



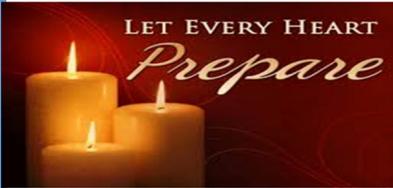
St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School



Year 5 & 6 Reconciliation Service

Thank you to Father James and Father John for coming to lead a Reconciliation Service on Tuesday. This was a very special opportunity for the children and staff to prepare for the birth of Jesus by reflecting on the penitential aspect of Advent. Thank you to the year 6 children who read so reverently and to the children who sang so beautifully. Father James and Father John then gave the children the opportunity to go to individual confession.



Lord, as you sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts to make us your children, we thank you for your forgiveness and love. Help us always to live the example of forgiveness in all we do and say. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Year 3 Trip to Roald Dahl Museum

Year 3 had a wonderful time on Tuesday at the Roald Dahl Museum. We learnt a lot of interesting facts about Roald Dahl's life both during his childhood and in the war. We learnt about how Roald Dahl edited his stories and even what the old names of some of his stories were. We also saw where he wrote his stories and many of the places which inspired characters and settings in his stories. Year 3 were really well-behaved and we really enjoyed our school trip! Thank you very much to Mrs. Glynn, Mrs. Kent., Mrs. Sidney, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Reeve, Mrs. Cresci and Mr. Hammond for all their help on our trip.



The Year 3 Staff

The Week Ahead

Monday 10th December	Tuesday 11th December	Wednesday 12th December	Thursday 13th December	Friday 14th December
	9.30 KS1 Nativity	9.30 KS1 Nativity	9.30 Reception Nativity	Coffee Morning Christmas Jumper Day

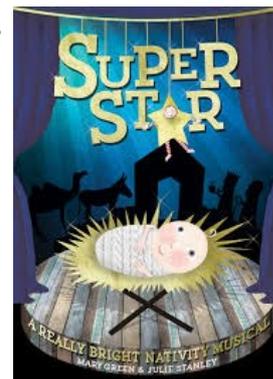
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert– Superstar

Our journey towards Christmas has truly begun with the first of our Christmas Concerts led by the Year 3 & 4 children. Their play was called 'Superstar'. As the performance unfolds, the children shine a light on the traditional nativity story and point to Jesus being the true superstar of Christmas.

The children should be extremely proud of themselves– the wonderful acting, the beautiful singing and the elements of humour (especially in the shepherd's scene) were greatly enjoyed by all. It was a joy to see each and every one of them play an active part in this beautiful story.

A special 'Thank You' to Mr Bell, all the teachers and staff and to the parents for helping the children to prepare for this very memorable event.

May we all shine this Christmas through our thoughtful words and actions!



Thank you to Year 6



The Polar Museum, Scott Polar Research Institute
4 mins · 📍

Thank you so much to the fabulous children of Year 6 at St Catherine's School in Barnet, for their beautifully illustrated polar themed poems. We have loved reading them.



The Polar Museum, Scott Polar Research... Call Now

As part of their topic 'Frozen Kingdom', the children in Year 6 used quotes from Scott of the Antarctic's diary to create poetry as a tribute to his brave endeavour to reach the South Pole first, with his team of equally heroic colleagues. These poems were sent to the Scott Polar Institute and the children were delighted, not only to receive a lovely email and postcard back from them, but also to have a photo of their work put on the Scott Institute's media site.

Westminster Cathedral Advent Carol Service

On Wednesday afternoon, 6V went to Westminster Cathedral for the Catholic Children's Society Advent Carol Service. What a wonderful experience for the children to experience the telling of the Nativity through narration, acting and singing. They were mesmerised throughout, particularly with the arrival of Larry the donkey and his sheep friend from Hackney City Farm! The children's behaviour throughout the service and on the journeys to and from the Cathedral was, as always, impeccable and we were so proud of all of them.

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)
Making A Difference
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Class 6S visit St Peter's Club

Sue Allen from St Peter's invited St Catherine's to sing at their Wednesday Club. Mrs Sadler, some of our staff and the children in Class 6S had an amazing time. They entertained the members of

The Wednesday Club by singing Christmas carols to them so beautifully. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were very appreciative of all the children's efforts. Once again, the children were a credit to St. Catherine's and their families.



Rights Respecting School

The RRS Ambassadors met on Friday to discuss the next steps on our action plan– the school leaflet in line with the gold award and the next school newsletter. We are looking forward to visiting a number of schools in the New Year.



