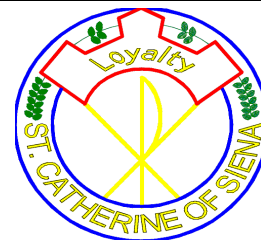


# St Catherine of Siena Primary School Newsletter



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28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Diary for school week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

### Monday:

Tuesday: Y4 Assembly & Coffee Morning

### Wednesday:

3.15-4.15: Cricket

### Thursday:

3.15-4.15: Dance & Drama

Friday: Celebration assembly

3.15-4.15: Football



	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	90.0	98.7	93.3	95.7	95.3	92.9	95.5
Lates	6	0	1	8	1	8	6

Congratulations to Year 1 for having the best attendance this week.

## This Week

We began the half term with collective worship all about Lent and temptations we may encounter.  
Well done to all our home award children this week!

On Tuesday Year 5 celebrated mass with Father Gordon. It was a perfect start to Lent.  
On Tuesday afternoon our Y4 children who are beginning their Sacramental Preparation programme, visited church for the first session. They were able to walk around church and identify different parts of church and find out all about them. The children enjoyed the session, and it was lovely to see so many family members supporting them. Yesterday, we had a PTA meeting where plans for the upcoming events, including the summer fair were finalised. Please check the PTA group chat and look out for the PTA newsletter for further information.

### Safety

Can we please ask for your support in keeping children safe on school grounds. The new wooden equipment on KS1 and KS2 **should not be used** before or after school by school aged or pre-school children. Some children have been using it before and after school and are unsupervised which has resulted in a couple of children being injured on the equipment. To ensure the safety of all, please keep your children with you on the playground before the school doors are open and once you have picked them up from school at the end of the day. The children will have plenty of opportunities to play on the equipment during the school day, particularly as the weather improves.

Thank you for your support.

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Year 4 will lead an assembly on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 9.05 a.m. followed by a coffee morning. Can we please ask for cake donations, from our Year 4 families, to be brought in on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Donations from the cakes will be going towards ....  
Thank you.



The Sacramental Programme session 2 will take place, in our Year 4 classroom, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 p.m. for our Y4 pupils who are making their Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion later this year. Parents/grandparents are welcome to attend to support your children.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

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We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children can dress up as either:

- characters based on the books/theme their class have been studying
- or
- a character from their favourite book – children should bring this favourite book into school

As part of World Book Day children will be sharing their favourite book with another child in school. They will be reminded to bring their favourite book in in the days leading up to World Book Day.

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# COME TO OUR **BOOK FAIR!** Your Ticket to Read!

The Book Fair will be at our school on Friday 6th March and will be held in the hall after school on Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The book range is truly out of this world! There are over 200 titles for you and your child to browse through and with prices starting from only £2.99, there is sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy! Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school.

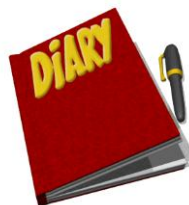
**Please note that only cash can be accepted at the Book Fair.** The children will be able to use the Book day £1 vouchers to put towards a book. We look forward to seeing you there.

## A request for help



Mrs Singleton is asking for any donations for her 'junk modelling' area in class. Any clean cardboard (boxes, food packaging), cardboard tubes (kitchen rolls, toilet rolls) and plastics (clean empty bottles/pots) would be really appreciated. If you have any you can donate to school just drop them off at the reception classroom or the main entrance. Also, if you have any small empty plastic water bottles these will be made into glitter jars.

Thank you for your support.



Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Y4 Assembly & Coffee Morning  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March: With You Always, Session 2 – 3.30  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day  
Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March: With You Always, Session 3 – 3.30  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March: Own Clothes Day – Chocolate donations  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March: Reception Assembly & Coffee Morning  
16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March: Y6 Residential – Low Bank Ground  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April: With You Always, Session 4 – 3.30

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Cool Milk is our milk provider. Milk is offered to Reception and Key Stage 1 children. Please register with Cool Milk if you would like your child to have milk in school.

**Milk is free to children under 5** but you need to need to register your child.

*Is your child registered for*  
**SCHOOL MILK?**

*Child*  
**UNDER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



*Child*  
**OVER 5**

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY**

Register online  
[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



Need help?  
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or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

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## Health & Wellbeing information for Parents & Families

### Learn to Ride

Learn to Ride with Be Well in 2026! We've got lessons for both children and adults at Leigh Leisure Centre – all just £1 each!!!

- Learn to balance and pedal independently.
- Develop steering and braking skills.
- Build confidence for family rides.

Sessions available on the following Thursdays (separate sessions 5pm-5.45pm for ages 5-11; & 6pm-6.45pm for adults (ages 16+):

February 26

March 5 & 12

No previous experience required – just bring your bike, helmet, and enthusiasm! (No bike or helmet? No problem! You can borrow one of ours.) Spaces limited, so book now using the Be Well app or the links in the comments or visit [Cycling with Be Well](#)

### WithYou: Alcohol Support

Giving up alcohol completely can be hard for some people, and stopping suddenly isn't always safe. That's why small, realistic changes can be a better place to start. These might include:

- Keeping track of when and why you drink
- Having more days each week with no alcohol
- Choosing smaller drinks or measures
- Setting limits on when you drink
- Trying new activities or hobbies to change your routine

Everyone has setbacks sometimes. If that happens, it doesn't mean you've failed. It can help you understand what situations make change harder and how to deal with them next time. The most important thing to remember is that positive change doesn't have to be perfect or instant. Support is available for young people and families who want advice about alcohol – whether that's cutting down, stopping, or just taking a break.

WithYou Wigan and Leigh offers free and confidential support for individuals and families.

**Call:** 01942 487578

**Online referral:**

<https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/wigan-and-leigh-referral-form>

### Quit Coach

FREE digital stop smoking assistant, supporting you every step of the way on your quitting journey. Easily accessible via WhatsApp, with Quit Coach you can get:

- Personalised guidance to help keep you on track.
- Daily motivation
- Tips to help you resist cravings.

Progress tracking so you can celebrate milestones.

Don't go it alone.

Start your journey today with Quit Coach, get in touch on 01942 828535 or visit [Get Started - Quit Coach](#)