

# Newsletter

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!

John 10:10

24th October 2025



All Saints - Half term homework

In school, each of our children are placed in a house where points are awarded for our achievements each day. Each house is named after a saint. They are: St Martha, St George, St Bernadette and St Joseph. During half term we are asking each child to research their house saint and present their findings in a creative way. It could be a piece of art, a poem, a website, a piece of writing or a coat of arms - the choice is up to you!

Try to focus on the ways we can use these saints as a model in our school life. For help with your research you could start with [this website](#): or speak to your local priest!

## LITTLE RECYCLERS



On November 6<sup>th</sup> we will be having a collection by the 'Little Recyclers' in school.

This will allow the school to earn money from the old clothes you are looking to get rid of. For more information on Little Recyclers you can visit their website [here](#).

## HARVEST COLLECTION

We were blown away by the generosity of our families this week for our Harvest Collection. Your donations will go straight to those who need it most in our community and help the school live out our mission in Catholic Social Teaching.



# Sports Stars



## 2. Senecio (1922)



This half term in Art, Year 1 have been exploring how to use lines, shapes and shading to create a portrait. We based our wonderful pieces of art work on Paul Klee's Senecio painting, the children did an amazing job and were really proud of their work! Well done Year 1!!

## The Invincibles!

Our netball team continued their historic run of victories this half term with three staggering wins over other local schools. The girls' dedication is clear to see as they practice each dinner time and after school at netball club. A huge thank you to Mr. Lynam for his support with the girls' coaching and also to the girls themselves for continuing to develop their talents. Surely some future superstars to keep an eye on!

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This week's 'top attenders' were Year 3 with an attendance of 98%! A huge well done to Year 5.

Our whole school target for attendance is 96%. Currently our attendance is 95.6%.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

100%

# School Trips

## Year 6 visit Gunnersbury Museum

Year 6 continued to immerse themselves in their Victorian topic with a trip back in time at Gunnersbury Museum. They experienced the life of serving staff at a Victorian manor house - and some were even kept on as footmen and kitchen staff!



During October, each class were given a book to enjoy together about an inspirational, black figure. This learning was part of the celebration of Black History Month and work alongside our efforts to ensure our whole curriculum is diverse and representative of our community.

## YOUNG CARERS COFFEE MORNING

Dear Parents and Carers,

Carers Trust Hillingdon is delighted to be working with St Catherine Catholic Primary School through our Young Carers in School Project.

The aim is to identify as many Young Carers as possible, provide information, advice and support the Young Carers and their families.

Young Carers are children and young people aged from 5 – 25 years old who help to look after someone in their household who has a disability, mental or physical ill-health or misuses substances. This could be a child caring for a sibling with autism, a mother with depression, a father with cancer or even a grandparent with dementia.

We are a registered charity and our aim is to reduce the impact that caring can have on a young person by providing free trips and activities, youth clubs, workshops and support for young carers in school through 1:1 or small group work.

We would like to invite the parents and Carers, from St Catherine Catholic Primary School to a coffee morning to offer you the opportunity to learn more about our services and to answer any questions you may have. If you think that you may be a parent of a young carer.

If you have any questions ahead of the coffee morning please contact Mrs Bryant.

The Coffee morning will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November at 8:30 am.

We are looking forward to meeting you all.

**SUPPORT  
YOUNG  
CARERS  
TRUST**

## 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



office@stcatherine.co.uk



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# National Child Measurement Programme

The school nurses will be visiting school on the 18th of November to measure the height and weight all children as part of the 'national child measurement programme'. This programme will involve children in Reception and Year 6 class only. If you do not wish your child to participate please email Mrs Bryant on [welfare@stcatherine.co.uk](mailto:welfare@stcatherine.co.uk)

## 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!

**5th November** - Young Carers Coffee morning

**6th November** - Little recyclers collection in school

**11th November** - Remembrance Day

**25th November** - St Catherine Feast Day - Mass celebrated in St Catherine's Church

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - First Sunday of Advent

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Power of Prayer Group at Field Heath

## Have a lovely Half Term!

Thank you to all our families for supporting the school in all we aim to do each day. We hope you all have a restful break from school and look forward to seeing you in November for the start of the new half term.

Mr. Booth





## Our latest FSCS news.....

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our **Bingo event last Saturday.** We raised **£224.80 profit.**



### FSCS Annual General meeting and PTA meeting on Monday 17th November at 7pm, School Library

Want to get involved? Our events can only run if our community rallies around and helps out.

This meeting gives YOU the opportunity to become part of a friendly team, working towards the common goal of raising much needed funds for our wonderful School. Whether you want to join the committee or just share ideas for the forthcoming year, please do come along.

Forms for the AGM are available from the school office.

### Gift Day 2025 Monday 15th December 2025

This is a non-profit event but much loved by the children and a great experience, where they can 'shop' for their loved ones in the controlled environment of the school hall. A copy of the form will have been already given to your child but can also be collected from the school office. The deadline for all forms is **Wednesday 5th November.**

We will need volunteers for this event on the day, from 8:30am to approximately 11am. Volunteers will help the children 'shop' for their chosen recipients and then wrap their gifts ready to take home. If you can help please contact your Class Representative or a member of the FSCS Committee.

## Clothes Donations with The Little Recyclers

Last year, we raised **£277.20** with The Little Recyclers by donating clothes we no longer needed. Let's see if we can raise a bit more this year for our school! Get decluttering!



## SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

More clothes =  
more funds for  
your organisation  
1 kg = 204p

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's
- Shoes (paired)
- Bags
- Hats & scarves
- Belts
- Fashion accessories
- Sweaters, lingerie
- Jewellery
- Perfumes

WE DON'T ACCEPT

- Linens
- Dirty, wet, ripped, damaged clothing
- Traditional clothing
- Duvets & quilts
- Fringe shoes
- Toys, stationary
- Hi-fi, hi-tech & electrical items
- Books, CDs, DVDs
- Motorbikes
- Carpets, mats, mats, curtains
- Lingerie, bras, corsets
- Lingerie & towels

PLEASE NO UNIFORMS & DUVETS!

RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR SCHOOL BY GIVING  
AWAY YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHES

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## FSCS dates coming up

### November

**Deadline for Gift Day  
Forms and payment**  
Wednesday 5th November

**Help raise funds for our school**  
with The Little Recyclers on  
**Thursday 6th November** in the  
School Playground.

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

### December

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

**Gift Day 2025** on **Monday 15th  
December** from 08:30am-11am.

**Volunteers welcome please let  
your class representative  
or a member of the FSCS  
Committee know if you can help.**