



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

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## Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Lucy (EYFS) and Jacob (Year 6) who are the winners of the PTA's Christmas Card Competition. Their designs will be used on the school's cards this Christmas.



## Consultation to Convert to Academy Status

As I am sure you are aware, schools are increasingly working together in an effort to improve outcomes for pupils, respond to budgetary challenges and provide much needed services for the children entrusted to our care. After careful consideration and preliminary discussion with the Diocese, the Governing Body of St Catherine's has decided that they wish to explore conversion to Academy status and join Bosco Catholic Education Trust. We will soon be sending out more details and explaining how you can take part in the consultation process.

## Geography Competition

Over half term, we are challenging pupils to complete an [online Geography quiz](#) accurately and in the shortest possible time. Pupils from any year group can have a go. In our first week back after half term, pupils will be given the opportunity, if they wish, to complete the quiz in front of their classmates to show them how accurately and quickly they can do it. On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, we will hold a special assembly where a selection of pupils from across the school will compete against each other to crown an overall champion.



Word of the Week: available

## New Clubs

There are still some places available in our new Cheerleading and Gymnastics clubs delivered by CC-Dance, starting after half term. Follow this [link](#) to book your place.



## Staying Safe at Halloween

Please see the attached information from Arun District Council.

## Lockdown Drill

Pupils may have reported hearing a loud noise in the school and then their teacher locking the classroom. This is because, in addition to our regular fire drills, we have started running lockdown drills, to practise what we would do if we needed to lock down the school in the event of an emergency other than a fire. This is purely precautionary and will take place each half-term, similar to our fire drill.

## Matthew 22:1-14

**'Many are invited, but few are chosen.'**

## Diary Dates

### Nov 2023

Wed 1	Y3 Forest School (last one)
Fri 3	Christmas Donations (Toiletries & Gifts)
Wed 8	Y2 Trip to Planetarium Individual School Photos
Thurs 9	Y4 MTC Presentation to Parents/Carers
Fri 10	Christmas Fayre Donations (Sweets & Chocolates)
Tues 14	Y4 Class Liturgy at 2.45pm
Fri 17	Bring back your Decorated Baubles
Mon 20	Early Help Designated School Team Drop In Sessions 8.30am - 10.30am (book via office)