



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.....

A massive well done to our fantastic KS2 choir, who performed a cantata, in front of a large audience, alongside other schools last week. They were truly brilliant, and we are SO proud. They will share just a couple of their songs in assembly next Friday morning.

Some of our Y3s and Y4s attended a sports afternoon at Heath Mount school yesterday - they showed amazing sportsmanship and resilience and had a lovely afternoon. Thank you to Miss Horton, Mrs G and Ms Bundock.



VE Day Picnic

You are invited to come and join us on Friday 9th May 2025 at 1:30pm, for a picnic to celebrate VE Day.

If you would like to join your child for the picnic at 1.30pm, after they have had their lunch, **please complete the slip on the letter by Tuesday 6th May**. You will need to bring your own food, drinks and a blanket to sit on.

Foundation Stage Parents: If you are coming, please collect your child from their classroom at 1:30pm and make your way round to the back field.

Year 1 – 6 Parents: The children will be in year groups on the back field, so please sign them out with their teachers before you 'take' your child. The picnic will finish at approx. 3pm.

Please don't worry if you are unable to attend: children will enjoy their afternoon as part of their class with their teachers.

On the day of the picnic, children should come to school wearing school uniform, but may bring a change of clothes with them in a bag for the afternoon.

Morning Nursery children are welcome to come back to school but must be supervised by a parent. Please remember if the weather is hot, the children will need hats, water and sun cream.

Smart phones and chat groups

A reminder from the school that children should not be accessing WhatsApp until 13 years old. The inevitable disputes that such messaging Apps can cause, for children who are not emotionally mature enough to manage such online conversations can result in unkindness at school - this causes angst for parents and children and a lot of unnecessary work for staff. Other messaging groups will encounter similar issues. Please, as parents, be vigilant.

Schools can only oversee events and interactions that take place IN SCHOOL. Please see the attached information leaflet.

There is a national 'push back' around the availability of Smart Phones for all children. Please visit <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/> to find out more.

If parents are interested in discussing this at St Catherine's, please let Mrs Leslie know.

Messages

Can we please ask parents/carers to only send messages via email to admin@stcatherines.herts.sch.uk and not via SMS or the Arbor app. These messages are not regularly checked and may be missed.

Menu Changes

Census Day—Thursday 15th May

Battered Fish Fillet

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Jacket Potato

Served with chips or pasta

With Chocolate crispie squares, biscuit, jelly or fruit for dessert

Friday 16th May

Pork Sausages with chips and beans

Sweet and Sour Quorn with white rice (V)

Jacket Potato

Ware Swifts - To the Moon and Back 8 Times



This is the distance a swift will fly in its lifetime.

Ware Swifts are hoping to buy 10 illustrated children's books about the life of a swift for every primary school in Ware.

We can help by putting the **Tesco blue tokens** in to their collection tube from Monday 7th April. If they get enough tokens to win, they are also hoping to buy some books about swifts for the senior schools and put up a nest box with a camera inside on each school site.

For more information about Swifts, please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osuAz7MVu6Y>

<https://www.facebook.com/swiftsandhousemartinsofware>

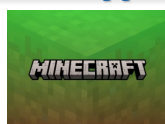
<https://www.instagram.com/wareswifts/>

STAYING SAFE ONLINE



What do parents need to know about **Minecraft**? Check out the link below...

<https://www.protectyoungeyes.com/apps/minecraft-app-review>



App Store rating 10+



THURSDAY 8TH MAY
SERVICE TO
COMMEMORATE
THE 80TH
ANNIVERSARY OF VE
DAY

St Mary's Church
Ware

VE Day Service

5pm

Join the town
celebrations at the
Priory after the
service

You have room for
one more here!

ST MARY'S WARE
Church Street
Ware
SG12 0XX

www.stmarysware.co.uk

christian aid 70k in
May

Join us to run, walk, hop, hobble
70k in St Mary's Churchyard

On Saturday 10th May
9am – 6pm

A course will be laid out, come and
do 1 lap or 20...

