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What week is it for school dinners on Monday 20th April?

Parent Information | School Meals

Please see the Packed Lunch Policy on the school website

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WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PLANET PIZZA THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option	Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza with Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips
Vegetarian Meal Option	Veggie Sausage & Mash with Gravy ^{VG}	Plant-based Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Spaghetti with Plant-based Meatballs in an Arrabbiata Sauce ^{VG} with Garlic Bread	Cheese Quiche & Chips
Vegetables	Broccoli, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Garden Peas & Sliced Carrots	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 Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Beans ^{VG} Tuna Mayo or Cheese
Dessert	Shortbread	Raspberry Jelly & Fruit Slices ^{VG}	Blueberry Cake & Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Fruit Slices & Flapjack ^{VG}

Prayer of the Month - April Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given me,
for all the pains and insults which you have borne
for me.

O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.





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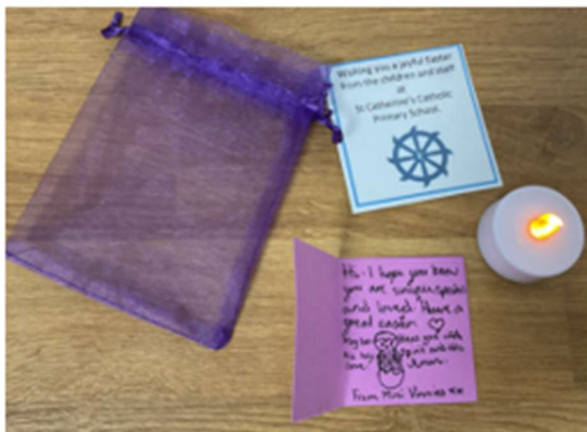
Mini Vinnies Visit St Catherine's Care Home



On Monday 30th March in our Mini Vinnies chaplaincy team will visited St Catherine's Care home during the afternoon as part of our Heart to Heart Lent Campaign.

During Lent we have been meeting weekly to think about ways we can tackle loneliness and really take the time to listen and have a real conversation with each other. You can learn more about it here: <https://act.svp.org.uk/page/182651/action/1>

We delivered some little bags of joy that the Mini Vinnies had made. These contained a tea light, an affirmation or prayer and an Easter greeting from everyone at school. We also gave the staff some biscuits to enjoy on their tea break.





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Dates to Remember and Other Important Things!

New information is highlighted

Friday 17th April 2026	Closing date for Nursery applications for September 2026	
Monday 20th April 2026	<p>Back to school for Summer 1 half term</p> <p>This is the closing date for ordering school milk ... if your child is eligible for income based free school meals and has milk already, you do not need to do anything – if they <u>don't</u> have milk already, please email school using the address at the bottom of the page to request that they are added to the milk list (this includes children who have recently had their 5th birthday).</p> <p>Please remember to sign up on ParentPay!</p>	
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	First Reconciliation Service for First Holy Communion children	6pm at St Catherine's Church, more information to follow
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	Year 3 Swimming	Please remember your kit!
Thursday 23rd April 2026	Parents Evening for Year 1, Year 2, Year 6	Please sign up for an appointment using the SchoolCloud app! https://stcatherinesacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Friday 24th April 2026	Y2DH Swimming	Please remember your kit!
Monday 27th April 2026	Mass in School	9:15am
Tuesday 28th April 2026	Notre Dame Roadshow at St Catherine's for Year 6	This is for pupils and their parents, if they have a Year 7 place at Notre Dame. The roadshow starts at 5:30pm
Thursday 30th April 2026	Parents Evening for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5	Please sign up for an appointment using the SchoolCloud app! https://stcatherinesacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Friday 1st May 2026	Year 3 Trip Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Please sign up on ParentPay!
Monday 4th May 2026	School is closed for Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 6th May 2026	Parents meeting for September starters to Nursery and Reception	Invitations will be sent!
Friday 8th May 2026	Y1LF Swimming starts	Please sign up on ParentPay!
Monday 11th May 2026	Year 6 SATs start	

