



# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

In whole school assembly this week I spoke to the children about the Gospel from Sunday (The Good Samaritan) and loving your neighbour. We talked about kindness being an act of love where no reward is expected and that our neighbour is anyone we meet.

I told the children about Father Thomas Byles, a Catholic Priest who died on the Titanic after refusing to leave the ship because he wanted to hear the confessions and pray with those he knew were going to die. Survivors told how, even when in the freezing water, he swam about praying and comforting those around him.

Sometimes we miss the opportunity to show kindness like the Priest and the Levite in the story of the Good Samaritan because we might be looking to do great acts of kindness like Fr Byles. Remember that showing kindness to others is not about what you do for others but why you do it. Look for the small opportunities to show kindness as well as the big ones!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Doherty



## Attendance

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This week's top class for attendance with 97.6% was Year 3.





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## Illustrious illustrator

This week I was informed that one of our past students - B Taylor-McIntyre had a book published for which she was the illustrator. This is an amazing achievement at the age of 19.

B is the daughter of Mrs McIntyre. who works in Year 1. We are so proud of you B and your achievements. The book is called Patty the Platypup. Here are some of her AMAZING illustrations.

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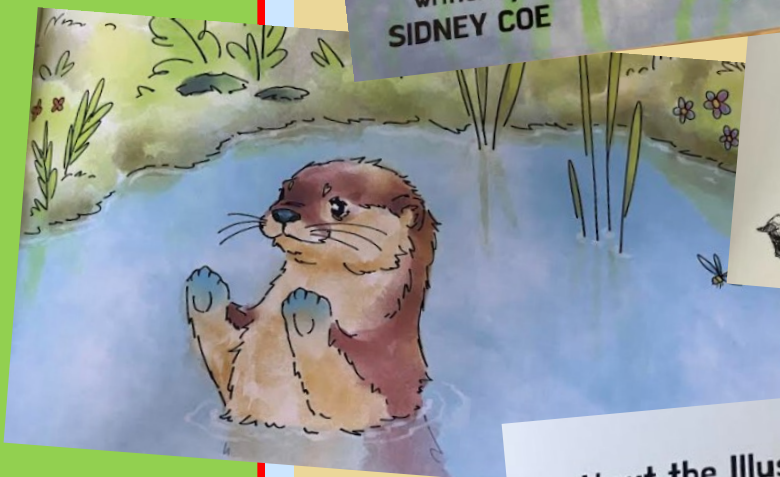
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### About the Illustrator

B is an avid artist, musician and film maker with a taste for the surreal and macabre. B's inspirations include metal music, ancient ruins and Raggy (the muse, the menace, the cat).

@dreorig.art





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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:

- Amira Kate
- Ciaran
- David D
- Olivia C
- Noelle
- Alisa
- Cora
- Martyna D
- Monisha
- Olivia B
- Isabella C
- Zuzanna D
- Martina M
- Aria
- Elia
- Michael P
- Stephen S
- Marilyn and Hallie
- Kristian
- Yaroslav
- Lily
- Castiel
- Faye

We look forward to seeing you there.



## Sleep Hygiene Stay and Play

Thank you once again to all of our parents who came to Elinor's Sleep Hygiene workshop this week. We hope you found it useful.

We thank Elinor from the Hillingdon Mental Health Support Team for all of her work this term. We look forward to welcoming her back next year to work with pupils, families and classes on supporting healthy minds.