School Council

Mr Lyons reported to the School Council that the new bins were now in the playground and he will also be putting recycling bins in the dining hall. We spent a long time discussing what we have enjoyed most about our learning. Here are some of the things the children said-



We love our learning because it is interesting and every day is so busy. We love doing Art and Display. We loved preparing for our display on 'Winter Scenes'. If you get a chance look at the beautiful displays in the corridors. The School Council minutes are on the website. Thank you to Sophia (4A) for writing the minutes.

Global Learning: GLOBAL GOAL 13

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. Climate change is caused by human activities and is threatening the way we live and the future of our planet. By addressing climate change, we can build a sustainable world for everyone.

Pope Francis calls the world's 1.2 billion Catholics to join the fight against climate change. Pope Francis declared that the science of climate change is clear and that the Catholic Church views climate change as a moral issue that must be addressed in order to protect the Earth and everyone on it.



Wednesday Word

Please share the 'Wednesday Word' at home.

Luke 3:4-6 "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight! ⁵ Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be levelled, winding ways be straightened and rough roads made smooth, ⁶ and all humanity will see the salvation of God."



REMINDER: Christmas Jumper Day

Next Friday (14th) is Christmas Jumper Day. The school community are invited to support the 'Save the Children' fundraising by wearing a Christmas jumper to school instead of their jumper / hoodie / cardigan in exchange for £1. If your child has PE that day please send their PE hoodie in their bags. There will also be coffee morning in the dining hall. Please come along and support this event. Donations of cakes and biscuits gratefully accepted.



Church Services

Christmas Eve Children’s Masses at Mary Immaculate and St Peter’s:
As usual there will be Children’s masses on Christmas Eve at 4.30 and 6.30

If your child would like to read at either of those services, please either contact

Stephen_d.hill@btinternet.com or the St Peter’s parish office.



We are looking for readers for the 4.30 mass (younger children) and the 6.30 mass (older children).

There will be a children’s choir at the 4.30 mass – all children will be welcome to join on the day. If you would like to receive the lyrics in advance please contact us as above. As in previous years, children are very welcome to dress up as characters from the Christmas story.

PTA Christmas Gift Sale – Friday 14th December

Look out for our Christmas gift stall in the playground after school on Friday 14th December

For those little stocking-fillers for all the family!

(Weather permitting!)



**Calendars also for sale £3 each
or 2 for £5**

April						2013
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Nativity Plays

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed the Parents and Families of year 3&4 students to attend their Nativity Play this week. It was a great success. Thank you all for attending.

Just a reminder to all the parents still to attend a Nativity performance for Year 1/2, Reception or Nursery, we are running to a very tight system and only allowing 2 places per child/family to ensure that all Parents have an opportunity to see their children (as there is a limit to the numbers we are allowed to have in the hall for safety). Bookings for Year 1/2 performances have now closed. Attendees for Reception and Nursery performances do not need to pre-book but will be checked in on arrival and only 2 attendees per child/family will be permitted. Thank you for your understanding.





Christmas Fayre – Thank You from the PTA!

A very big **Thank You** to all those who helped with the St. Catherine's Christmas Fayre on the 1st December!

A small army of helpers got raffle prizes and advertisers; secured items for the auction and Treebola; ticketed bottles and chocolates; moved boxes and furniture; baked and cooked; and set up / put away all the stalls, Santa's Grotto and Elves' Bookshop... There are a million jobs to do to make these events work, and we are so lucky to have such a supportive school community.

Our wonderful Year 6 students did a great job at the Elves' Bookshop and the Family Gift Stall – well done to them all!

Thanks also to the school staff, who supported and assisted all the setting up and running of the Fayre. Without your help none of it would be possible...

Biggest thanks to everyone who came to the Fayre and supported the school fundraising. It felt like a really celebratory occasion and the children all seemed to have a good time.

In terms of the final figures, the latest figures are that the **Christmas Fayre raised £9,972!** This is dependent on matched funding and the silent auction bid commitments that have been made, but it is truly amazing!

If you have made a pledge for **matched funding** or your **bid** won one of **the auction lots**, please do follow through on that so that we can realise this wonderful final total.

It's not too late to apply for **matched funding** if this is a scheme that your workplace operates. Please speak to your employer to see if this is something that they would consider for our Christmas Fayre. Matched funding is a scheme where an organisation matches the funding raised by an employee for charity. It's a great way for us to make our on-the-day fundraising go so much further. If you're not sure what matched funding is or you know that your employer will match funding from the Christmas Fayre, please email ptastcatherinesschool@gmail.com for more information.

Happy Christmas to everyone!



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.

