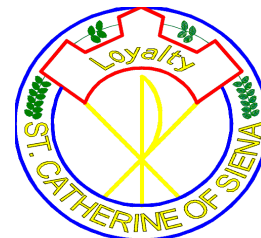


St Catherine of Siena Primary School

Newsletter



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19th December 2025

Christmas Holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 202

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Children return to school: Tuesday 6th January 2026



Very best wishes from everyone at St. Catherine's, for a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Thank you to you all for the support you have given us during the year.



	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
%	85.48	93.10	94	93.33	95	89.35	91.67
Lates	6	0	0	3	3	2	4

Congratulations to Year 4 for having the best attendance this week.

We have celebrated attendance today with all our children who have achieved 100% attendance throughout the whole of the autumn term, which is a wonderful achievement. We also celebrated children with attendance of 97% or above, which is also a great achievement. We do understand that children can be ill and need time off school to recover, however we wanted to celebrate with those who have managed to get to school every day. In total, this is about 40% of our pupils who have had at most, 1 day off across the whole term.

Thank you, parents, for all your support in bringing your children to school each day.

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This Week

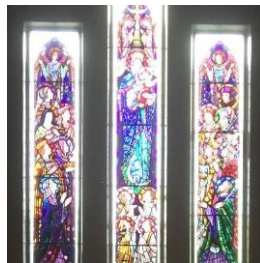
This week has been busy with parties, Christmas activities and fun. We have finished the term by joining together in the hall for some carols and prayers, a reminder of why we celebrate Christmas and what it means to us at St Catherine's.

If you have been at school dropping off or picking up this week, you will have noticed that there has been lots of work going on in Reception's outdoor area and with new wooden play equipment being installed on both playgrounds. The new equipment should hopefully be ready for the children to use when they return in the new year.

Governors

Following our parent governor nominations in November, I am delighted to share that Charlotte Humphreys has been elected as our new parent governor. This follows a single nomination for the elections, which automatically makes Charlotte our new parent governor. Charlotte has children in both KS1 and KS2 and we are so pleased she has agreed to become a governor.

We also have a new foundation governor, elected by Liverpool Archdiocese, through nominations from church. Alison Nuttall a parent of one of our reception children has joined our governing body and we look forward to working with her in the new year.



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

All Saints Mass 6:30pm

St Lewis Mass 8:30pm

Christmas Day

St Lewis Mass 9:00am

All Saints Mass 10:30am

Boxing Day Mass will be held at All Saints on Friday 26th at 9:30am

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After School Club Timetable

Wednesday – Dodgeball & Handball (KS1 & KS2)

Dates: 14th January – 11th February 2026

Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm

An exciting mix of fast-paced dodgeball and handball activities designed to develop movement, agility, teamwork, and confidence.

Price: £27.50 for the 5-week block

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Thursday – Gymnastics (KS1 & KS2)

Dates: 15th January – 12th February 2026

Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm

A fun, structured gymnastics programme focusing on balance, coordination, flexibility, and core skills.

Price: £27.50 for the 5-week block

<https://e370e432-e31f-4da7-9845-059df5b32b5f.azurewebsites.net/event?eventId=5730>

Friday – Football (KS1 & KS2)

Dates: 16th January – 13th February 2026

Time: 3:15pm – 4:15pm

A friendly and inclusive football club aimed at developing skills, confidence, teamwork, and match play.

Price: £27.50 for the 5-week block

<https://e370e432-e31f-4da7-9845-059df5b32b5f.azurewebsites.net/event?eventId=5731>

Spaces are limited, so we encourage families to book early to secure a place.

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The PTA News

Upcoming Events

PTA Meeting in School

Thursday 15th January 3.00pm

Blossoms Breakfast Social

Friday 9th January 10am

Events coming up this term

- Friendship Fun Night 11th February
- Mothers Day Gifts
- Easter Bingo TBC

Thank you!