9am – 10am	runners/speedy walkers
10am – 12noon	children (walk, run, hop, skip, scoot...)
12noon – 1pm	runners/speedy walkers
1pm – 3pm	children (walk, run, hop, skip, scoot...)
3pm – 4pm	older participants with sticks, walkers etc
4pm – 6pm	anyone! Dog walkers welcome

Minimum donation to enter £1
Collection taken for Christian Aid
throughout the event

FUNDRAISING FOR MALORIE

FRIENDS OF ST CATHERINES

COLOUR RUN FUN DAY

Saturday 17th May

GATES OPEN AT 11AM

BACK FIELD AT
ST CATHERINES SCHOOL

TICKETS AT -
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FOSCWARE

Warmer Weather

Can we please remind parents that children should have a bottle of **water** in school every day and should not be bringing juice/squash to school. We recommend that you apply a high factor sun cream on your children before they come to school and please also ensure your child has a hat in school every day. Please remember to name label their hats.

If you would like to purchase a St Catherine's school cap, please visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosctime/index.cfm?event=shop>

We also recommend that your child has a rain coat in their bag just in case the weather changes.



PE Kits

Can we please remind parents that children should have a PE kit in school every day. Sometimes additional PE lessons/extra activities are added to the school week and we have a limited number of spares that are used by multiple children.

Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 6th May to take whole class photos. They are also taking individual Year 6 leavers photos for their year books.

PGL Parents meeting

Year 6 parents will have received a letter regarding a PGL meeting being held by the Year 6 Teachers for parents only, on Wed 21st of May at 5pm in the Year 6 classrooms. Please return your slip to confirm your attendance as soon as possible

Talent Show

St Catherine's Got Talent Final is being held on Friday 13th June.

Auditions will take place the week commencing 2nd June—50p per child to enter.

Application forms will be available in classrooms shortly.

FOSC Corner

For more information please visit [Friends of St Catherine's School \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Friends of St Catherine's School (pta-events.co.uk))

Facebook—search for FOSC Community Corner

Instagram—FOSCWARE

Diary Dates

May

5th May Day Bank Holiday—school closed
6th Photographer in for class photos and Year 6 leavers photos
9th VE Day Family picnic
12th-16th SATs week
15th Assembly at 2.40pm—parents welcome
16th No assembly
16th Year 2 History workshop
17th FOSC colour run
21st Year 6 Height and Weight checks
21st Year 6 PGL meeting—5pm
26th—30th Half term

June

3rd—6th Talent show auditions
12th Year 3 trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
13th Talent Show Final
19th Year 6 Woodhall Estate woodland day
20th Year 3-6 District athletics
23rd-27th Sports week
29th Year 6 PGL trip

July

1st New Nursery & Reception parents welcome meeting
7th Year 5 Celtic Harmony trip *
10th Move up day

12th Summer Fete *

18th Finish at 1.15pm

Summer Term 2024/2025

22nd April—18th July 2025
Half term 26th—30th May
5th May Day Bank Holiday

Autumn Term 2025/2026

3rd September—19th December 2025
Half term 27th—31st October
3rd September INSET Day—School closed to pupils
4th September Children return to school

* Information to follow

Family Support Workers



The HWVSP Family Support Team are a local organisation that supports families of school aged children to address social, emotional and health issues that are barriers to learning: they aim to have a positive impact on the lives of young people and their families.

They are able to refer to many outside agencies to ensure you get the help you need. Speak to the school office to be referred to their service.

Visit the HWVSP Instagram page—
hwwsp_family_support_worker

FREE! Have a Go! Family Windband

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

No experience necessary — everyone is welcome.

This one hour session is a fantastic introduction to learning an instrument in a windband setting. Open to primary aged children and their families, we will be playing woodwind and brass instruments together. We will supply all the instruments and the workshop will be lead by one of our friendly and experienced tutors.

Advance booking is strongly advised to ensure that we have enough instruments for everybody but you can still turn up on the day.



Saturday 10th May 2025

11am to 12pm

Bishop's Stortford Music Centre, CM23 5BD

To book a space scan the QR code and complete the form. For queries email HMSEast@hertfordshire.gov.uk



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www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/HMS-Stortford

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