

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

**ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER

25th March 2026

The final week

The school term is nearly at a close and we are looking forward to a well-earned break for Easter. This term has seen fantastic success, great determination and a huge amount of laughter and friendship too.

It feels like the warmer weather is well and truly with us now and it is great to see children enjoying the chance to play outside without coats, hats and scarves.

After the Easter break children are welcome to come back to school in the Summer Uniform: gingham summer dresses for the girls and shorts with shirt and tie for the boys.

Have a peaceful Holy Week and when it comes and a joyful and happy Easter,

Many thanks,
Mr. T. Booth
(Headteacher)



St Patrick's Mission

As part of our Lent fundraising, children and staff wore green on St Patrick's day and donated funds to the St Patrick's Missionary Society. We raised over £220.

Thank you so much for your generosity. It will make a huge difference.



Reconciliation

Last week each class were able to take part in a beautiful penitential service led by Fr. Brian and helped by our Power of Prayer group. Children responded so thoughtfully and used the time to think about how their actions impact the lives of others.



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Rugby begins at St Catherine...

Year 5 and 6 (and one Year 4 pupil) took part in the first rugby tournament the school has been part of in years! We joined 14 other local schools at Uxbridge Rugby Club after training as a squad on Friday afternoons since February. There were lots of work ons but lots to celebrate and we hope this team will be the first of many. Well done all.



GAA

On St Patrick's Day, classes in Key Stage 2 were treated to a Gaelic Football masterclass by Ms. Gallagher's daughter, Ciara. They got to grips with solo-ing and hand passing and by the end, were very tired but showed great promise.



Holy Week Writing in Year 6

As part of Year 6's work on Holy Week, the children led the school and parents in a moving and poignant 'Way of The Cross' last week. They also produced fantastic pieces of writing debating Pontius Pilate's actions.



Was Pontius Pilate a good man?

One of the most intriguing questions of all times is: whether Pontius Pilate was a good man or not. Regardless, it is still an unsolved mystery yet to be uncovered. Although we may have some information, we can still speculate on the fact whether he was a controversial wavering judge or just a man being pressured by outside forces.

On one account, the bible portrays Pilate being a good fair judge but the pressure between him, the Jews and the consequences he'd have to suffer if he exonerated Jesus made him slowly shift to the will of the crowd leading him to accept their choice to crucify Jesus. Furthermore, Pilate was threatened by the Sanhedrins (the elite Jewish council) not only to turn all the Jews against him but also wanted Jesus tried for blasphemy, so he had Jesus killed to prevent a Jewish revolt against Roman rule.

In addition, he willfully and consciently defied against Jewish traditions, not taking any notice of the inhabitance of the land. Nethertheless, according to the philosopher Philo of Alexandria, Pilate was a wavering judge, was often bribed and ordered executions without trial.

Ultimately, we don't know if Pilate was a good or bad man but either way Jesus' death was crucial for the salvation of sins, so we can continue eternal life in heaven.

Writing by David H



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MINI LONDON MARATHON 26

- Saturday 25 April 2026

Our school has gained entry to the London mini marathon on Saturday 25th April this year.

If you would like the opportunity to take part, please sign up via the QR codes below.

We have entry to two different distances.

Year 5 & 6: 2.6 km

Year 1 - 4: 1 mile



Year 1 - 4



Year 5 - 6

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

REC - Mikey, Nicolas, Amelia

Y1 - Jake

Y2 - Gracie-Mae

Y3 - Emery

Y4 - Wenxin

Y5 - Emilia

Y6 - Mateo

Work of the Week

Y1 - Reuben

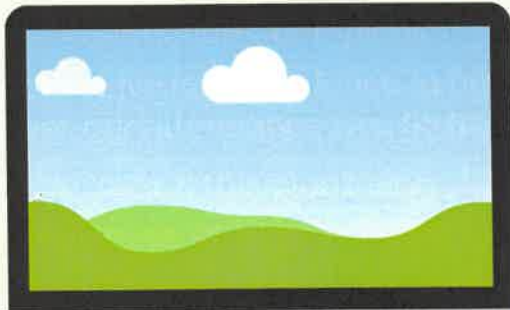
Y2 - Arthur

Y3 - Maxym

Y4 - Kayla

Y5 - Olivia

Y6 - Deivi



Attendance Champions

As a school we strive for attendance to be 96%.

This week our attendance was 95.6%

Well done to Year 4 this week who had a perfect week of 100% - the FA cup is on its way to you. (Full Attendance Cup)



Class News on Class Dojo

Each class' daily and weekly news can be found on our class dojo pages with links available from class teachers or the school office.

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@hillington.gov.uk



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This week all children and many parents in our school completed a walk which collectively took us all the way to Assisi, in Italy. This distance was covered in order to raise money for Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals are a charity providing food in education settings.



