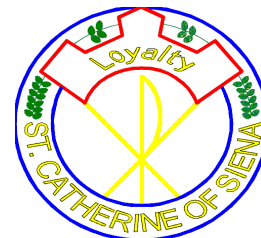


# St Catherine of Siena Primary School

## Newsletter



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2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

### Diary for school week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**Monday:** Piano/Woodwind/Guitar/Violin Lessons

**Tuesday:** 8.00 a.m. - Judo

**Wednesday:** 3.15 – 4.15: Team Building

**Thursday:** 3.15-4.15: Ball Games

**Friday:** Celebration Assembly Y5 – Swimming Brass Lessons 3.15-4.15: Football



|       | R     | Y1    | Y2    | Y3    | Y4    | Y5    | Y6    |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| %     | 94.62 | 94.52 | 93.67 | 98.67 | 94.84 | 92.67 | 97.33 |
| Lates | 0     | 1     | 1     | 2     | 6     | 6     | 9     |

Congratulations to Year 3 for having the best attendance this week.

### *This Week*

Unfortunately, there was no assembly on Monday so we didn't get the chance to celebrate our home award children. We will celebrate with them next week.

On Wednesday our school council met with Mr Hughes to discuss different ways to improve areas of school. This was based on ideas that came from all classes through a survey completed the week before. In particular they are looking at class reading areas, library areas in school and outdoor reading areas.

On Thursday we had some visitors in school looking at and discussing teaching and learning through school. It was a very positive visit and it was lovely to share all the good things that are going on in school.

Today Year 3 have had a great day at Quarry Bank Mill where they have learnt about the Victorian life, supporting their learning in class. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, joining in with enthusiasm and interest.

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### **PTA Meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 3.30 p.m.**

The annual AGM of the PTA will be taking place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm. The meeting won't be too long and just goes through previous events and funds raised. If you are new to our school or are interested to find out how the PTA works and what it does, please come along. If you are picking up from school – our after school will be available free of charge for any children whose parents are attending the PTA meeting. There will be tea/coffee and biscuits.

The PTA is a real asset to the school – they raise thousands of pounds across the year which is all spent directly on the children. Please do come along to support if you can.



### **Mad Science After School Club**

We will be offering a Mad Science After School Club on

**WEDNESDAYS at 3:15pm-4:15pm**

On the following dates:

**Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November; 2nd & 9th December (6 weeks)**

The deadline for registrations is 15/10/26. You can register your children online at the following link on a first-come, first-served basis:

<https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx>

Payment by instalments is available. If you have any problems or queries with booking, please call Mad Science directly on 01772 628844, and they will be happy to help!

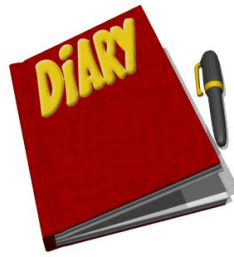
### **Orthoptic School Screening Programme**

Our Reception children will be having an eye test, in school, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. You should have received a letter regarding the screening programme.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be assessed, please email the Trust on [wwl-tr.visionsscreening@nhs.net](mailto:wwl-tr.visionsscreening@nhs.net)

If they do not hear from you, it will be assumed that you would like your child's vision to be tested and they will be seen.

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Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October – PTA AGM – 3.30 p.m.  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Halloween Disco  
Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Active Sport's Autumn Active Camp  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent/Teacher Meetings, details to follow  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 Assembly & Coffee Morning  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November – Own clothes day in support of Christmas Fair, details to follow  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Fair

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[youtube.com/bedfordhightv](https://youtube.com/bedfordhightv)  
Bedford High School

**Record  
GCSE  
results in  
2025 & again  
in 2026!**

**OPEN EVENING 2026**  
**15TH OCTOBER | 17:00 - 19:30**  
Headteacher's welcome at 17:15 & 18:15

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## Christmas Shoebox Appeal



We have, once again, been invited to collect shoe boxes filled with small gifts for children who are less fortunate than ours. If you would like to take part, please see the leaflet at

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

with details of ideas that you might like to include. Do not forget your donation and indicate if your box is suitable for a boy or girl and the age: 2–4-year-old, 5–9-year-old, 10–14-year-old.

Collections of the boxes will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November.

Please do not include toothpaste, sweets, lotions & liquids, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, gum, chocolate or food items, religious or political literature, medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

If you do not want to fill a box you are welcome to bring in one or two single items which will then be included in boxes made up by the Samaritan Purses volunteers.

# Shoebox Gift Ideas

### FUN TOYS AND SPECIAL ITEMS

- Football with pump
- Dolls & cuddly toys
- Toy cars
- Skipping ropes & yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



### FULL WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, AND MORE!

- Toothbrushes
- Socks
- Combs and hairbrushes
- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators
- Sunglasses
- Torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)



### PERSONALISED WITH CARE

- A note and photo
- Unique items in every shoebox
- Plus, be sure to pray for the child who receives your shoebox





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Want some more gift inspiration?  
Scan the QR code or visit:  
[SamaritansPurse.ie/PackAShoebox](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/PackAShoebox)



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