



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.....

It is so important for the children to know family is interested in their schooling, so thank you to all those who were able to attend parents evening this week. Thank you also for completing the parent surveys, which were very positive.

Please do come in and talk to staff if there are any worries or concerns.

Harvest week

HUGE thanks to the whole school community for all our harvest donations. The Herts Young Homeless team came to collect this morning and were overwhelmed with the generosity. They have to come back for a second pick-up!



Poppies

Our year 6 children will be visiting the classrooms the week after half term to sell poppies. We suggest a donation of 50p for the paper poppies and a minimum of £1 for the slap bands, keyrings etc. Please note that there is a limited number of keyrings etc.



Socks!!

We would very much appreciate donations of girls and boys school socks suitable for all ages/sizes but particularly size 1 upwards. We get lots of soggy feet at this time of year and currently have no spares.



Thank you

Moving on in 2026

Reminder that online applications for September 2026 secondary places **close on 31st October 2025** however it is recommended that you apply before then in case of issues. For more information please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Nursery Applications—30 hours free childcare funding

St Catherine's is offering funded places to Nursery children from September 2026, giving:

- Flexible, longer days from 7.45am to 5.30pm.
- Morning and afternoon sessions led by qualified teachers.
- Wrap around care available before and after care sessions (breakfast and after school club).

Admissions are now open. Please contact the school office for an application form or to arrange a visit.

Reception Applications for September 2026

Reception applications for September 2026 open on 1st November **until 15th January 2026**. You should receive a leaflet directly from Hertfordshire County Council admissions. Children in Nursery are not automatically allocated a Reception place and will need to apply through School Admissions. For more information please visit: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx

Holiday Club

The Football's Future holiday club is running during October half term - Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday (28th—30th October). For more information and to book please visit: <https://footballs-future.com/product/ware-october-holiday-club-2025/>

Staff Vacancies

KS2 Teaching Assistant

We are looking to appoint a flexible, enthusiastic and experienced KS2 TA to join our school. Our teaching assistants are able to support all primary aged pupils and sometimes change year groups in order to widen their experience, or depending upon the needs of the school and pupils. We have a great team of TAs, who are supportive, dedicated and fun - come and join us!

This position is for 30 hours per week. Hours will be 8.30 - 3.30pm (with an hour for lunch), Monday - Friday, term time only. We would also like the candidate to consider some 30 minute lunch duties each week.

Diary Dates

October

27th—31st Half term

November

3rd Children return to school

3rd Year 5—lunchtime concert at St Mary's church

11th Flu vaccinations catch-up

15th Foundation Stage Open Day—10am-1.30pm

25th Yr4-6 'Christmas Explored' at Christchurch

28th INSET Day—School closed to children

December

1st Occasional Day—school closed

2nd FOSC Christmas shop *

3rd FOSC Christmas shop *

9th AM—Nursery & Reception Nativity *

9th PM—KS1 Nativity—1B & 2G parents to watch *

10th AM—Nursery & Reception Nativity *

10th PM—KS1 Nativity—1C & 2F parents to watch *

15th Church visit 10am—Parents welcome

16th KS1 Christmas craft day *

17th Christmas Lunch

* information to follow

Autumn Term 2025/2026

3rd September—19th December 2025

Half term 27th—31st October

28th November—INSET Day—School closed to pupils

1st December—Occasional Day—School closed

Spring Term 2025/2026

5th January—27th March 2026

5th January—INSET Day—school closed to pupils

Half term 16th—20th February

23rd February—INSET Day—school closed to pupils

Summer Term 2025/2026

13th April—17th July 2026

Half term 25th—29th May

4th May—Bank Holiday—School closed

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School and Family Partnerships

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**Second Christmas
Appeal 2025**

**We need your help to support vulnerable families
this Christmas 2025.**

You can help us spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift. Donations will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need.

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas.



We are a local organisation that supports vulnerable families and school aged children, we currently support across 27 schools.

All donations can be made to our team, please contact us to arrange collection/delivery.

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