,2,3 Sports Day on Wednesday. Thank you to the parents and families who turned up in numbers to support. It was a great atmosphere and a wonderful morning. Thank you to the Year 5 children for helping and to the school staff especially Miss Hobbs for organising a fantastic event Congratulations to St Georges for being this year's winners.





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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Well done to Jacob in Year 4 who became the first child from St Catherines to join the West Drayton library Summer Reading Challenge with a Magical Nature theme.

Take on the Challenge!

- o Go to your library this summer to sign up and get your **Story Garden sticker booklet...**
- o Read **ANYTHING** you like
- o Collect **stickers** from your library and add them to the magical garden as you read more
- o **Rewards** for meeting your goal!



Visit the library 4 times to compete the challenge and get your certificate and medal. The challenge ends on 13th September.

All certificate winners will be entered into a draw with fabulous prizes.

Make sure, when you visit, that you get your sticker for St Catherines chart. Let's be the best school this year!

Keep on reading everyone.

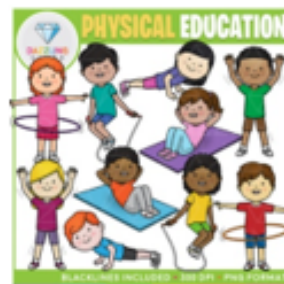


Below is the planned for PE days for all classes from Reception to Year 6 for next term. Children should come to school in PE kit on these days.



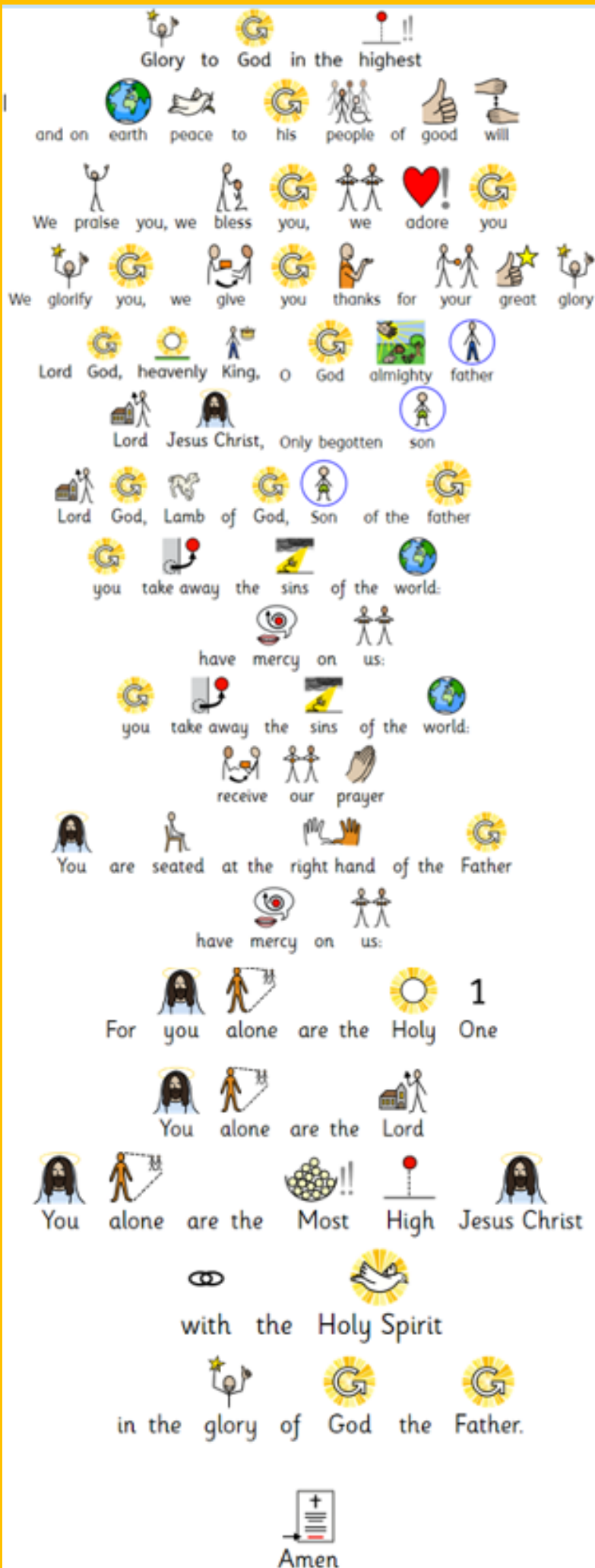
PE days **Autumn** 2025

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



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

Our school prayer for July



The Gloria

Our prayer for July is The Gloria.