Spring Term 2019 Afterschool Clubs - Online Registration FINAL CHANCE

St Catherine's Extended Day After School Club Registration for Spring Term 2019 is now open and the code for this is **8q4d3**. All clubs run from 3.30 to 4.30pm unless otherwise marked. Clubs cost £5 per week and are charged for the full term in advance. The clubs that are being offered are:

Monday

Stretch Activities with Core Stability Reception, Yr 1 & 2

Tennis Yr 3 & 4

Football Yr 2,3 & 4

Tuesday

Cricket Yr 5 & 6

Choir (after school **3.30pm to 4.10pm**)—no registration required, but see note below *

Tag Rugby Yr 3 to 6

Wednesday

Drama Yr 5 & 6 (3.30pm to 5pm)—continues for those already signed up

Cricket Yr 3 & 4

Coding Club Yr 5 & 6 —lunchtimes 12.45 to 13.20, registration **IS** required, no **charge**

Thursday

Tennis Yr 1&2

Choir (before school 8.15 to 8.40am) - no registration required, but see note below *

Maths Challenge Club Yr 5 & 6 NEW—for those who like to be challenged mathematically

Friday

Football R & Yr 1

Hip-Hop Yrs 1 & 2

Registration will close on Monday 10th December at 3pm. If you wish your child to be considered for a place on any of the clubs you will need to **register your interest online using 'School Interviews'** at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and then enter the event code to login and register your interest. During this period only you will be able to view, change or cancel your online booking yourself - the office will not be able to do this for you.

Please remember that you are registering your interest for these clubs and no guarantee of a space if provided. For over-subscribed clubs we will offer places to those children who have not had a chance to try the club previously before allocating spaces to returning students.

After registration closes there will be a 10 day 'cooling off' period. **After** the cooling off period, late registration or changes to registration will incur a £10 administration charge and will be processed via the office. You will be notified before the end of the Autumn Term if you have a place or not. All payments are made via ParentPay and must be paid before the start of the club in the Spring Term to secure your place. Please note payments are non-refundable. Thank you.

* Choir—if you are new to Choir and wish to join please attend one of the sessions and let Mr Bell know you would like to be involved.

Finance information

Following on from our emails last week, regarding the school funding crisis please find below a link to a petition which you can also use to express your views on the situation.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

Reporting Absences

Can you please ensure that if your child is absent from school that you call into the school by 8:40. There is an answerphone system to leave a message. If your child is off sick for more than one day you must call in every day. At the end of the period of sickness you must send in a written notification of the reason for their absence. This is required for all absences, even if you have called the school.

In the event your child is late for school please make sure you sign them into the late book which is in the school office. We have recently had several children arriving late and going straight to class, this has resulted in parents being contacted to ask why the child is absent, as they have reached class after the register has been taken and are not recorded as being in school. Clearly this causes distress and we wish to avoid this.

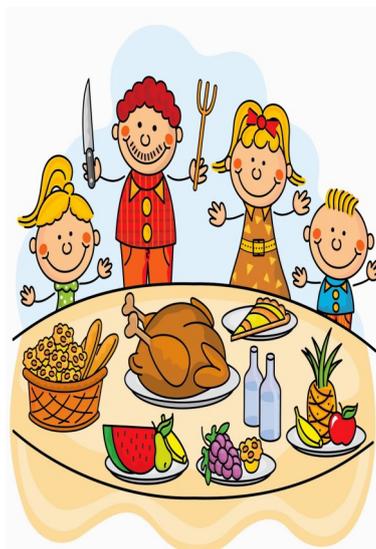
School Interviews – School Dinner Pattern Change Request for January 2019

The office no longer receives verbal or written change requests for school dinner patterns.

Parents with children **currently in year 3 to year 6 only** can go online www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the **event code 75kju** to register for a dinner pattern change, which will start after Christmas .

*****Online change requests will close on Monday, 17th December at 9am*****

The new dinner patterns will take effect on **Tuesday, 8th January**. If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be in February to start after February half term.



How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
1G	97.33
1P	88.67
22H	97.33
2R	96.00
3M	96.67
3W	98.28
4A	97.93
4B	98.67
5S	97.67
5Sy	96.27
6C	98.33
6S	99.03
6V	96.83



House Stars



Gabriel



Uriel



Raphael



Michael

Week 2

Dear Lord,
 Through the darkness, we look for your wisdom.
 We want our hearts to be open to you.
 Help us to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life.
 Help us to be grateful each day for the blessings of our family and friends.
 Let us be peacemakers in our own life, and in the world.
 Let us pray especially for this difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence.
 Our hearts beg for this as our Advent prayer today.

Amen