



# Newsletter



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## A letter from Mrs Rigby, Executive Headteacher

### Mrs Rigby Retires from St Catherine's

After 25 years serving our fantastic St Catherine's community I have made the very difficult decision to retire at the end of this school year. St Catherine's has been an extended family for me and for my two boys! When I took up the post of Headteacher on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2000 our school was a single form entry Catholic Primary School, I had relocated from Manchester to be closer to my mum and dad and I really didn't know anything about Sheffield, the Diocese of Hallam or the community around Burngreave. Although the first few years had their challenges I very quickly felt part of our vibrant and outward looking community.

Throughout my time as Headteacher I have been so well supported by our school Governors, staff who have been simply amazing and children, parents and families. You have all taught me so much, forgiven me for my mistakes and worked in partnership with me and ALL the staff to help our school to get stronger and stronger. It has been an amazing journey, one that has shaped my life and I will be forever grateful for all the learning, the hope and the joy we have experienced along the way.

The time has come for our school to move onto the next stage and I am absolutely delighted to let you know that Mrs Redfern has been appointed as Headteacher of St Catherine's, the school couldn't be in more capable, caring and wise hands.

I am continuing my role with St Clare Trust so you won't be rid of me completely! I will be keeping an eye on you all.

Finally, thank you all for being such a supportive, caring, understanding and positive community.

Mrs Rigby



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## Pope Francis

17<sup>th</sup> December 1936 – April 21<sup>st</sup> 2025



We were incredibly sad to learn of the death of Pope Francis last Monday. In school we will be holding a celebration of the word assembly for him next week.

**Loving God,  
we come to you with hearts full of gratitude for the life of Pope Francis.  
He dedicated his life to spreading love, compassion and peace.  
We thank you for his wisdom, his service to the Church,  
and his guidance to the world.  
We ask that you welcome him into your eternal presence  
and bless all who mourn his loss.  
May his example of kindness inspire us  
to live out our faith with love and joy.  
Amen.**

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## Parent Workshop



**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**8:50am to 9:20am  
Open Morning in class**

**9:20am to 10:00am  
Maths Workshop in the CCC**

**For parents of children in  
Year 1 to Year 6**



**Miss Drinkhill will be talking about how you can  
support your child at home with their love for maths!**

**If you are attending this workshop, where possible,  
please try to arrange childcare for younger children so that they don't get restless!**



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
















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## What week is it for school dinners on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025?

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WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
<b>Main Meal Option</b>	Sweet & Sour Chicken Meatballs & Sunny Rice 	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread 	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes 	Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad 	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
<b>Vegetarian Meal Option</b>	Sweet & Sour Veggie Meatballs & Sunny Rice <sup>VG</sup> 	Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread 	Mediterranean Vegetable & Chickpea Stew & Roast Potatoes <sup>VG</sup> 	Bean Burrito & Potato Wedges <sup>VG</sup> 	Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll
<b>Baked Jacket Potatoes</b>	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans 	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans 	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans 	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans 	Jacket Potato with Cheesy Beans, Tuna Mayo or Cheese or Beans 
<b>Sandwich</b>	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese	Cheese
<b>Sandwich</b>	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo	Tuna Mayo
<b>Vegetables</b>	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans 	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots 	Broccoli, Carrots & Sweetcorn 	British Red Tractor Garden Peas or Sliced Carrots 	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans 
<b>Dessert</b>	Strawberry Mousse & Fruit Slices 	Chocolate Cookie & Orange Wedges <sup>VG</sup> 	Vanilla Cupcake	Chocolate Crunch 'Concrete' <sup>VG</sup> & Chocolate Sauce/Pink Custard 	Homemade Jam Sponge & Custard

## Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

**New information is highlighted**

<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>Open Morning for parents of children Year 1 to Year 6 followed by a Parent Workshop with Miss Drinkhill on Maths</b>	<b>Please join us if you can!</b> Please wait on the yard and you can enter the classroom at 8:50am.
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Parents Evening Year 3 to Year 6 (except Y5SF)</b>	<b>Bookings are open!</b> <a href="https://stcatherinesacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://stcatherinesacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a> Your login code is the same as before, it was emailed to you from <b>schoolcloud</b> , please contact the office if you need a reminder!
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Parent Coffee Morning "VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL"</b> 	<b>9:00am to 10:00am</b> This is an opportunity to find out how you can support our school, our families, and each other! If you have a special skill that you can share, for example helping others who find it difficult to communicate in English, we would especially like to see you at the coffee morning!

