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….

Thank you to all the parents who came in to help with our Year 4 sewing project this week, and to all our visitors who were able to attend the KS1 learning workshops.

Huge thanks to Dan, Monty and Luke who delivered cricket workshops this week—the children were excited to have these extra sessions

KS1 story competition

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) children are invited to enter a story writing competition.

Stories can be based on super heroes, saving the planet!!

These may be completed on proforma which the children have had opportunity to collect in class, or on any paper from home!

We would like the entries to be submitted during the first week back to school, closing date Friday 5th June.

THERE ARE PRIZES!!

Break time snacks

Can we please remind you that snacks for break should be fruit/veg/bread sticks/healthy snacks only. **No** crisps/biscuits/chocolate etc. please.

Some children do raid their own lunch boxes at break time so we know they are hungry, but it is unsafe and unhealthy for them to be wandering at break times with crisps etc. Please remind them to bring in fruit etc. for break.

Paddling Pool Request

If anyone has a spare/old paddling pool that they no longer need, we would be very grateful for one to be donated to KS1. Thank you

Herts Vision Loss

Thank you to Maureen, Tina and Vanessa who visited this week from Herts Vision Loss, to explain about sight loss. The children showed a lot of interest. Many thanks to our Eco-Club and to all those who donated towards the cake sale last Friday afternoon, altogether we raised £240 which was donated to Herts Vision Loss.

Ukelele concert

Year 5 & 6 children will be performing a Ukelele concert for parents/carers on the following dates:

Year 6—19th June—2.40pm in the school hall

Year 5—10th July—2.40pm in the school hall

Menu Changes

Every Tuesday of week 2

Please note that due to a supply issue, Tuesday of week 2 will no longer be plant based meatballs but Diced Quorn (Ve) in Tomato Sauce.

There will be a couple of other changes shortly once our current stock runs out.

Football's Future

Bookings for the Whitsun Half Term Holiday Club are live and available to book online.

Join Football's Future for fun-filled days of football, multi-sports, games and activities in a safe, energetic and friendly environment for children of all abilities. Only £35 per day (£5 per hour for 7 hours) 08:30 to 15:30.

Please visit: Ware Whitsun Half Term Holiday Club 2026 - Footballs Future

Summer fete— Friday 26th June after school

This year we are trialling the fete after school, instead of our usual Saturday event.

Is anyone daring enough to help run the BBQ this year? Please contact the office/Alex/Mrs Leslie if you are interested.

There are still plenty of spaces for sales tables - if anyone knows of someone who would like to come along and sell, please put them in touch with Alex.

The fete cannot run without YOU ALL - any volunteers for the day - again please contact Alex (FOSC Chair) – alijane83@hotmail.co.uk

3/4 Girls Football Tournament

Thank you to staff for taking some of our Year 3 and 4 girls to Presdales football tournament yesterday. The girls really enjoyed their afternoon.

Vomiting and diarrhoea—48 Hour Rule

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours). This is very important to stop the spread of any germs but also to protect our vulnerable children and staff.

Careers Week

Week beginning 1st June sees our Careers week.

Thank you to all those who have 'volunteered' to come in and help with this.

PE KITS

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school **AT ALL TIMES**. With Sports week coming up there will be extra PE lessons and activities. Most of our spares have not been returned and what is left are not very nice to borrow.

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Year 1 and 2 Reading

On Friday 26th June and Monday 13th July, Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to come and read with their children in the classrooms at 8.25am until 8.40am.

Year 5 PGL Parents meeting

Year 5 parents are invited to a meeting regarding PGL on Wednesday 3rd June at 3.15 in the school hall. Please email admin@stcatherines.herts.sch.uk to confirm your attendance.

Ware Town Council

FREE!

WARE BIODIVERSITY DAY

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

11AM- 4PM

FLETCHER'S LEA, HIGH STREET, WARE SG12 9AL

LEARN HOW TO IMPROVE BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR GARDEN WITH USEFUL INFORMATION, FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND PRIZES TO BE WON! BUILD YOUR OWN BUG HOTEL AND BIRD BOX, MEET AMPHIBIANS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

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- GET UP CLOSE WITH REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS
- TRY YOUR HAND AT WILDLIFE ART
- LEARN ALL ABOUT BIRDS, BUTTERFILES AND BEES

Kids Choir Goes Rock!

Does your child love to sing? We're inviting children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to come together in this exciting, confidence boosting workshop to unleash their voices and their creativity.

Blending the energy of pop and rock music with the fun of group singing, this 60 minute session will give children the chance to learn new skills, make friends, and experience the thrill of performing as part of a vibrant musical community. It's all about joy, teamwork, and discovering just how powerful their voices can be.

Friday 12th June

4.30pm - 5.30pm

East Herts Music Centre

£5 per student

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HERTFORDSHIRE SEND RECRUITMENT EVENT

Are you interested in making a real difference to the lives of children and young people with special needs and disabilities (SEND)?

Meet employers from:

- Hertfordshire County Council
- Teach in Herts
- Social Care Services
- Health
- Charities that support Children and Young People
- Other support services in Hertfordshire

Event details:
17th June 2026 1pm and 4pm
Fielder Centre, Hatfield, AL10 9TP

Book your place today!

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Instrument Warriors

Calling all Key Stage 2 musicians! Join us for a fun and friendly orchestral workshop where children of all instruments (apart from piano or keyboard) and abilities can make music together, learn new skills, and feel part of an exciting team.

You'll play brilliant pieces, discover how an orchestra works, and make new friends who love music just like you. With supportive leaders, lots of energy, and plenty of smiles, this workshop is the perfect place to build confidence, try new challenges,

Friday 5th June

4.30pm - 5.30pm

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Diary Dates

May

25th—29th Half term

June

1st-5th Careers week

3rd Year 5 PGL parents meeting 3.15pm

4th Year 6 Height and Weight

8th Phonics screening

10th Parent consultations *

11th Parent consultations *

12th The King's birthday family picnic *

14th—17th Year 6 PGL trip

15th Year 1 Ware Walkabout

15th Year 5 Wodson Games

18th Year 6 recovery day

19th Year 6 Ukelele Concert—2.40pm in the school hall

22nd—26th Sports week

22nd KS2 (Yr3-6) sports day—9.15am

22nd KS1 (Yr1&2) sports day—1.15pm

24th FS (N&R) sports day—9.15am

24th District Athletics at Wodson *

26th Fun Run

26th Friday—Summer Fete— from 3.-5.30pm

30th Year 5 Celtic Harmony trip

July

1st Year 2 Topic learning café 2.30pm—Please note change of date

2nd Year 1 Topic learning café 2.30pm

3rd Great Athletes visit

6th New Nursery and Reception parents welcome meeting 2pm & 5pm

7th Year 4 Mayan Day

9th Move Up Day—Year 6s to Secondary schools

9th New Reception taster lunch

10th Year 3 Fitzwilliam Museum trip

10th Year 5 Ukelele Concert—2.40pm in the school hall

14th Church Service at St Mary's—10am—All welcome

14th Year 5/6 play 6pm

15th Year 5/6 play 6pm

17th term finishes at 1.15pm

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

FOSC Corner

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