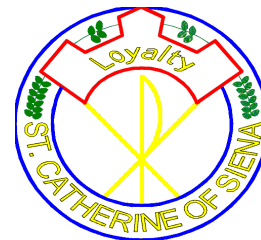


St Catherine of Siena Primary School

Newsletter



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16th January 2026

Diary for school week commencing 19th January 2026

Monday:

Tuesday: Y2 great Fire Of London Workshop

Wednesday:

3.15-4.15: Dodgeball & Handball

Thursday:

3.15-4.15: Gymnastics

Friday: Celebration assembly

Y5 Swimming

3.15-4.15: Football



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Congratulations to Year 2 for having the best attendance this week. As a reward Year 2 can come to school in their own clothes on Monday,

Well done, also, to Year 4 and Year 6 for their excellent attendance.

89% of our pupils achieved 100% attendance this week – well done to all of you.

This Week

A busy week in school. The Reception area has been completed this week and the children are pleased to have 'nearly' all their playground back. The new play equipment and reception area have been inspected today and following the report, which we should receive on Monday, we will hopefully be able to make use of it all! Reception will be looking forward to getting out into the new area and using the new bikes, trikes and scooters that have been purchased through the PTA. Thank you to all involved.

Yesterday our Y1 class had a very exciting day out to RHS Bridgewater where they enjoyed learning about plants and flowers and then also planting some seeds themselves. The children were very enthusiastic, listened well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Year 2 parents and families enjoyed the maths session yesterday, solving problems and puzzles, creating 3D shapes and completing many more activities. Thank you to all who supported and we hope you have some fun ideas to take home to support your children with maths.

Yesterday after school, there was a PTA meeting where we discussed future fund-raising events. There are lots of events coming up to look forward to so keep your eye on the PTA newsletter over the next weeks.

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Maths

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The session for our Year 1 families will take place on Wednesday 28th January at 9.00 a.m.
Our Reception maths session will take place on Wednesday 4th February at 9.00 a.m.



Our Year 6 reading session will take place on Wednesday 21st January at 2.00 p.m. This is a session where parents can come in and read with children and complete some activities with their children.
A Y3 reading session for parents and children will take place on Thursday 22nd January at 9.00 a.m.
Our Year 5 reading session for parents and children will take place on Thursday 29th January at 2.00 p.m.
The reading session for Year 2 parents will take place on Tuesday 3rd February at 9.00 a.m.
Parents and grandparents are more than welcome to attend these sessions with their children.



Sacramental Programme

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st January at 3.15 p.m. at St. Catherine's for parents of pupils in Year 4, regarding the preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion.
The date for Holy Communion has been arranged for Saturday 9th May 2026.

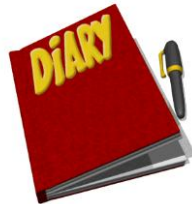


Year 2 will lead an assembly on Thursday 29th January at 9.05 a.m. followed by a coffee morning.
Can we please ask for cake donations, from our Year 2 families, to be brought in on the morning of the 29th?
Thank you.

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Can we please remind parents to check your children's hair regularly and treat any unwanted guests immediately. Children do not need to be absent from school if the hair has been treated.



Tues 20th January – Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Wed 21st January – Y6 Reading session for parents: 2.00 p.m.
Wed 21st January – Holy Communion Meeting for Parents: 3.15 p.m.
Thurs 22nd January – Y3 Reading session for parents: 9.00 a.m.
Wed 28th January – Year 1 Parental Maths Session: 9.00 a.m.
Thurs 29th January – Y2 Assembly & Coffee Morning
Thurs 29th January – Year 5 Reading session for parents: 2.00 p.m.
Tues 3rd February – Y2 Reading session for parents: 9.00 a.m.
Wed 4th February – Reception Maths Session: 9.00 a.m.
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term

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Parent/Carers Information Leaflet

What's on in the Spring Term 2026



Supporting your children's needs workshops with the Early Years Team

The Early Years Team are providing a workshop to support you to further understand your children's needs and share tried and tested strategies and learning activities.

The training is delivered in 1 session and is held at Atherton Family Hub at Formby Avenue, Atherton, M46 0HX. The session will focus on supporting your child's communication & language, including social communication. Supporting your child's sensory needs and managing and supporting behaviors in early years.

Date: Friday 6th February 2026

Time: 9:15am-1pm

NB Children are unable to attend

Please note sessions are for parent/carers of children referred into the Early Learning & Childcare Team

You can book onto the training through Eventbrite, please scan the QR code below:



Wigan Local Offer

The Local offer is all the provision we expect to be available across Education, Health and Social Care for children and young people in Wigan who have a special education need or disability.

Key aims:

- Provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up to date information on services available and how to access them.
- Ensure services are more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving children and young people with SEND and their parents, as well as professionals, in its development and review.



Coffee and a chat drop-in sessions

Join us at Hidden Gem Café for a coffee and chat.

This will be an opportunity to have a chat with the team to support you with next steps or any queries you may have.

Our next drop-in is taking place on:

Date: Friday 27th February 2026

Time: 9am - 11:30am

Venue: Hidden Gem Café
81 Ribble Road,
Platt Bridge
WN2 5EG

Our Town Directory



Our Town Directory brings together local support and things to do in the community whether you are living, visiting or working in the Wigan Borough.



If you would like more information or would like a chat before you book on please contact Laura Begley -
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