



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter

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Attendance

Arriving late to school is very unsettling for children and can have a considerable impact over the school year.

5 minutes every day = **3 days** of school lost a year

10 minutes every day = **6.5 days** of school lost a year

15 minutes every day = **10 days** of school lost a year

Arrive on time to help your child feel settled, ready to learn and make the most of every school day.



French Afternoon

On Friday 25 September, we enjoyed a special French-themed session across the school to kick-start our French learning. Pupils dressed to learn more about France and its culture, with the opportunity to taste brioche and jam. What a fun afternoon!



Diary Dates

What's coming up...

OCTOBER

Tues 6th		PTFA AGM 9.00am
Thurs 8th		Y4 Swimming
Fri 9th		EYFS Fairytale Day
		Y3 Forest School
Mon 12th - Fri 16th		Y6 Residential
Mon 12th		Fairtrade Tuckshop
Tues 13th		EYFS 6 Weeks in Meeting 9.00am
Wed 14th		Y5 Liturgical Dance Performance 2.30pm Y2 Liturgical Dance Performance 2.45pm
Thurs 15th		Y4 Swimming
Fri 16th		Y3 Forest School
Tues 20th & Thurs 22nd		Parent Consultations 3.45pm to 6.30pm
Thurs 22nd		Y4 Swimming
Mon 26th - Fri 30th		Half Term

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd		Return to School
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Catholic Life

Two of our Aspiring Apostles joined Mrs Smith at Oscar Romero Catholic School for a Deanery meeting with pupils from other schools, preparing for October, the Month of the Holy Rosary. They explored the Rosary's history and mysteries, reflecting on the lives of Jesus and Mary. They also discovered creative ways to pray, including making a large class Rosary with each bead representing a child's prayer. Forrest and Krysten enjoyed making new friends and were excited to bring their ideas back to St Catherine's.



Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood is a growing movement of families and schools working together to delay smartphone and social media use, giving children more time to play, grow and connect with the world around them. Inspired by this national initiative, we have begun making early plans to move towards becoming a smartphone-free school in the future. We believe this approach will help protect childhood, strengthen wellbeing and support pupils to thrive socially and academically.



Magic Show

We are inviting pre-school children and their families to a free magic show in the hall at **10.00am on Saturday 10th October 2026**. Following the show, families will have the opportunity to enjoy a tour of the school and discover what makes St Catherine's such a special place to learn and grow. Children in our current Reception class and their families are also warmly invited to join us.

Please share with any families who may be looking for a school place next September — we would love to welcome them! **Contact the office to book a place.**



Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who bought something from the Book Fair. There was a grand total of £1,505 spent with half of that going back to the school.

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