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<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Parents Evening Year 1 and Year 2 and Y5SF</b>	Bookings open on 14 <sup>th</sup> April <a href="https://stcatherinesacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/">https://stcatherinesacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/</a> Your login code is the same as before, it was emailed to you from <b>schoolcloud</b> , please contact the office if you need a reminder!
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Y1JN Swimming</b> 	Lessons start for Y1JN, please sign up on ParentPay! 
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Year 6 Today is the deadline for ordering Leaver Hoodies</b>	Please place your order on ParentPay. Samples will be in the office to try for size, please ask for Jayne! 
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>	There will be a Year 6 Breakfast Club this week, keep an eye out for more details in the newsletter!
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Year 3 and Year 4 Parent Workshop "Chimp Project"</b> <a href="https://chimpmanagement.com/what-we-do/education/primary-school/">https://chimpmanagement.com/what-we-do/education/primary-school/</a>	There will be an information workshop at 9:00am in school for parents, before the launch of this exciting project in September next year! The project will be for next years Year 4 and Year 5.
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>Parent Workshop for all parents who would like to find out more about Social, Emotional, and Mental Health support at St Catherine's!</b> 	<b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b> 9:00 to 10:00 in CCC Mrs Lear and Ms Winterbottom will be delivering this workshop, they will be able to answer your questions after their presentation!
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>Y1JN Swimming</b> 	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check</b>	<b>Please see issue 26 of the newsletter for more information!</b>

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<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>Coffee Morning SUMMER FAIR PLANNING</b> 	<b>9:00 to 10:00 in CCC</b> We need lots of help with the Summer Fair on Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June! If you are able to help, please come along to the coffee morning!
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>Year 3 Residential Trip "Whirlow Hall Farm"</b> 	Please visit ParentPay to sign up for this residential! The cost of the trip is £70
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>Year 3 Residential Trip "Whirlow Hall Farm"</b> 	Please visit ParentPay to sign up for this residential! The cost of the trip is £70
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential Trip "The Oakes"</b> 	Please visit ParentPay to sign up for this residential! The cost of the trip is £150
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025</b>		<b>Summer Fair at school</b> 
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	<b>Parent Workshop "TRANSITION"</b> 	<b>9:00 to 10:00 in CCC</b> Mrs Lear and Ms Winterbottom will be sharing ideas and support to help your child prepare for their next year group – this workshop will be especially useful if you or your child are anxious about changing class or school. 



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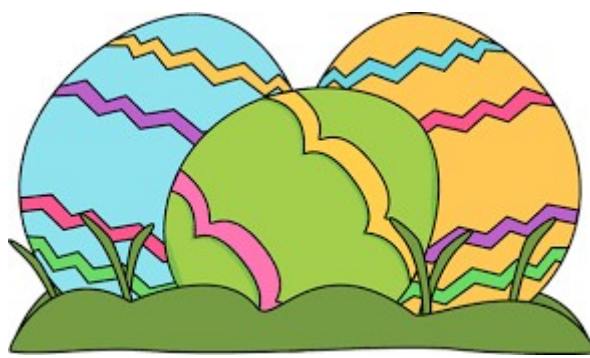
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<b>Monday</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<b>Y1SS Swimming</b> 	Lessons start for Y1SS, please sign up on ParentPay! 
<b>Monday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>Sports Day</b>	Save the date!
<b>Wednesday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>Parent Coffee Morning</b> "SORTING THINGS OUT" 	<b>9:00 to 10:00 in CCC</b> This is a session for parents who are struggling with school admin ... it might be that you need some help with ParentPay, or ClassDojo (coming soon!) ... everyone is very welcome!
<b>Thursday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	<b>School Disco</b>	Save the date!



**Thank you everyone for your contributions and  
efforts with the Easter raffle, we raised**

# £503.26

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## A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's



Whether you're a parent, neighbour, or family friend, you might notice something about a child that worries you. You could be the only one to spot it, or be aware of a detail that others have missed. It's important you know what to do.