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## WONDERFUL WILLIAM

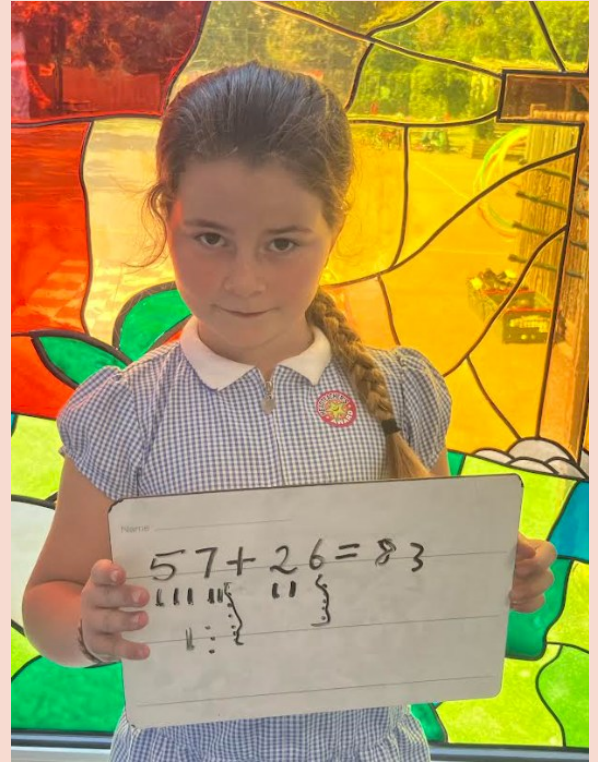
Well done to William, who was awarded certificates for in swimming 5 metres and then 10 metres in the same week! What an amazing achievement William and what an important life skill to have.

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## Dazzling Dallas



I had a visit today from a very proud Miss Simmonds who wanted to show me how amazing Dallas is at adding two 2 digit numbers with exchange. What made me most happy was to hear that during choosing time Dallas will ask for extra maths work. Dallas this attitude to learning is one of the many reasons why you have had the most wonderful of years. Well done!





St Catherine Catholic Primary School

# FSCS News



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We would just like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to Mr and Mrs Doherty for their unwavering commitment to the school. We thank all in the community who have supported our events over the last year raising funds for our school. See overleaf how much we have raised in our **End of Year Review**. We hope you all have a wonderful summer and see you in September.

From all on the FSCS Committee





# End-of-year review



Halloween Disco  
£956.95

Little Recyclers  
£277.20

Gift Day  
£413.95

Christmas Fayre  
£1,735.87

Christmas Raffle  
£56.20

Asda cashpot  
£64.21

**RAISED**  
**£9,188.80**



Valentine Disco  
£736.07

Pancake Flip  
£1,465.55

Family Games Night  
£480.95

Summer Fayre  
£3,001.85

Christmas Pantomime at Beck Theatre

Christmas Show in school for EYFS and KS1



**FUNDED**

Reading Books



Easter egg hunt

school trips for all years

Hatching Chickens

Planetarium

Leavers Jumpers



YR6 Leaving Gift + BBQ

Get involved! Next Friends meeting will be on Thursday 18th September at 7pm



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# 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 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>

# Year 3 and 4 at London Wetlands

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful time at London Wetlands this week. They took part in workshops, where they had the opportunity to build dens, They also got to see otters, travelled up the Peacock Tower to observe birds using binoculars and explored the wetlands travelling on rope bridges. Thank you ,once again, to our amazing parents who came along and made this trip possible.



# Year 6 Alice in Wonderland production



Well done to Year 6 for their wonderful production of Alice in Wonderland this week. You have achieved so much during your time at St Catherines children and this was the icing on the cake! It was a joy too see how confident and talented you all are. Remember this as you move on to new challenges in Secondary school. Thank you especially to Mrs Reardon, Mrs Harnett and Mrs Wassef for their hard work in preparing the children for their production in what turned out to be a very short time this year. You are an amazing team!



# Year 1 and 2 at Lookout Discovery Centre

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic day out at the Lookout Discovery Centre in Bracknell. They had a great time experimenting with forces, light and air, building houses, as well as learning about mini beasts. The children even got to catch their own minibeasts in nets so they could have a closer look at them. Miss Simmonds tells me that she was so proud of her Year 2 class who looked after the Year 1's and showed respect for the creatures they encountered. Both classes were a credit to the school in how they waited patiently to take turns and shared. Well done children. Thank you to all of our wonderful parent helpers who came along. Without you such trips would not be possible.




# Playday 2025

**Hillingdon Athletics Stadium**  
**Wednesday 6 August, 10am to 2pm**

Celebrate children's right to play at this fun packed event. A variety of activities will be on offer, including cycling, emergency vehicles, arts and crafts, health and wellbeing and lots more...

