



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.....

Well done to our FAB Year 6s who have been super sensible and super focussed during SATs week this week. It's a shame there isn't a test paper for 'lovely lovely human beings' because they could definitely ACE that. Have a restful weekend Year 6—back into school on Monday with that great work ethic! Thanks to all the additional staff supporting Year 6 this week.

Year 2 Life in a Medieval Castle Day

Year 2 have had an amazing day with their Medieval Castles visit from History Off The Page. They have created their own gargoyles, cresset lamps, soap, perfume, braided bracelets, cut and sewn leather pouches and painted beautiful name illustrations. The children have been so engaged, asking interesting thoughtful questions and being a fantastic group to work with!



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

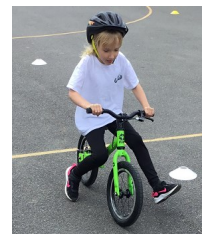
Sports update

Last week, five Year 5 children attended a Boccia Bowls festival at Presdales. They worked on developing their aim and ball control in a range of activities then took part in a competition. They did brilliantly to finish 3rd overall!



Bikeability

Children across EYFS and KS1 have all been enjoying their Bikeability sessions. They have been riding the balance and pedal bikes in the playground, working on their balance and control to navigate a series of courses. These sessions are ongoing to help them continue to improve and develop their core muscles.



On Monday, 30 children from Year 1 attended an Infant Agility day at Sele School. They took part in lots of different fun activities including orienteering, javelin, ball skills, tennis, target throwing and problem-solving. The children represented St Catherine's really well.

VE Day Picnic

Many thanks to all those who attended—it was such a wonderful afternoon, the weather was perfect and everyone had a lovely time.



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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/FOSCFWARE

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—FOSCFWARE

Talent Show

St Catherine's Got Talent—please remind your child to return a slip if they would like to perform. Auditions will take place the week commencing 2nd June—50p per child to enter. Application forms are now available in classrooms.

Herts Rivers Week

Celebrating Our Rivers, Protecting Their Future

30 May – 8 June

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife

Trust is hosting the very first **Herts Rivers Week** – a

celebration of our globally rare and beautiful chalk rivers.

Through a week of inspiring events, walks, talks, and family activities, you'll have the chance to explore these precious waterways, learn about the wildlife they support, and discover the challenges they face. But it's more than just a celebration – it's a call to action. Find out how simple changes in your daily life can help protect our rivers, from reducing water waste to joining a river clean-up or spreading the word, every action matters.



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Find out more: <https://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/herts-rivers-week>

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/foscfware/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.



Diary Dates

May

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
10th Parent Consultations—letter has been sent home
11th Parent Consultations—letter has been sent home
12th Year 3 trip to Fitzwilliam Museum
13th Talent Show Final
19th Year 6 Woodhall Estate woodland day
20th Year 3-6 District athletics
20th Year 6 Pool Party—letter has been sent home
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
11th Chauncy Community Day
11th Non Uniform Day in return for bottle donations for the summer fete
12th Summer Fete *
14th Church Service—10am—All welcome
14th Year 6 performance *
16th Year 6 performance *
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—
hwvsp_family_support_worker

STAYING SAFE ONLINE



What do parents need to know about
WhatsApp?

<https://www.protectyouneyes.com/apps/whatsapp-app-review-parental-controls>



App Store rating 12+



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 17th May 2025



11am to 12pm



East Herts Music Centre, EN10 7FU



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



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