<https://youtu.be/pdvgORzFs6w>

If you are worried about a child or another adult member of our community,  
you can speak to someone in school.  
Ask to speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team!



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## Maundy Thursday Celebration of the Word



On Maundy Thursday the Mini Vinnies helped to lead a celebration of the word assembly titled 'Walk with Jesus through Holy Week.' We thought about each stage of Holy Week from Palm Sunday through to the Easter Vigil. At each stage we learned a little bit about the significance of each stage and then thought about what it must have felt like for Jesus and the people closest to him, including Judas. Children from across KS1 and KS2 contributed by writing their own sorry prayers. At the end of the assembly every class was given a tealight to take back to class as a symbol of waiting in hope for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

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## Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was **99.6%**  
Well done to the following class for the highest attendance this week:

**Y6RR**

You'll be having a little treat for the highest attendance!

**The best punctuality this week was Y2NR with zero lates!**

Overall school attendance for last week was:

**96.3%**

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
<b>F2AW</b>	Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Wood	2	90.2
<b>F2DJ</b>	Mrs Gillott	7	95.8
<b>Y1JN</b>	Miss Ng	5	95.8
<b>Y1SS</b>	Mrs Stables	6	94.4
<b>Y2EH</b>	Miss Huddleston	4	95.4
<b>Y2NR</b>	Miss Rodgers	0	99.2
<b>Y3DH</b>	Mr Hawksworth	10	92.7
<b>Y3EB</b>	Miss Brian	2	96.6
<b>Y4IF</b>	Miss Frost	6	98.4
<b>Y4IK</b>	Miss Kirk	7	98.8
<b>Y5RP</b>	Mrs Powell	2	96.7
<b>Y5SF</b>	Mr Fowler	6	97.1
<b>Y6ED</b>	Miss Drinkhill	4	97.8
<b>Y6RR</b>	Mrs Ralph	2	99.6



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## MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

<b>Y1JN</b>	<b>Rome</b>	For a brilliant return to school and making positive contributions to class discussions!
	<b>Yaried</b>	For being our first number bonds champion and being a gracious winner!
	<b>Aafiah</b>	For a brilliant attitude to learning all week!
	<b>Yohans</b>	For always showing so much enthusiasm in everything he does!
<b>Y1SS</b>	<b>Stella</b>	For amazing us in Phonics all week, she has worked really hard in every lesson!
	<b>Ethan</b>	For great perseverance and brilliant use of language when junk modelling!
<b>Y2EH</b>	<b>Elim</b>	For being calm and listening beautifully to the teachers at swimming, and swimming amazingly!
	<b>Ihechi</b>	For working really hard in lessons, doing good partner talk and being calm and focussed at swimming!
	<b>Ivy</b>	For accurately following maths methods, putting her hand up more to share her ideas, and sharing thoughtful responses in RE!
	<b>Matthew</b>	For trying really hard in Reciprocal Reading, and for trying hard to stay positive in lessons and make the right choices, even when it's difficult!
<b>Y2NR</b>	<b>Alfie</b>	For an incredible first week back, putting 100% effort into everything he has done, and for finding his passion for reading!
	<b>Tadala</b>	For always being supportive to her friends, and being our little ray of sunshine!
	<b>Elijah</b>	For blowing Miss Rodgers away with his Maths learning, thinking carefully about the steps he needs to follow and contributing to lessons!
	<b>Catherine</b>	For her continuous growth in confidence, and adding to discussion in lessons!
<b>Y3DH</b>	<b>Aariz</b>	For excellent progress in Read Write Inc!
	<b>Elias</b>	For deep philosophical thinking during Philosophy 4 Children!
<b>Y3EB</b>	<b>Hasset</b>	For her amazing front page work in her sketch book, it was so detailed and colourful!
	<b>Afiyah</b>	For her wonderful attitude to learning all week, she seems so excited for our project work!
	<b>Mohamed Zain</b>	For always being kind and helpful, sharing his ideas and helping others in the classroom!
	<b>Bemenet</b>	For making a really big effort to show that he is ready to learn, sitting smartly on the carpet and sharing his ideas!