**This is a free event but booking is essential via**

 [discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/playday](https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/playday)

Booking closes at midnight on Sunday 3 August

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ENTRY**

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**HILLINGDON**  
LONDON

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## Travel information

There are plenty of transport links to get you to Playday. Hop on the bus, walk or cycle!


**Buses** stop on Park Road – a short walk from the stadium.

The closest **tube** station is Uxbridge. It takes about 20 minutes to walk from the station to the stadium.

**Parking** (free but pre-booking is essential) is available at Hillingdon House Farm site which is accessible via Park Road (B483). Parking for visitors with disabilities is available at Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Complex.

Please check the website for unforeseen cancellations prior to attending the event.

**For further information,**  
please contact the Public  
Health team on

 [@sportandphysicalactivity](https://twitter.com/sportandphysicalactivity)

 [@hillingdon.gov.uk](https://www.facebook.com/hillingdon.gov.uk)

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Uxbridge  
UB8 1ES

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.



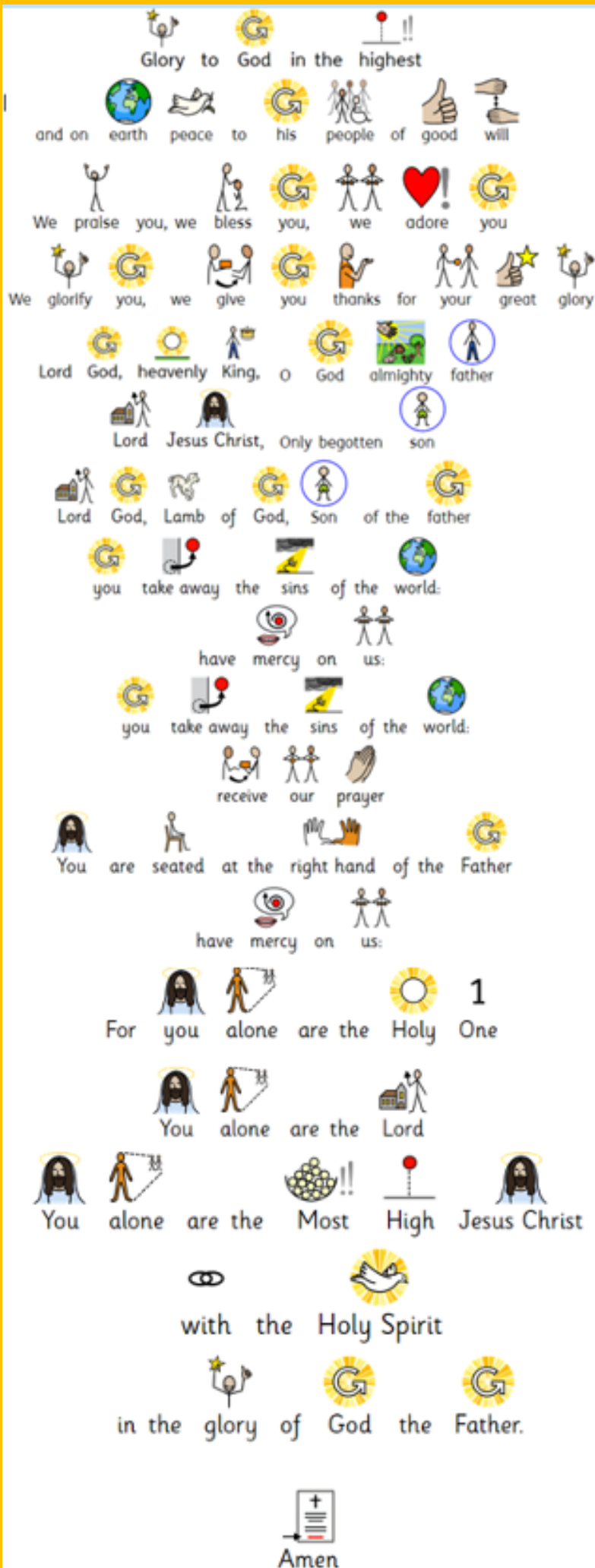
## PE days **Autumn** 2025

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.

