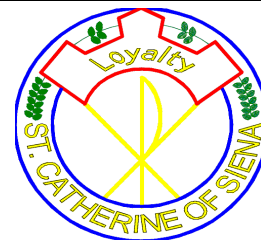


St Catherine of Siena Primary School

Newsletter



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30th January 2026

Diary for school week commencing 2nd February 2026

Monday:

Tuesday: 9.00 a.m. Year 2 - Reading Session

Wednesday: 9.00 a.m. Reception Maths Session 3.15-4.15: Dodgeball & Handball

Thursday: 3.15-4.15: Gymnastics

Friday: Celebration assembly Y5 Swimming – last session 3.15-4.15: Football



	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	97.4	93.7	98.3	94.7	93.0	92.9	90.0
Lates	2	1	1	4	3	9	1

Congratulations to Year 2 for having the best attendance this week.

There has been a lot of absence this week and many classes have fallen under 96%. Hopefully, next week we will see more green.

This Week

Well done to our home award children who we celebrated with on Monday.



This week the children have been able to play on the new wooden equipment. They have really enjoyed exploring it and climbing, balancing and swinging!

On Tuesday we spent some time looking at children's progress with times tables. Improving knowledge of times tables is a priority in school this year, as we know how important times tables are to all aspects of maths. Children who practice times tables regularly in school and at home are making good progress and this is impacting positively in other areas of class maths lessons. Continuing to practice at home, consolidating learning at school, will help children to learn their tables quicker and embed them within their memory.

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Below, are some links to online sites that children can use to practice times tables and a chart which shows which times tables children should know at different ages of primary school.

Wednesday was Year Ones maths session for parents, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Yesterday, Year 2 led a wonderful assembly all about Noah's Ark and promises. The children spoke and sang beautifully; it was lovely to see so many families attending and joining for coffee and cake.

Yesterday afternoon Year 5 invited parents to join them for a reading session and those who attended found it very enjoyable and useful. Thank you for all the support from parents and families this week.

[Times tables games - Learn them all here!](#)

[Times tables games and songs 1-12 - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Multiplication Tables — Online Practice](#)

Expectations for times tables for each year group:	
Year 1	Count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use all doubles to 10 and corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12.
Year 5	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12x12.
Year 6	Revision of all times tables and division facts up to 12x12.



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.



Our Reception maths session will take place on Wednesday 4th February at 9.00 a.m.

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The last swimming session for our Year 5 children will take place on **Friday 6th February**. If you haven't already done so can we please ask our Year 5 parents to log on to School Hub to pay for the swimming coach for this half term. Thank you for your support.



Thank you to our Year 2 families for your generous donations at our coffee morning. Together, you raised £48.73, which will be donated to the British Heart Foundation – a charity chosen by our children due to its special links with our class.



Thank you to our Reception families for their generosity in donating underwear for our infant department, as well as bedding and resources for our outdoor area.



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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PTA Newsletter

NEWS

The PTA have been busy behind the scenes and have now planned all of our events, both new and well-loved, until the end of the school year!

We hope our Spring term key dates poster helps keep you informed. We will share further information and event posters over the coming weeks. Its going to be an absolutely brilliant term!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

🔗 Books and board games wanted!

🔗 We're helping collect good quality books and complete board games for school.

🔗 Should this be something you can support with please send your donations in with your child.



RAINY DAY JARS

Thank you for your support with our rainy day jars. Please keep bringing in any loose change.. Every penny counts!

Here are our totals so far:

💧 YR - £25.31

💧 Y1 - £26.57

💧 Y2 - £11.04

💧 Y3 - £67.66

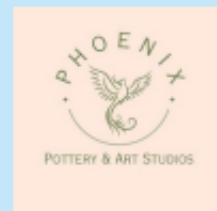
💧 Y4 £138.25

💧 Y5 £21.10

💧 Y6 £15.06



SPONSORS



SO FAR THIS YEAR..

Raised

- Halloween disco £770.07
- Christmas cards £199.75
- Christmas fayre £2584.37

Provided

- Leasing of school ipads
- 4 Bikes for KS1 playground
- Card machine for events

Planning

- Outdoor picnic/games tables for KS1
- New playground equipment KS2



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