

Important Information

The additional Bank holiday which has been scheduled for 3 June 2022 to celebrate the Queens Platinum jubilee falls within our half term break. All schools have been asked by the DfE to reschedule an additional day during the year so that students and staff have the opportunity to mark the occasion. We have chosen Friday 1st July 2022 for our additional bank holiday. Please make a note of this in your diaries.

A reminder that any child who is displaying a covid symptom, ie a temperature, cough or loss of taste and smell, must stay at home and book a **PCR** test. Lateral Flow tests should not be used for anyone displaying any symptoms.

There has been a marked increase in dog ownership over lockdown and we are now seeing more dogs in the playground. We do not want to issue a blanket ban, but please could owners avoid bringing their dogs to the playground, and if unavoidable please carry or have your dog on a very short leash.

Attendance Reminder

Just a reminder of the school's policy on reporting any absences. You must call the school as early as possible on every day of your child's absence, we have a 24 hour answering service if you wish to call before 8am. When your child returns to school we must have either a letter or an email so that this absence may be authorised.

If you have questions please don't hesitate to call. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation. Miss Martin
Attendance Officer

Year 3 – Zoo Lab Visit

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 3 children participated in a Predator, Prey and Food Chains workshop. They saw a variety of animals such as stick insects, a giant snail and a snake. They learnt which of the animals were primary and secondary consumers and which were apex predators. As well as this, they considered which of the animals were herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. The children loved handling the animals and came away with an excellent knowledge of food chains.

Year 4 visit Verulamium Museum

As part of our 'I am Warrior' topic, year 4 had a wonderful time exploring the Verulamium museum in St Albans. We took part in a Roman artefact workshop which gave pupils the opportunity to handle, and learn more about, Roman tools, equipment and mosaics. We ended the day with a visit to the excavation site of an old Roman amphitheater where we were able to explore the ruins!

Year 2 trip to Shoeburyness

On Monday Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting the East Beach in Shoeburyness. The children absolutely loved combing the beach for living and non-living things and they greatly enjoyed working as a team to create sandcastles. They also took time to pause and reflect on what they could see, hear, touch and smell around them and we thought about exciting adjectives that we could use to describe the beach. Thank you again to all of our parent volunteers who helped us on the day.

Jeans for Genes Day

Today we celebrated 'Jeans for Genes Day' at St Catherine's. The children wore jeans to mark the occasion and we were able to raise money for an important cause. Jeans for Genes Day is all about raising money to help some of the most vulnerable children in the UK and every class completed an activity linked to what the day represents. A big thank you to all of you who donated to this cause, we have currently raised £154. For those who wore jeans, if you still wish to donate the item will be on Parentpay until Monday morning.

**Safeguarding is
our TOP
priority**

Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Catherine's is EVERYONES responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Leaflets for parents and visitors outlining the school guidelines on safeguarding are available outside the school office. We also have a dedicated Safeguarding page on our website with a number of associated policies and details of our designated Safeguarding team. Please contact one of the team at any time if you have concerns.

PTA Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support the PTA coffee morning this morning at St Peters. £120 was raised and this has been donated to St Peters Church.

Online Safety - Hoop

Hoop relies on a user already owning Snapchat to function. It is proving very popular but poses major online safety issues. Hoop doesn't require proof of age which means that anyone could pose as a teen. Users of Hoop swipe through other people's pictures and when they find a user profile they like, they are able to then request that user's Snapchat username. If the user accepts them, they are then able to communicate via Snapchat. For more information and advice on what you can do to ensure your child is safe, visit: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/hoop/>

God of hope, we know that all people are important, because they are loved by you. Show us how to help others to see this too, so that the world can be a fairer place for all your children. Amen.



Mark 9: 30-37

Sunday 19th September 2021

Jesus and his disciples left that place and went on through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where he was, because he was teaching his disciples: "The Son of Man will be handed over to those who will kill him.

Three days later, however, he will rise to life."

But they did not understand what this teaching meant, and they were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all." Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, "Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me."

Attendance for W/C 6th September

This week's winners are:

EYFS: RG

KS1: 1Y, 1F & 2F

KS2:3G

RN	95%
RG	100%
1Y	100%
1F	100%
2W	98.21%
2F	100%
3B	99.58%
3G	100%
4N	99.17%
4B	93.64%
5C	98.15%
5MG	99.15%
6S	99.14%
6Sy	95.95%



House Stars

Well done to all of our children who have earned stars this week!

Gabriel	204
Michael	209
Uriel	207
Raphael	240

The Week Ahead: W/C 20th January 2021

Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
Y1 Hearing Recalls Y4 Swimming	3:30 – 4:30 Yrs5/6 Football Trials			



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