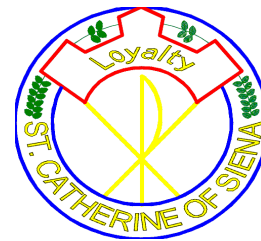


St Catherine of Siena Primary School

Newsletter



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17th July 2026

The staff of St. Catherine's would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holidays and look forward to seeing you when we return.

Children return to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2026



Congratulations to our Year 6 children for their fantastic production of The Wrong Way Round. The children have worked so hard with their teachers and fully deserved the applause and adulation they received at the end of the performance. Everyone in the play was a star and there were many memorable individual performances too. Well done to everyone who has helped to make it such a memorable event.



Good Luck to all our leavers.

We know you will continue to succeed on the next part of your journey and we wish you all the very best.



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GOODBYE

Mrs Valentine, one of our Y6 Teaching Assistants will be leaving us to enjoy spending more time with her family. Mrs Valentine has worked at St Catherine's for 26 years, working with hundreds of children across KS2. Those of you who know Mrs Valentine will agree that she will be greatly missed by the children and the staff. We wish her all the best and have no doubt she will enjoy her newfound time, exploring in her caravan, with her family, including Tilly the dog!



Unfortunately, from September, there will be an increase in school meals from £2.80 to £3.10 per meal.

Breakfast and after school clubs will remain at £4.00 per session.



Important Information

From September 2026, the Department for Education have made changes to the way that Free School Meals are allocated. All families and children will need to be rechecked to ascertain whether they can still receive this entitlement.

Please select the link below. This will take you to an online form where you can enter your details which will enable a check to take place. You will need to enter your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance / NASS details.

[Apply for free school meals | Instructions – Wigan Council](#)

The earlier that this is completed, the sooner we can advise you of your child's entitlement for the 2026/2027 academic year.

- If your child is currently entitled to free school meals, you will still need to complete a new application.
- If your child came to St. Catherine's from another school, where they were entitled to free school meals, the transitional protection will end at the end of this academic year – July 2026. You will need to make a new application.
- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently in receipt of universal infant free school meals. Please can we encourage our infant families to apply for free school meals by clicking on this link.

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It is a statutory requirement, and part of the national curriculum, that all children can swim 25 metres before they leave their primary school.

Year 5 will begin their swimming lessons on **Friday mornings** at the Leigh Sports Centre on **Friday 4th September**.

Swimming lessons are free. However, we do ask for a donation of £4.00 per week to help cover the cost of the coach. This payment item will be available on the school hub.

Could the children please bring the following into school for the swimming lesson in a separate plastic bag:

- A towel
- Boys should wear trunks not shorts (no Bermuda type long baggy shorts)
- Girls should wear one-piece swimsuits not bikinis - swimming costumes must be ASA regulation type
- Hair must be tied up
- Goggles if you feel they are necessary and are used regularly
- Hairbrush



We know families will be busy over the summer break preparing and organising school uniform for the new academic year. Just a reminder of the school uniform for all our children.

Yes Please ...	No thank you ...
White cotton shirt and blue/yellow tie Grey skirt, trousers or shorts White or grey socks/tights Royal blue cardigan/jumper with school logo Black shoes	White polo shirt, no tie Black skirts, trousers or shorts Black socks/tights Trainers
Shoulder length hair all tied back with plain bobbles	Long hair loose or with big bows/decorations
No jewellery except watches Earring retainers only can be worn	Necklaces, bracelets or earrings
PE Kit Blue or white shorts Blue/white short sleeved school PE top Plain navy blue jogging bottoms Plain navy blue hoody/sweatshirt	Very short cycling shorts Any other t-shirt Leggings/ any other coloured joggers Branded sweatshirts with logos
School book bag	Rucksack or large bag

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As we finish for the year, we would like to say a big thank you to all our parents, grandparents and families who have supported us throughout the year. As staff who educate and work with children daily, we are in a privileged position, however this is also brings may challenges as I am sure you can imagine. This is all made easier by the support you give us in so many ways, so thank you all.

We look forward to seeing you all in September, after the summer break.



The Summer 2026 Holiday Camp Brochure can be found by clicking the following link:

<https://linktr.ee/activesoccerwarrington>

The brochure contains full details of all the summer programmes, including Holiday Camps, Specialist Football Programmes, HAF opportunities, Girls Football Camps, Masterclasses and special event days taking place throughout the summer holidays.

The Lowton Active Camp taking place at St. Catherine's during the summer holidays can be found by clicking the link below:

<https://www.sportsoftware.io/event?eventId=6003>



As another school year comes to a close, we would like to thank our whole school community for all your efforts, dedication and commitment to fulfil our educational aspirations for all our children. Along with all the staff in school, the children have worked extremely hard and we wish you all a calm, relaxing and rejuvenating summer holiday.

We would like to thank all the parents / carers and the PTA for your efforts and support throughout the school year too. We very much appreciate and value the important partnership between home and school and are very grateful for the financial support the PTA provides for the benefit of all our children.

We wish our year 6 pupils every success for the future and look forward to welcoming our new reception class in September.

We hope you all have a lovely summer break and send our best wishes to you all.

With many regards

Chris Henshall and the Governing Board.

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

ST CATHERINE'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUN, ACTIVE & INCLUSIVE CLUBS FOR KS1 & KS2



DATES

WEEK COMMENCING
9TH SEPTEMBER –
21ST OCTOBER 2026



AGES

KS1 & KS2



PRICE

£5.50 PER SESSION
£38.50 TOTAL
(7 WEEK BLOCK)

WEDNESDAY



KS1 + KS2 TEAM BUILDING

Develop confidence, communication
and problem-solving through
exciting team challenges.

- ✓ Team challenges
- ✓ Problem-solving games
- ✓ Cooperative activities
- ✓ Leadership tasks
- ✓ Weekly team competitions



Perfect for children who enjoy
working together, making friends
and taking on exciting challenges.

THURSDAY



KS1 + KS2 BALL GAMES

A different ball sport each week
introducing children to a variety
of exciting games.

- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Dodgeball
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Benchball
- ✓ Team tournaments



Children will develop throwing,
catching, movement, teamwork
and tactical awareness in a fun
and inclusive environment.

FRIDAY



KS1 + KS2 FOOTBALL

Fun football coaching suitable
for all abilities.

- ✓ Ball mastery
- ✓ Passing & shooting
- ✓ 1v1 skills
- ✓ Small-sided matches
- ✓ Weekly mini tournaments



Whether your child is new to
football or already plays regularly,
sessions develop confidence,
teamwork and technical ability.

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QUALIFIED &
DBS CHECKED
COACHES



SAFE, FUN &
INCLUSIVE
SESSIONS



BUILD
CONFIDENCE &
TEAMWORK



SUITABLE FOR
ALL ABILITIES



LEARN NEW
SKILLS EVERY
WEEK

PLEASE BRING



WATER
BOTTLE



PE KIT



SUITABLE
FOOTWEAR

SPACES ARE LIMITED!
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING
YOUR CHILD TO ANOTHER EXCITING
TERM OF AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

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