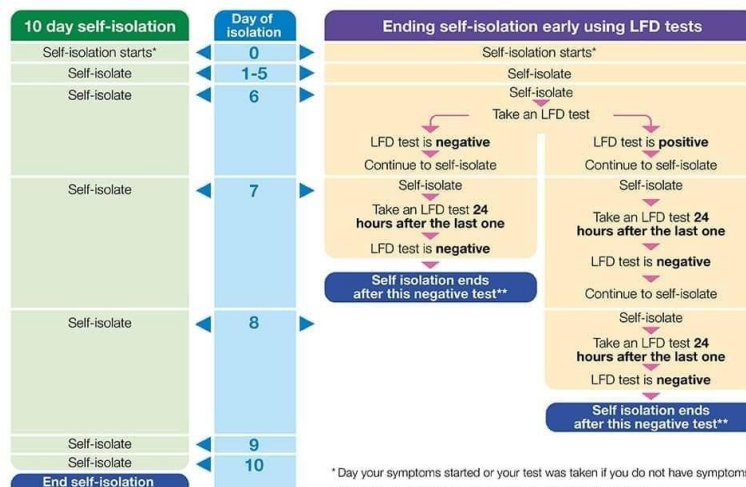


### Happy New Year!

We want to wish all of our families a happy new year! We hope you all had a peaceful and restful break and your plans weren't too affected by the pandemic. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and seeing them bounce into school with their wonderful smiles. We look forward to all of wonderful things we have planned for the children throughout this term.

### Changes to COVID-19 Testing

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow test result will be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January if you have no symptoms. This will mean that if your child receives a positive lateral flow test result they will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test unless they have symptoms, when they will still need to take a PCR. Due to the introduction of day 6 and 7 Lateral Flow Device testing, we thought it would be useful to share the following diagram.



### Does your child have energy to burn at home?

We now have a subscription to 5-a-day Fitness which includes home access for your children. 5-a-day Fitness is the ultimate fun fitness resource aimed to increase your children's daily physical activity with our online 5-minute exercise routines, and 2-minute chill-out routines, helping to keep children active and healthy after school, at weekends, and over the holidays. Each activity routine enhances kinesthetic learning and utilises both audio and visual instructions and demonstrations. Resources are differentiated by complexity, and the language learning resources each have 3 levels of difficulty, making 5-a-day Fitness an amazing cross-curricular learning resource for children.

<https://player.5-a-day.tv/>

Username: **SCRPSE2**

Password: **tkmI3wSZ**

### Epiphany Mass

On Thursday 6th January, Year 3 and 4 joined Father David at St Peter's for a very special celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. EYFS and KS1 celebrated the feast of the Epiphany during the school day by listening to the story of the three wise men and welcoming Jesus into our new school term through song, prayer and role-play.

**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.

## Online Safety

As a new chapter of Fortnite emerged in December, so did new potential risks for children. Fortnite has a PEGI age rating of 12, however many younger children have access to and use it. It is therefore vital that adults have an understanding of what they can do to keep their children safe if they are using it. National Online Safety have produced a newsletter explaining how you can keep your child safe if they do use Fortnite. They recommend things such as ensuring there is no payment method linked to the game's store so that no in-app purchases can be made. Also, reminding children not to click on any links which could be sent by scammers pretending to offer children free V-bucks. For more information see the National Online Safety attachment to this week's email.

## Choir and Orchestra Updates

Choir and orchestra will both resume next week, Choir starting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> after school and orchestra on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> during the school day. Those who signed up for choir have received email confirmation of their place this term and orchestra membership continues from last term, but there are still a few places left in both choir and orchestra. If you would like to join in, please email the office to let us know, telling us about which instrument and at what level you play if its for orchestra.

## Pantomimes

On Thursday the children all watched the pantomime Sleeping Beauty which had been postponed from before Christmas. It was great to see the children engaging in the performance with such enthusiasm and excitement - they could be heard from across the school! Children in Years 1 and 3 used words such as incredible, fantastic and spectacular to describe it. It was definitely a hit amongst the children and the staff!

## Attendance for W/C 13<sup>th</sup> December

*Our target attendance is 97%*

This week's winners are:

**EYFS: RG**

**KS1: 1Y**

**KS2: 4B**

RG	91.16%
RN	85.93%
1F	93.58%
1Y	95.27%
2F	84.14%
2W	84.53%
3B	91.85%
3G	83.22%
4B	96.00%
4N	93.68%
5C	74.63%
5MG	88.48%
6S	80.77%
6Sy	77.86%

Every Day Counts



## Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22 2022

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

People's hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you."

## House Stars

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

<b>Gabriel</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Michael</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Uriel</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>Raphael</b>	<b>488</b>

## The Week Ahead: W/C 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>
		Y5/6 Boys Football v Northside		Year 6 National History Museum Trip KS1 and Yrs 3/4 Nativity filming



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