*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!*
*John 10:10*

# ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

**26th September 2025**

## And we're off!

The school term is now well up and running with school trips and children enjoying getting stuck into their learning in class. We've celebrated our first school Mass, which was a lovely start to the year and a reminder of what is important to our school community.

After school clubs have begun, space challenges are booked and we are racing towards the end of September at a terrifying pace. It is important to take a moment in this newsletter to be thankful for all we have achieved so far - and make big plans for what we will achieve in the coming days, weeks and months.

Many thanks,
Mr. T. Booth
(Headteacher)

## Class Wesbite

Our Class Pages are now up and running! Weekly news, curriculum overviews, photographs from our learning in school and most importantly homework can now be accessed on these pages by visiting our school website here.

Each week the homework will be listed on the class page and due in each Thursday.

## Year 4

Year 4 received a shock on Friday morning when they came into school only to discover their chairs had all been removed! It was only through some outstanding persuasive writing that the children were able to win their chairs back. The writing really was so passionate and convincing and the children should all be very proud of themselves - it was worth the tired legs I'm sure!

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## Upcoming Dates

More information about these dates will be sent to parents of specific year groups closer to the time - these are just some dates for your diary!

**2nd October -** Year 5 Road to Riat Space Challenge - Curriculum event in school.

**3rd October -** Individual School Photographs

**17th October -** Year 6 class trip to Gunnersbury Museum

**18th October -**(Saturday) 10:00 - 12:00 Community Stay and Play.

**18th October -**(Saturday) 4:00pm - 6:00pm Friends of St Catherine BINGO in parish Hall

**24th October -**Reception Liturgy at 2:30pm

**24th October -**last day of half term

## Emails to School

Can any emails for teachers or school staff be sent to the school office rather than directly to teachers. This way the information or concern can be shared with all staff to whom it may be relevant. Many thanks.

## School Uniform

Please can we ensure all uniform is labelled and children have a raincoat in school with them each day. The weather is very unpredictable at the moment!
Lost property can be found on the trolley outside the school office each day.

# Year 6 Trip to the London Archives

This week Year 6 visited the London Archives as part of their history topic on the Victorians. The children uncovered life in a Victorian prison through a close examination of a variety of original archival documents from the Victorian period. They investigated a day in the life of a Victorian prisoner; uncovered what a prison looked like, what prisoners ate, how they had to spend their time and how they were punished for bad behaviour. The students also took on individual case studies of prisoners, and considered how 'fair' they felt the sentences for different crimes were, as well as what might have led to increasing numbers of prisoners during the period. What an exciting day! For more pictures, check out the Year 6 Class Page on our website.

## We need your junk

To allow our children in school to create all the imaginative modelling as part of our Art and DT curriculum we need your (clean) rubbish! If you have any recycling: cardboard boxes, kitchen roll tubes, newspaper or magazines, please send them in with your child to give to their class teacher and they will be stored in school.

**Please note: no egg boxes or toilet roll tubes.**

As a nut-free school please can you kindly ensure there are no donations of containers that have had products containing nuts in.

***Many thanks***

## Certificates of Achievement

*Well done to all our children this week for a fantastic week at school but especially those children who were recognised at our Celebration Worship this Friday*

### Good Disciple

Year 1- Maeve
Year 2 - Yaroslav
Year 3 - Michael
Year 4 - Isabella
Year 5 - Mary-Claire
Year 6 - Natalie

### Work of the Week

Year 1- Zofia
Year 2 -William
Year 3 - Lukas
Year 4 - Elliot
Year 5 - Anthony
Year 6 - Melanie

Highflyers in Reception

Good Disciple

Henry Hryszko

Jemimah Lewis

Worker of the Week

Nicholas Martis

Nael Wong

We are really looking forward to inviting parents to our Celebration Worship Assemblies after half term.

## Attendance Champions

As a school we strive for attendance to be 96%. This week our attendance was 95.3%

Well done to Year 5 this week who had a perfect week of 99.7% - the FA cup is on its way to you. (Full Attendance Cup)

100%

## School Council

After a week of canvassing and voting, our passionate school council were confirmed as the representatives of the pupils this week. Well done to Samuel, Sofia, Nicole, Mary-Claire, Oskar, Calley -Ann, Kacie, Michael, Arthur, Yaroslav, Zofia, Reuben busy year ahead!

# Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding at St Catherine, we ask that you note the following information.:
If you have concerns about the welfare of a child in our school please report concerns straight away to the safeguarding staff:

**Mr. Booth** - Headteacher (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
**Mrs. Phaure** - Assistant Head teacher (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
**Mrs. Bryant** - Welfare Officer (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)

If you have concerns about the Headteacher, please contact the Local Authority Designated Officer -
**Hannah Ives** 01895 250975 hives@hillingdon.gov.uk

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 18th Oct

## 10am until 12 noon

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

office@stcatherine.co.uk

Telephone: 01895442839

# Support for Parents and Families

## Stepping Stones Triple P

An 8 week programme for parents/carers who have a child between 2 to 12 with a developmental disability or additional needs. It provides strategies to help manage challenging behaviours, promote positive development, and build a strong parent-child relationship Tips for managing in public spaces and much more.

**IN-Person**

**Venue:** St Catherine Catholic School (Hillingdon)

**Start Date: Weds** 1st Oct 2025

**Time:** 1pm-3pm

## Friends of St Catherine's news

We had a good first meeting, last week and have already started planning our calendar of fundraising events for the Autumn term. We maybe small but last year, we raised over **£9,602.30** and will be donating **£5,000** to the school to spend on enriching our children's time at St Catherine's this year.

If you have been thinking about becoming a member of the PTA (Friends of St Catherine) our AGM meeting is coming up on 17th November so do come along and find out more. We would love you to be part of our team! If you have a question about the committee please have a chat with any of the current members below.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at events or if you would prefer to offer prizes for our raffles/auctions please speak with your class representatives or any member of the committee.

**Marie, Alessia, Liam, Ange, Karina,**
**Marina, Will and Siobhan. FSCS Committee**

## Fundraising Events and meetings coming up...

Bingo night in our Parish Hall on **Saturday 18th October** from 3-5pm. Tickets on sale very soon!

Start your decluttering now giving away your unwanted clothes and help raise funds for our school with The Little Recyclers on **Thursday 6th November.**

AGM and next PTA meeting on **Monday 17th November** at 7pm in the School Library.

Christmas Fayre in our Parish Hall from 3-5pm on **Friday 5th December.**

THE LITTLE RECYCLERS

# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes - more funds for your organisation
**1 kg = £0.45**

## YOUR COLLECTION IS ARRANGED ON:

**6 NOVEMBER**
THURSDAY

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 DONT 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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