Ruth and Pens

Ruth has kindly commissioned us two amazing additions to our Christmas Fayre. We have our Christmas Selfie with a St Catherine's Elfie and Pin the nose on Rudolph. Ruth was once a pupil at St Catherine's so it is a great honour to have some of her artwork in our school now to cherish for many years to come. Thank you so much

instagram ruth_and_pens

Rainy Day Jars

☔☔ Keep bringing in your small change for your class' Rainy Day Jars

☔☔ Which class is going to fill theirs first?

☔☔ Which class will raise the most?

Each class gets to spend the money they collect on rainy day games for their class



A Magical Christmas Term - Thank You 🌲

What an incredible celebration of Christmas we have had this term! From the fun and enjoyment for the children to the amazing support from our school community, we are thrilled to share that together we raised a whopping £3,336.03.

After expenses of £750.86, our total profit stands at an incredible £2,585.17 - all going directly to support our school.

The fantastic amount was raised through our PTA Christmas events Christmas Fair, raffle, father Christmas visits, Christmas card project, Lowton Christmas light switch-on and tea and coffee at our KS1 Nativity performances.

🌲 A Heartfelt Thank You

As a newly formed PTA with only a few active members, we truly appreciate every single person who has helped and supported us. Every bit of help - big or small - makes a huge difference, and we simply couldn't run these events without you. Your generosity and kindness has blown us away, thank you! 🌟

Looking Ahead 🌲

We're excited to continue building on this success in the New Year. Looking at new systems for taking payments for tickets and events, new event ideas, our next event sponsor and yes the Summer fair. Also with all this money raised we are open to ideas of what to spend it all on. So please get our next PTA meeting or social booked in your diary and we look forward to seeing you in the new year

Wishing you all a joyful peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year! 🌟

Merry Christmas With Love From The PTA 🌟🌟

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?
Can you smell carrots 🥕 From Mr Smith

Thank you to our Christmas Fayre sponsor



If you have a company and would like to sponsor our Easter event please let your class represent know.



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Health & Wellbeing information for Parents & Families

NHS – Keep protected this winter.

Mobile Outreach service delivering Covid and Flu Vaccinations, as well as Blood Pressure checks across the borough.

When & Where:

Wednesday 17th December 2025

8:30am – 2:30pm

Spinning Gate Shopping Centre, Leigh, WN7 4NP

Wednesday 14th January 2026

10am – 4pm

Shakerley Community Centre, M29 8FU

Thursday 15th January 2026

10am – 4pm

Compassion in Action (at the back of Patrick House), WN7 1QR

Thursday 27th January 2026

10am – 4pm

Derby Road/Windsor Road, Golborne

Summer swimmers are made in winter.

Get the kids ready for the summer holidays with Be Well's Learn to Swim programme! Keep them active, happy, and healthy over the winter months as they build confidence, learn valuable life-skills and make friends. Visit [Be Well](#) now to secure 50% off for your child's first 2 months membership.

Wigan Youth Zone – Free Entry & Free Meals

From December – 31st January, young people can access Wigan Youth Zone, for FREE.

If you fancy warming up, filling up and having a laugh with your mates this winter, head down to Wigan Youth Zone. They've got the lights twinkling, the music on, and loads going on to keep you smiling right through the season. Bring your pals and make the most of it – the more the merrier.

Take a look at all their sessions times by visiting [Wigan Youth Zones webpage](#). (excluding Holiday clubs)

Hand Washing

What you need to know - Hand hygiene is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea or vomiting and respiratory infections. You should wash your hands:

- after using the toilet or changing a nappy
- before and after handling raw foods like meat and vegetables
- before eating or handling food
- after blowing your nose, sneezing or coughing
- before and after treating a cut or wound
- after touching animals, including pets, their food and after cleaning their cages

Washing your hands properly removes dirt, viruses and bacteria to stop them spreading to other people and objects. Please see NHS link for further details [How to wash your hands - NHS](#)

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Online relationship support for parents

Parents in Wigan can now access 3 online courses from the relationship experts at OnePlusOne. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.

Arguing better - Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Me, You and Baby Too - Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives

Getting it right for children - When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Learn how to manage conflict to minimise the impact it has on your children.

To access the courses, you will need to sign up and select 'Wigan' by visiting [Parent resource sign up](#)

Healthy Schools and Colleges Newsletter

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