



Newsletter



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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 19th January?

Parent Information | School Meals

Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website

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WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Beef Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Mashed Potato	Wholemeal Tomato & Cheese Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Macaroni Cheese	Italian Quorn Meatballs served with Pasta ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Mash Potato	Vegetable Sausage in a Bun with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG}	Vegetable Fingers & Chips with Ketchup ^{VG}
Vegetables	Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad or Broccoli	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Cheese	Tuna Mayo	Cheese
Wraps	Tuna Mayo Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Mayo Wrap	Cheese Wrap	Tuna Mayo Wrap
Baked Jacket Potatoes	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, Cheese, Salmon Mayo, or Beans
Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread ^{VG} & Chocolate Sauce	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Jelly ^{VG}	Oaty Cookie with Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream

Prayer of the Month – January Angel of God

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen

Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Sunday
18th January 2026

School Mass

Mass starts at St Catherine's on Melrose Road at 9:00am, we hope that you are able to join us, everyone is welcome!

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Monday 19th January 2026	Nursery Drumming Club	Parents are welcome to join their children in Nursery for Drumming Club at 8:45am!
Thursday 22nd January 2026	Nursery Drumming Club	Parents are welcome to join their children in Nursery for Drumming Club at 8:45am!
Thursday 22nd January 2026	Parents Evening for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Bookings are open on School Cloud, you can find the link on the Newsletter page of the school website!
Wednesday 28th January 2026	Parent Coffee Morning	Look out for more details!
Wednesday 4th February 2026	Parent Workshop Year 1 "Phonics Screening Check"	9:00 to 10:00am, please enter by the school office. Miss Andrew will be explaining all about the Year 1 check!
Wednesday 4th February 2026	Reception classes Height, Weight and Hearing checks	The school nurse will be visiting today!
Thursday 5th February 2026	Reception classes Height, Weight and Hearing checks	The school nurse will be visiting today!
Wednesday 11th February 2026	Year 3 Swimming starts, every Wednesday until 8th July	Please sign up on  ParentPay Y3MS will go first, Y3JN will be second and so Miss Ng's class will return to school a little bit later – about 3:25pm. Children will need swimwear and a towel is a waterproof bag (no baggy shorts, bikinis or carrier bags please!)
16th to 20th February 2026	Half term holiday, school is closed	
17th / 18th February 2026	Lent and Ramadan are expected to start. All children who choose to fast during the school day need to bring a drink and a snack, in a lunchbox, in case they need to break their fast.	
Monday 23rd February 2026	Training day, school is closed to pupils	

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Friday 6th March 2026		3:00pm to 4:30pm Enter by the school office
Wednesday 11th March 2026		3:00pm to 4:30pm Enter by the school office
Monday 30th March 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y3MS "Palm Sunday"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Tuesday 31st March 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y3JN "The Last Supper"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Tuesday 31st March 2026	Year 3 Parent Meeting Residential Trip "Whirlow Farm"	3:15 to 4:00pm, please enter by the school office. Look out for more information nearer the time, this meeting is for parents of those children who have booked a place on the residential trip!
Wednesday 1st April 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y5EH "The Garden of Gethsemane"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).
Thursday 2nd April 2026	Lent Celebration of the Word Y5OW "The Stations of the Cross"	Parents and family members are welcome to join us, the assembly starts at 9:15am in the school hall (not CCC), sorry but we are not able to admit latecomers as this will distract the children. Please enter through the staff car park to the KS2 building (near Y4 gate).

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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's


Our School Safeguarding Team – Information for Parents & Carers


Keeping children safe is at the heart of everything we do. Our safeguarding team works together to make sure every child feels safe, supported, and able to thrive.

What Does the Safeguarding Team Do?

Keeps Children Safe – The team makes sure the school follows all national safeguarding guidance and that children are protected from harm, both inside and outside school.


 **Listens to Children** – Staff are trained to notice when a child might be worried, upset, or behaving differently. Children know they can talk to us if something is bothering them.

 **Supports Families** – We work closely with parents and carers, offering advice, signposting to services, and helping families access support when needed.

 **Responds to Concerns** – If a child, parent, or member of staff raises a concern, the safeguarding team:

- Records it carefully
- Looks at what support might be needed
- Works with families and professionals to keep the child safe

Works With Other Agencies – When necessary, the team works with health services, early help teams, social care, and other professionals to make sure children get the right support at the right time.

 **Trains Staff** – All school staff receive regular safeguarding training so they know how to spot concerns and respond appropriately.

 **Promotes a Safe School Culture** – The team helps create an environment where:

- Children feel safe to speak up
- Bullying is taken seriously
- Online safety is taught and reinforced
- Respect and wellbeing are prioritised

Who Is in the Safeguarding Team? – Every school has:

- A Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Tricia Redfern
- Deputy Safeguarding Leads (DSD) Emma Porter and Becky Puchalka
- Trained staff who support safeguarding across the school

When Should Parents Contact the Safeguarding Team? – You can speak to us if you are worried about:

- Your child's wellbeing or behaviour
- Something happening at home or online
- Bullying or friendship issues
- Anything that might affect your child's safety or happiness

No concern is too small — we are here to help.

