



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

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## Handwriting

Our school focus on developing handwriting is continuing and to enable parents/carers to support pupils at home, we have added videos on picking up the pencil and holding the pencil to our website. There is even a video showing a pencil workout which pupils can do at home to strengthen those all-important hand and finger muscles. You can check the videos out [here](#).

## Maths

We understand that it can be difficult for parents/carers to get to grips with how Maths is taught nowadays. To aid this and help you best support your child at home, in addition to our topic Knowledge Mats, we are now sending home Knowledge Mats for each new Maths topic. These contain details of the vocabulary and equipment we use in lessons, the methods of calculation pupils are taught and lots more.

Number and Place Value		Knowledge Organiser	
Key Vocabulary	2-Digit Numbers	Compare Numbers	Order Numbers
hundreds	26	$36 = 36$ equals	$36 < 39 < 42$
tens	twenty	$26 < 34$ less than	45 48 52 53 61 smallest greatest
ones	six	$24 > 19$ greater than	
zero			
place value	20 6		
greater than			
less than			
order	Counting		
partition	Counting in 2s 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20		
digit	Counting in 3s 0 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 30		
	Counting in 5s 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50		
	Counting in 10s 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100		

## Attendance

It is now Year 6 who are leading the way at the very top of the school with 97.2% attendance so far this year. What great role models!

## Basketball Champions

Our Year 3 and 4 Basketball Team were crowned LASP champions at TLA on Monday. After winning their group games against ACE, River Beach and White Meadows comfortably, they beat Summerlea in the semi-final with another resounding victory. They faced ACE once again in the final but it was a much closer contest with St Catherine's winning with a golden basket in overtime from player of the tournament Keanu.



## Fairytale Day

Our new pupils in reception have made a wonderful start to life at St Catherine's. Last Friday was Fairytale Day as part of their 'Once upon a time' topic and they really enjoyed coming to school dressed up in their costumes.



**Word of the Week:** recent

## Mark 10:17-30

'All things are possible with God.'

### October 2024

- Tues 22 Y1 Locality Walk  
Y2 Locality Walk  
Y4 Locality Field Trip  
Parent Consultations 3.45pm - 6.30pm
- Wed 23 Y5 Locality Field Trip  
Y6 Liturgical Dance Performance 2.40pm
- Thurs 24 Parent Consultations 3.45pm - 6.30pm
- Fri 25 Y6 Locality Field Trip  
Second Hand Uniform Sale 3pm
- Mon 28 - Fri 1 Half Term

### November 2024

- Mon 4 Return to school