



# ST CATHERINE'S NEWS UPDATE

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

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## News from the Head....

Welcome back to everyone following the half term break! We are soon to celebrate the humble vegetable and so here is a message from Millierose, Y6:

There is a poetry competition to celebrate fruit and veg. You can write creatively or seriously and if you win, you get a book token. You can encourage people to eat healthy or write about how good they are in your poem. Return your entries by 9th March. Start writing your poems!



## Sports Updates

### Netball

This week St Catherine's netball team played in The Evans Trophy cup game against Sacred Heart School. They started with a few unforced errors before finding their rhythm and taking control of the game. The end score was 15-2 to St Catherine's. Due to this result, they go on to play in the semi finals.



### Football

Our football team travelled to Simon Balle to play in a friendly. We were proud of the great effort and sportsmanship that our team showed. They lost 7-1 but played really well and didn't give up.

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## FOSC Corner

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### Pyjama Day

On Thursday 5th March, as part of World Book Day, children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas and slippers ready for story time — don't forget your coats and shoes for breaktimes!



### Menu Changes

On Tuesday 3rd March the lunch options will be:

Chicken Curry

Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve)

Jacket Potato

### World Book Week Menu—Thursday 5th March

Storytime Sausage & Mash with Gravy—Pork or

Plant Sausages

Or Jacket Potato

With

Bookworm Green Pesto Spaghetti (v)

Page-Turning Peas & Chapter Carrots

Dessert

Readers Rice Crispy Squares

Or

Wordy Watermelon Wedge

### Parent Helpers

As you know reading is a very important part of our curriculum at school and we always aim to hear the children read as much as possible throughout the school week. If any parents/grandparents/carers are able to commit to an hour or more a week to listen to children read it would be very much appreciated. If you are able to help please speak to Miss Hammond in the school office.



### Messages for the school office

Can we please remind parents/carers not to send messages to the school via Arbor. These are not checked regularly so may not be seen in time. Please email [admin@stcatherines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stcatherines.herts.sch.uk)

### Trousers and socks for Nursery

Nursery would very much appreciate donations of trousers and socks for their spares cupboard

**DSPL3 Parent Coffee Morning, 18th March,  
St Catherines School, Ware, SG12 0AW**

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10.00 - 11.30

You are invited to a relaxed and supportive coffee morning designed to offer valuable information and networking opportunities. Connect with other parents and carers, Share experiences and gain insights into various topics that matter to you. We offer Practical advice & emotional support Meet and chat with others in a similar situation, Bring any questions or topics you'd like to discuss  
Professionals in attendance including Early Years, Outreach, Family Support, Behaviour Support, DSPL, ADD Vance and Angels  
We look forward to seeing you there and fostering a strong, supportive community together!

## Spring Discos

FOSC have organised Spring Discos for all of the children.



24th N & R Spring Disco 2.45—3.45pm—  
Nursery children that finish at 11.45 or 12.45 can be brought back to the school hall for 2.45pm if they would like to attend the disco.

24th Yr3&4 Spring Disco 4—5.15pm

25th Yr1&2 Spring Disco 3.15—4.15pm  
(children going to the disco will get changed in class and be taken straight to the disco)

25th Yr5&6 Spring Disco 4.45—6pm

For more information and to book your child's place, please visit [Friends of St Catherine's School](#)

## Diary Dates

### March

2nd Year 3 lunchtime concert at St Mary's

3rd Year 1 Learning Cafe—2.30pm

5th Pyjama Day

5th Year 2 Learning Cafe—2.30pm

9th-13th & 16th-20th Fruit & Veg fortnight

12th Reception screening

20th Year 1 Fire of London day \*

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**26th KS1 Reading morning—please note change of date**

27th Easter Egg hunt

27th school finishes at 1.15pm

30th—10th April—Easter holidays

## Summer Term 2025/2026

13th April—17th July 2026

Half term 25th—29th May

4th May—Bank Holiday—School closed

17th July—term ends 1.15pm

## School year 2026/27

**Autumn Term:** 1st September—18th December 2026

INSET Day— Tuesday 1st September—school closed to pupils

Children return to school—Wednesday 2nd September

**Half term :** 26 October 2026 – 30 October 2026

INSET Day—Friday 27th November—school closed to pupils

Occasional Day—Monday 30th November—school closed

18th December—term ends 1.15pm

**Spring Term:** 4th January 2027—25th March 2027

INSET day—Monday 4th January—school closed to pupils

INSET day Friday 12th February 2027—school closed to pupils

**Half term :** 15 February 2027 – 19 February 2027

25th March—term ends 1.15pm

**Summer Term: 12th April—22nd July 2027**

Bank Holiday—Monday 3rd May—school closed

**Half term :** 31 May 2027 – 4 June 2027

21st July—term ends 1.15pm

INSET day Thursday 22nd July 2027

\* information to follow

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