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<b>Y4IF</b>	<b>Esme</b>	For greater confidence, especially in Maths, and really working hard!
	<b>Esa</b>	For being really welcoming to a new teacher, chatting with her and making her feel welcome!
	<b>Albert</b>	For great knowledge of St Peter and bible stories. He was able to make links between different bible stories, modern life, and his own thoughts and feelings!
	<b>Balkisu</b>	For being amazingly kind and caring, working really hard, and always following instructions!
<b>Y4IK</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	For a great Philosophy 4 Children enquiry, where they challenged each other's ideas, clarified meanings, and gave each other the opportunities to reconsider their perspectives!
	<b>Kabeer</b>	
	<b>Aiyana</b>	For improved maturity, listening to teacher's advice, and using sound judgement around the classroom environment!
	<b>Amira J</b>	
	<b>Rocco</b>	
<b>Y5RP</b>	<b>Elif</b>	For beautiful movement in our Lent liturgy, it was so powerful and moving!
	<b>Raheema</b>	For working so hard on the projection of her voice in our Lent liturgy, she was so clear!
	<b>Rufael</b>	For great scientific knowledge about how we see and how our eyes work!
	<b>Yusuf</b>	For his participation and enthusiasm in our first cricket session back with Caribbean Cricket Club!
<b>Y5SF</b>	<b>Aisha</b>	For being a great friend, and for her really great answers across all our learning!
	<b>Freya</b>	For her use of worked examples, and for her positive, independent attitude in Maths!
<b>Y6ED</b>	<b>Joel</b>	For being creative with outdoor equipment and creating a game for all children to enjoy, and for staying focussed in his mock SATs!
	<b>Cayce</b>	For working so hard to achieve his target in Reading!
<b>Y6RR</b>	<b>Abel</b>	For trying amazingly hard with his assessments this week with the added difficulty of a fractured wrist!
	<b>Ianis</b>	For fantastic input in every lesson and for an amazing double page spread in Project!





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## 'Adolescence' TV show highlighted the issues



What is INCEL culture?  
Isolation and rejection  
Lack of positive role models  
Over dependence on Smart phones  
Screen addiction  
Vulnerability to online bullying  
Influenced by negative role models  
Toxic websites  
Violent behaviour & misogyny

## Emotional Resilience for our Children Online Talk for Parents

from FACE Family Advice £24

email Jane Keyworth, FACE Lead Facilitator

**[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**



Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10:00-11:30

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 19:00-20:30



Talks are recorded and available for 48 hours after each talk

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## Take Part in Research on Mathematics Learning & Attitudes

Help us understand how  
teacher-student  
relationships, attitudes, and  
beliefs relate to students  
mathematics learning.



### What would participation involve?

- ★ Engage in a 30 minute online questionnaire
- ★ As a token of appreciation, be entered into a draw for a £10 gift voucher

### Who are we looking for?

- ★ Students in Years 4 through 6
- ★ Enrolled in a primary or junior school in the UK

**Want more information?  
Please see the information sheet**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MQUk5RJhOIYzZNUjEuVMISoFhOxsVPhr/view>

### Sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCEwkr4dzZdN3Ag8Y4h43-XNwOr88UKbKo9ASzysND7cX3WQ/viewform>

**Want more information? Please contact Maisie Jamieson at  
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Come and join us for a  
**Free Family Fun Day**  
on The MOOR

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 4pm**

Back by popular demand! Join us at The Moor Sheffield on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**, from **11am to 4pm**, for another unforgettable **999 Fun Day** in partnership with the **National Emergency Services Museum**.

This free family event is packed with exciting, hands-on activities for all ages. Meet real-life heroes from the **police, fire, ambulance, and RNLI** services, and get up close with both **modern emergency vehicles and historic service vehicles** from the museum's collection.

**Here's what you can look forward to:**

- Step inside a real **speed camera van**
- Have your **fingerprints taken** just like a pro
- Try on **authentic emergency service uniforms**
- Learn **life-saving tips** from frontline professionals
- Let the little ones bounce off some steam on the **bouncy castle**

Whether you're curious about the work of our emergency services or just looking for a fun, free day out with the family – this is one not to miss!

**The Moor, Sheffield**  
 **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
 **11am - 4pm**  
 **Free Entry**

**Come along, get inspired, and discover the heroes behind the sirens.**

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