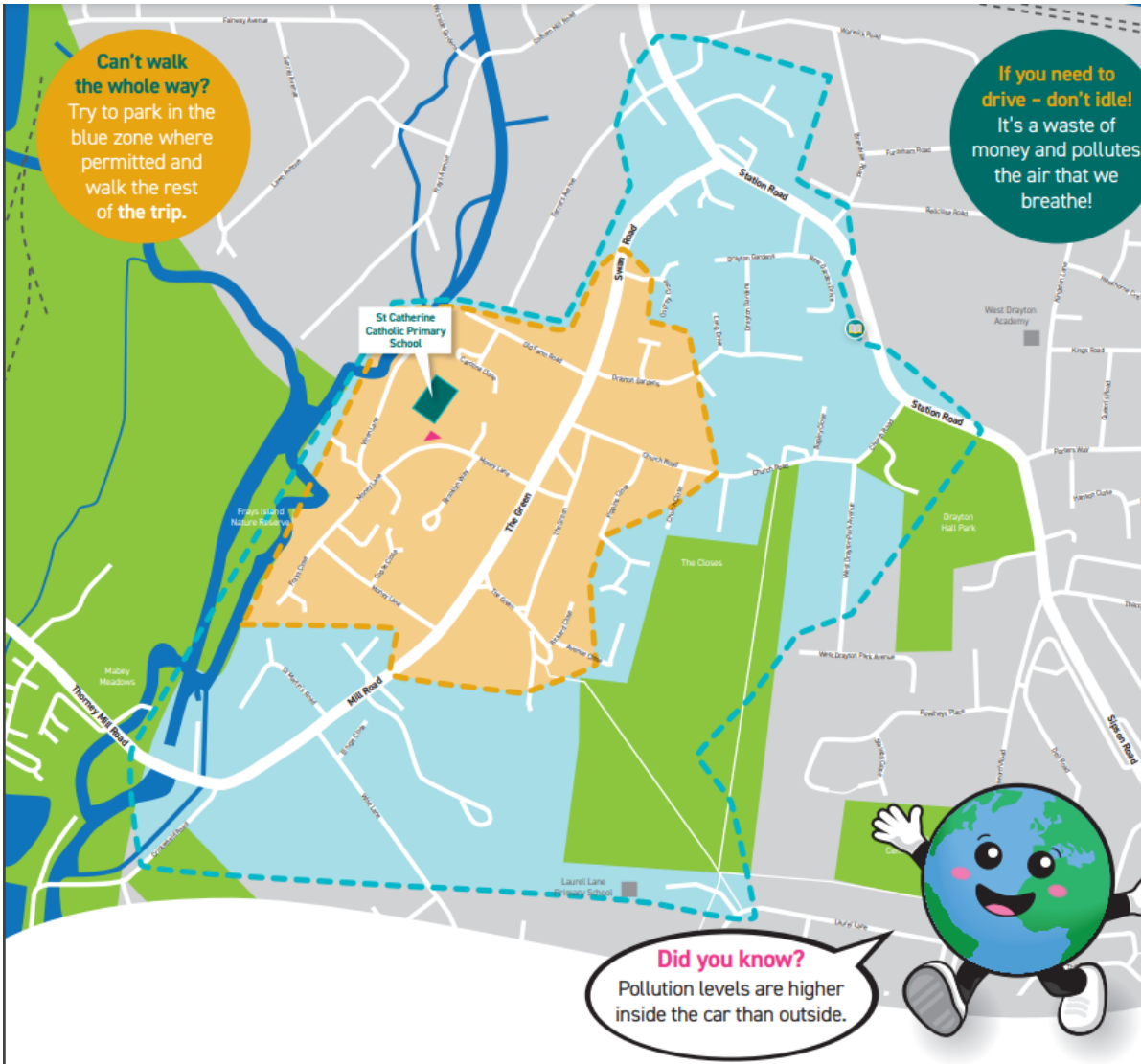
Your children have been introduced to the initiative today and are excited to get going! There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of the annual WOW Badge Design Competition. WOW 2024/25 encourages pupils to Walk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

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

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

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

