

ST CATHERINE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 19th December 2025

'I HAVE COME THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO
THE FULL' JOHN 10:10



Thankyou!

At the end of our Autumn Term, I am sure that you are all looking forward to a restful break with your children. They have all worked so hard this term and their talents have shone - perfectly demonstrated at our nativities and carol concerts this week. We wish all of our families at school a peaceful break and, when it comes, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Many thanks once again for all your support in making St Catherine's such a warm and nurturing place for your children.

Mr. T. Booth

Twins Win at Feis

Best in Competition: Team Dance

Two of our youngest pupils, Madison and Mason in Reception were awarded trophies for their brilliant Irish dancing. It is fantastic so see them and so many children working hard to develop their talents. Well done Madison and Mason!



Feast of The Epiphany

The children's first day back at school is the 6th January 2026. This is also the feast of the Epiphany. There will be a school mass for years 1 - 6 at 9:00am at St Catherine's church. Parents are warmly invited to attend.



Nursery Carol Concert



Our programme of Advent nativities was kicked off in spectacular fashion by Nursery this week. Well done to all the children for their stunning performances and all the staff that helped for their hard work.

Oh no they didn't!

Thanks to funds raised by the Friends of St Catherine School, all children enjoyed the magic of the panto. Years 3 -6 were wowed by Sleeping Beauty at Beck Theatre whilst EYFS and Key Stage 1 had a special visit from an amazing, one-man, panto spectacular. Many thanks to the FSCS for enabling our students to experience such treats.



PoP Group visit Field Heath School

Our Power of Prayer group, accompanied by Mrs. Murphy, visited Field Heath school. We worked with pupils from their school to think about how we can embed prayer in both our schools.

"... a beautiful moment to pause and reflect during Advent for both schools."
 Ms. D'Souza: Principle of Field Heath School



Year 2 Trioramas



This week year two have been working hard to produce habitat trioramas as part of their science topic: Living things and their habitats. I'm sure you agree the results are brilliant. Well done!



Teacher Feature

Penitential Service

All children in school took part in a penitential service in school led by the Power of Prayer group and Fr. Brian. During all the excitement of the season, it was a beautiful way of focusing on the peace, calm and forgiveness that we aim to receive and share as we prepare for Jesus' birth.



**Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord.
Be strong - take
heart!**

Young Carers



Our Young Carers enjoyed a special Christmas celebration in school last week. They made Christmas crafts and there may have even been a biscuit - or three. 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. If you think your child would benefit from working with The Young Carers please contact Mrs. Bryant.



Year 3 Visit the Verulamium

Year 3 immersed themselves in their history topic with a trip to the Verulamium this half term. It gave children the opportunity to experience primary sources first hand and learn all about the daily life of the Romans in Britain.

"This was the best trip we have had... much better than our trip to The British Museum."

Year 3

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



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Catholic Children' Society

Through your generosity and kindness we have been able to donate over £130 to the Catholic children society this Advent. We have also been amazed at the amount of food collected through our Caritas giving calendar. Your cards and gifts were also delivered to all the residents at The Burroughs care home this week who were hugely appreciative. Many thanks for helping us give to others.



Good-bye!

Our last day this term brings with it some goodbyes. We are sorry to see Mrs. McCormack leave us but are delighted she is continuing to work in education with children and know that her next group of pupils will be lucky to have her. Keep in touch Mrs. McCormack!



Sing, Choirs of Angels

This week has seen our children perform in Carol concerts and nativities, enjoy special visitors and Christmas dinner as well as let loose at Christmas parties. We also had the fantastic Giving day organised by the FSCS. We think a rest is well over -due!





Christmas @ St Catherine's

FSCS Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came out on Friday 5th December to kick start the festive season.

Thanks to your support, we raised an amazing

£1,690.42

Congratulations to Isabella (Year 4) for winning the 200 squares and Samson (Year 3) for 'Guess the weight of the cake!' Well Done!

Thank you to Coopers for sponsoring the fayre, Tesco's with the 200 square raffle and all the families who advertised a board outside their home.



**Thank
You**

A huge thank you to all our wonderful helpers and FSCS committee who came along and helped the children shop at Gift day on Monday 15th December.

Your support was gratefully appreciated!



FSCS News



Thank You

***To our wonderful FSCS community,
thank you for your continued
support in our mission to raise
funds for our School.***

***We wish you a blessed and restful
Christmas break.***

Unwanted gift donation

If you receive any unwanted gifts, please consider donating these to the Friends of St Catherine.



We will do a collection of these gifts on Friday 9th January during drop off. Thank you

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COMING UP IN 2026.....

Unwanted gifts donation
Friday 9th January

Next FSCS meeting is on
Monday 12th January 2026 at 7pm