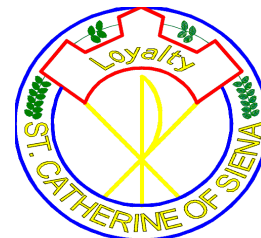


St Catherine of Siena Primary School

Newsletter



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9th January 2026

Diary for school week commencing 12th January 2026

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3.15-4.15: Dodgeball & Handball

Thursday: Y1 Trip to RHS Bridgewater

3.15-4.15: Gymnastics

Friday: Celebration assembly Y5 Swimming

3.15-4.15: Football



Happy New Year and welcome back everyone to the start of a new term. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and would like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year from everyone at St. Catherine's.



	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	92.7	96.7	99.2	98.3	92.1	98.4	100
Lates	3	0	2	3	5	3	3

Congratulations to Year 6 for having the best attendance this week. As a reward Year 6 can come to school in their own clothes on Monday.

Well done, also, to Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 for their excellent attendance.

Congratulations to our 198 children who achieved 100% attendance this week – What a fantastic start to the term!



Unfortunately, the Great Fire of London workshop for Year 2, in school, will now take place on Tuesday 20th January. Thank you for all those who have made their payments for this workshop. If you have not already done so, can we please ask that you log on to School Hub to pay for your child to take part. Thank you for your support.

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This Week

It has been lovely to see all our children back in school this week, hearing about Christmas and family time. New topics have started and the children have been enthusiastic in their learning. On Tuesday we started the year with a service in the hall to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We also had a visitor in school on Tuesday who worked with all classes throughout the day, developing oracy and speaking skills with the children using a variety of activities. It was great to see all the children engaging in these with confidence and enthusiasm. On Thursday, after school, the governors met to look at the school curriculum and standards. Updates on these were shared and discussed.

New Playground Equipment

It is very exciting to see the 2 wooden trails complete on both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. The weather has held up the completion of the Reception Outdoor area, but we have been assured this will be completed as soon as can be.

I must stress that we are currently still waiting for the final inspection of the wooden equipment and so I have explained to all the children that until that has been completed, they must not use the equipment. I will chase up the inspection so we can start using the equipment as soon as possible, but until then please support us in keeping the children off the equipment before and after school. As soon as the inspection is complete, we will allow the children on the equipment, as I know they are desperate to try it out.



Year 1 Trip to RHS Bridgewater

Our Year 1 children will be visiting RHS Bridgewater on Thursday 15th January. If you have not already done so can we please ask that you log on to the School Hub to pay for your child to take part. If you are providing your child with a packed lunch from home please put it in a disposable bag. Thank you for your support.



Our Year 2 parent maths session will take place on Thursday 15th January at 9.00 a.m.
The session for our Year 1 families will take place on Wednesday 28th January at 9.00 a.m.
Our Reception maths session will take place on Wednesday 4th February at 9.00 a.m.

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A Y3 reading session for parents and children will take place on Thursday 22nd January at 9.00 a.m. This is a session where parents can come in and read with children and complete some activities with their children.
Our Year 5 reading session for parents and children will take place on Thursday 29th January at 2.00 p.m.
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.



Sacramental Programme

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st January at 3.15 p.m. at St. Catherine's for parents of pupils in Year 4, regarding the preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion.
The date for Holy Communion has been arranged for Saturday 9th May 2026.



Year 2 will lead an assembly on Thursday 29th January at 9.05 a.m. followed by a coffee morning.
Can we please ask for cake donations, from our Year 2 families, to be brought in on the morning of the 29th?
Thank you.



Get the children 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. Use the following link [BeWell Wigan Offer](#) now to secure 50% off for your child's first 2 months membership.

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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

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



- Thurs 15th January – Y1 trip to RHS Bridgewater
- Thurs 15th January – Y2 Parental Maths Session: 9.00 a.m.
- Tues 20th January – Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- Wed 21st January – Y6 Reading session for parents: 2.00 p.m.
- Wed 21st January – Holy Communion Meeting for Parents: 3.15 p.m.
- Thurs 22nd January – Y3 Reading session for parents: 9.00 a.m.
- Wed 28th January – Year 1 Parental Maths Session: 9.00 a.m.
- Thurs 29th January – Y2 Assembly & Coffee Morning
- Thurs 29th January – Year 5 Reading session for parents: 2.00 p.m.
- 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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