Working Together – Safeguarding is most effective when school and families work in partnership. If you ever need advice, reassurance, or support, please reach out. **Our door is always open.**

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Attendance and Punctuality

The highest attendance in school this week was 98.4%

Well done to the following class for the highest attendance:

Y6RR

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

**The best punctuality this week was
Y3MS for the second week running, zero lates!**

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

95.1%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	16	89.0
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	13	93.7
Y1AM	Miss Morris	7	94.0
Y1LF	Miss Franks	4	91.0
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	7	96.7
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	5	96.7
Y3JN	Miss Ng	3	92.0
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	0	95.7
Y4EB	Miss Brian	5	93.8
Y4IF	Miss Frost	9	98.2
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	7	97.8
Y5OW	Miss Willis	16	98.1
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	5	95.9
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	4	98.4



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MERIT WINNERS – well done to all of you!

Y1AM	Azahel	For working so hard on his behaviour choices this week, when he was in RWI he was super sensible and did some amazing handwriting and spelling!
	Helen	For always giving 100% effort, it shows in the beautiful work she has produced, she has been busy writing some lovely letters for characters out of our story "The Jolly Postman"!
Y1LF	Lawrence	For being so creative and making a really cool robot called Bruce!
	Zakariyah	
Y2DH	Simon	For showing great maturity and positive behaviour, and an amazing start to the half term!
	Alessia	For giving a great answer during Maths using knowledge of number bonds!
Y2NR	Laura	For being an absolute superstar in RWI, she is extremely focused when reading her speedy green words, looking carefully for special friends then Fred Talk before reading the words!
	Robyn	For creating a fabulous plan for her writing, thinking carefully about key vocabulary that she wants to include, and being able to say some impressive sentences using this!
Y3JN	Elijah	For using language from our scripture to justify his answers!
	Tadala	For showing empathy and understanding of characters both in our Reciprocal Reading book and RE scripture!
Y3MS	Johan	For creating impressive and detailed work during Geography. Mr Lear and Mrs Redfern were impressed with the effort he put into his work!
	Youal	During Reciprocal Reading, he really thought about how the characters were feeling, to think about how they would express what they were saying!
Y4EB	Zakariya	For his amazing project work on Water Biomes, it was so detailed and filled with amazing facts!
	Richard	For working hard in Maths this week, he has been concentrating really hard and produced great work!
Y4IF	Adom	For always tidying up and taking care of the classroom environment!
	Halima	For always being really helpful by showing new members of staff where things are kept!



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Y5EH		
Y5OW	Aiyana	For being a superstar in class, always keeping focus on tasks and being the first one to the carpet and following instructions!
	Miri	For fantastic reading, read aloud, independently, to the class. She always joins in with her peers, especially in sports like cricket and rugby!
Y6ED	<p>Year 6 have been on their trip today to Crucial Crew, there will be double merit winners next week!</p>	
Y6RR		



Wonders of the Week

Well done to all of you!

Peniel, Year 5

For being a joy on the yard at lunchtime play, and being a good and active friend!

Rocco, Year 5

For being a stealthy and skillful player on the yard at the games he plays!

Yard Winners

For independent play and few problems:

Year 5

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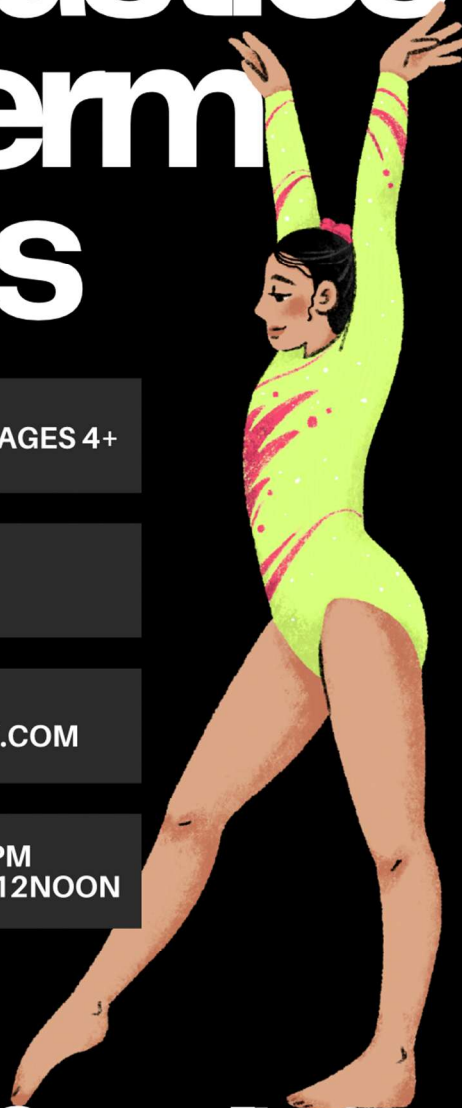
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Parenting Clinic

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Screens, Scrolling and Staying Sane

Free Talk

19 January, 12.00 pm on Zoom

Do screens trigger big reactions?
Does Wi-Fi drop, and everything fall apart?
Do you want clear boundaries without
constant conflict?

If screen time is causing daily battles at home,
this clinic is for you.

No judgement. No overwhelm. Just support
that works in real life.

In this calm, practical 30-minute clinic, you will
learn simple ways to reduce screen struggles,
set limits with confidence, and feel steadier in
your parenting.

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