It is a prayer of praise that is said at Mass each week so all of our children should try to learn it by heart.

If your child can learn it please make sure they tell their class teacher so they can receive an Headteachers award.

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.

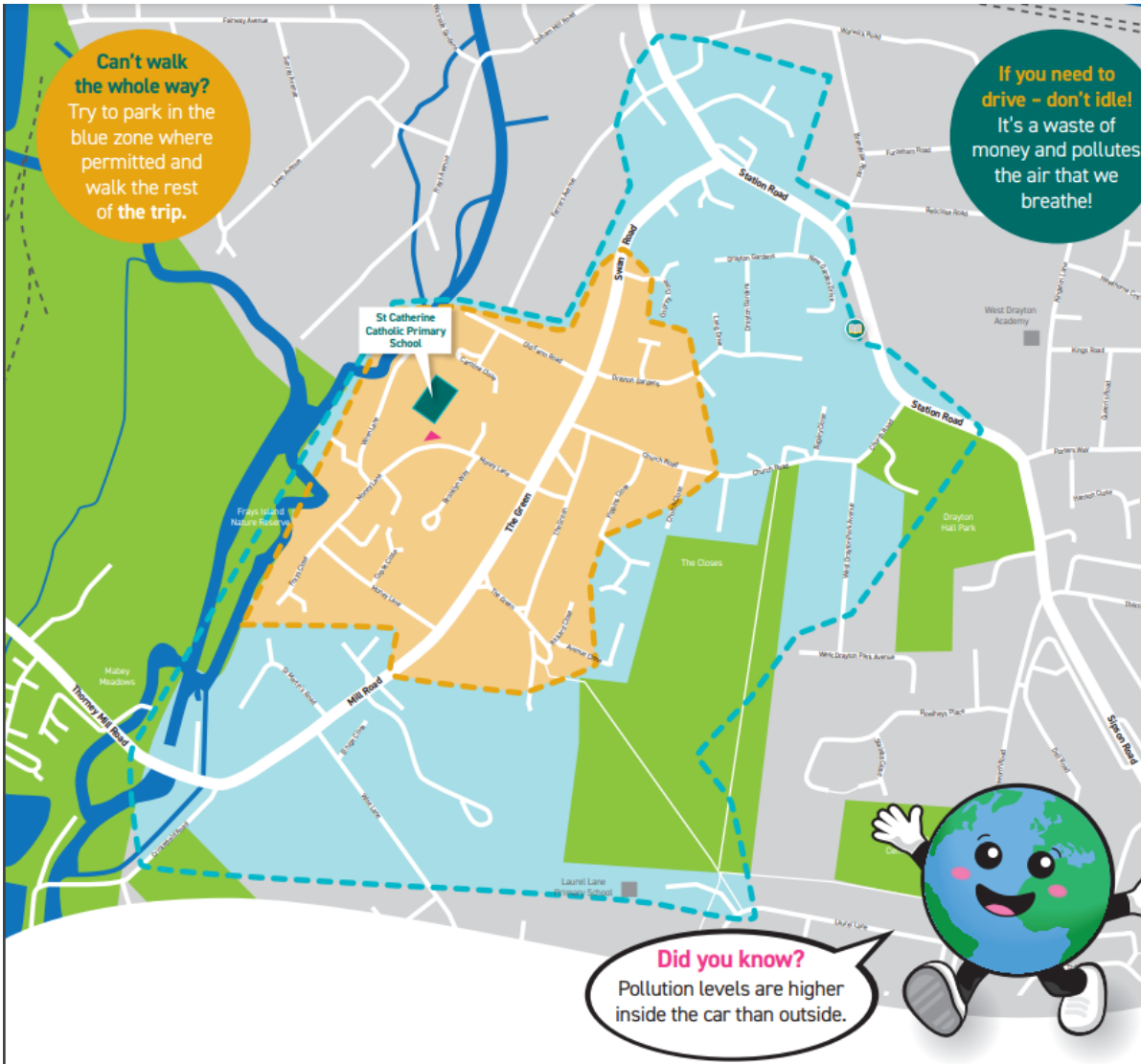
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

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

Thursday 17th July—Sleep hygiene Stay and Play at 1.30pm

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)

Monday 21st July—Musical concert from 2pm on school playground

Monday 21st July - Summer concert on playground—all welcome (from 2pm)

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