We have already received a huge amount of donations from our families. Many thanks for this. For anyone still wishing to donate you can do so via our just giving page which is linked on Class Dojo.

Easter Art

An opportunity for all budding artists in Years 3 - 6.

This Easter, the Knights of St Columba are launching a competition to get the children's artistic talents flowing.

The Knights of St Columba are a Catholic group focused on charitable works, youth development and promoting social justice.

They are asking children to create an A4 or A3 piece of artwork depicting any of the events from Palm Sunday through Holy Week to The Resurrection.

This task allows children to immerse themselves in the amazing events of Holy Week and join the many people throughout history who have been inspired to create art by these events.

- Artwork should be on A4 or A3 paper.
- It should not be traced but drawn and coloured by children freehand.
- It should include the Bible quotations linked to the event you have depicted.
- Entries will be collected from school on Friday 17th April and can be brought in any time before then.

THE KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA **YOUTH & YOUNG PEOPLE**

2025/2026 **EASTER PAINTING COMPETITION**

Three age groups:
 Juniors (7 - 10 years old)
 Intermediate (11 - 14 years old)
 Seniors (14 - 18 years old)

Artwork must be in by: **17th APR**

Cash prizes for winners and their school
 To enter please contact your local SSC Council at:

JAMES REED
 07912761215
 JAMESORREED@GMAIL.COM



St Catherine Extra-Curricular Clubs Summer 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Year 1-3</u></p> <p>Lego Club (Max 16) 12 Weeks £48</p>	<p><u>Year 1-3</u></p> <p>Multisport (Max 16) 13 Weeks £52</p>	<p><u>Year 1-3</u></p> <p>Gardening Club (Max 18) 13 Weeks £52</p>	<p><u>Year 1-3</u></p> <p>Football (Max 16) 13 Weeks £52</p>	
<p><u>Year 4-6</u></p> <p>Football (Max 20) 12 Weeks £48</p>		<p><u>Year 4-6</u></p> <p>Bat and Ball Club (Max 16) 13 Weeks £52</p>		<p><u>Year 4-6</u></p> <p>Book Club (Max 16) 12 Weeks £48</p>

Clubs will run from Monday 13th April 2026 to Friday 17th July at a cost of £4 per week per club.
 (Half term 25th May - 29th May) ** Bank holidays - 22nd May and 1st June



With the Easter holidays approaching, it can be useful to show children a visual timetable of the days so that they can prepare themselves for the change between school time and holidays. Please see the information and timetable provided by Ms Gallagher, below.

Visual timetables are a useful tool to support children who

- struggle with transitions
- like/need structure and predictability
- find the abstract concept of time difficult to manage.

If this would help your child, please print it out and help them to cross off the days until we see them again!

Ms Gallagher - SENCo

2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
23 school	24 school	25 school	26 school	27 school breaks up	28 Easter holiday	29 Easter holiday	
30 Easter holiday	31 Easter holiday	<p>April</p>					

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Easter holiday	2 Easter holiday	3 Good Friday	4 Easter holiday	5 Easter Sunday
6 Easter holiday	7 Easter holiday	8 Easter holiday	9 Easter holiday	10 Easter holiday	11 Easter holiday	12 Easter holiday
13 school	14 school	15 school	16 school	17 school	18 home	19 home



FSCS News

Events coming up...



Easter Egg Hunt,

Tuesday 14th April 2026, 9-11am

We will need some volunteers on the day to help with hiding the plastic eggs around the KS1 playground for each year group.

Please message your WhatsApp class rep if you are available to help that morning.

FSCS Meeting

Monday 27th April 2026

7pm, School Library



Little Recyclers

Wednesday 6th May 2026

Drive in or walk up and drop off your recycling bags before 08:30am. All money raised is donated back to our school.

Family Quiz Night

Date to be confirmed
Quiz Master—Mr Booth,
our Headteacher



Summer Fayre

Sunday 5th July 2026

12-4pm. Main School playground



FSCS News



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:

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tastic.

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 **Stampastic'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.



Easter Holidays Chess Camp



Uxbridge Junior
Chess Club

Tues 7th April 10 am to 3 pm
Puzzles, Hand  and Brain 
Rapid 10+5 Tournament

Weds 8th April 10 am to 3 pm
Puzzles, lessons,
Simul Vs Coaches
£100+ Prize money

Thur 9th April 10 am to 3 pm
Puzzles, lessons, games
Blitz 5+3 Tournament



£30 a day or £75 for all 3 days

To join:
Full name, Contact no. , ECF no.

Payable to:
Uxbridge Junior Chess Club
Acc. 42841360 Sort:309950
Childs name for reference

Venue: Lady of Lourdes Church hall
Osborne Rd. Uxbridge UB9 1UE
Contact: Daniel knight 07834 267109
Uxbridgejuniorchessclub@hotmail.com
Contact: Mark Batchelor 07547 028586
Markbatch43@gmail.com