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Wednesday 13 th to Friday 15 th May 2026	Year 3 Residential Visits Whirlow Hall Farm	
Wednesday 20 th May 2026	Class Photos	
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Year 2 Trip Graves Park	
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th May School is closed for half term		
Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	Parent Open Morning and Workshop	More details soon!
Monday 8 th June 2026	Mass in School Corpus Christi	9:15am
Monday 8 th to Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Year 6 Residential Visit The Oakes	
Wednesday 10 th June 2026	Reception Trip Butterfly House	
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Year 5 Trip Hepworth Gallery	
Friday 12 th June 2026	Y1AM Swimming starts	Please sign up on ParentPay!
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	Nursery Trip Cannon Hall Farm	
Thursday 25 th June 2026	Year 1 Trip Heeley City Farm	
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Notre Dame Year 6 Transition Day	
Monday 6 th July 2026	Sports Day	
Monday 13 th July 2026	Progress Assemblies	
Thursday 16 th July 2026	School Disco after school	
Friday 17 th July 2026	Leavers Mass in School	9:15am
Monday 20 th July to Wednesday 2 nd September 2026 School is closed for Summer Holidays		
Thursday 3 rd September 2026 Back to school		



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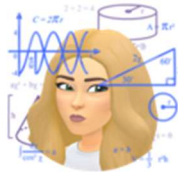
Stewardship: Caring for Our Community

We teach our children to be stewards of the earth ... to care for the gifts of God's creation ... as parents and school staff, we work together to teach our children ... this week, our challenge is to

**BE A GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOUR,
AT HOME, AT SCHOOL AND ONLINE,
IN SHEFFIELD AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!**



Miss Drinkhill is thinking ...



The product of two numbers is 108.

When the greater number is divided by the
smaller number, the result is 3.

What are the two numbers?

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Attendance and Punctuality 2nd April

The highest attendance in school this week was **98.3%**

Well done to the following class for the highest attendance:

Y3JN for the second week running!

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

The best punctuality this week was

Y6RR with zero lates!

Well done to your children and their families!

Overall school attendance for last week was:

93.3%

Class	Teacher	Lates	% Attendance
F2AS	Mrs Atkinson and Miss Sweeney	7	88.8
F2WS	Mrs Wood and Mrs Stables	9	92.5
Y1AM	Miss Morris	8	91.3
Y1LF	Miss Franks	1	93.8
Y2DH	Mr Hawksworth	4	92.5
Y2NR	Miss Rodgers	6	95.8
Y3JN	Miss Ng	3	98.3
Y3MS	Miss Suleiman	2	97.9
Y4EB	Miss Brian	9	82.4
Y4IF	Miss Frost	3	98.2
Y5EH	Miss Huddleston	4	97.5
Y5OW	Miss Willis	10	94.8
Y6ED	Miss Drinkhill	14	94.0
Y6RR	Mrs Ralph	0	89.1



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A Culture of Safeguarding at St Catherine's

Dear Parents and Pupils of St Catherine's,

I will be returning to school after the Easter break for several days, before having an operation on 23rd April.

I will need some time to recover, and I will return as soon as I am well enough.

In the meantime, school is in the very capable hands of Mr Lear, Mrs Lear, Mrs Puchalka and the wonderful staff of St Catherine's.

Mrs Rigby will be spending some time at St Catherine's and supporting whenever she can too.

Have a wonderful break.

Mrs Redfern



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Key Stage 1 Maths Challenge – April 2026

Order, Order!

Have a look at the sets of four quantities below. Can you rank them in order from smallest to largest?

To help you decide, you may need to find extra information or carry out some experiments.

Can you convince Miss Drinkhill that your order is right?



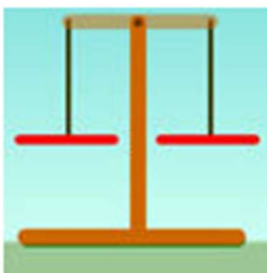
Time

Taken to travel to school
For mustard and cress to grow from seeds
Taken to eat a biscuit
Between your 6th and 7th birthdays



Distance

You could jump up in the air
You can kick a football
You can run in half a minute
Length of a bug



Mass

Of a blown-up balloon
Of a bar of chocolate
Of a loaf of bread
Of your teacher



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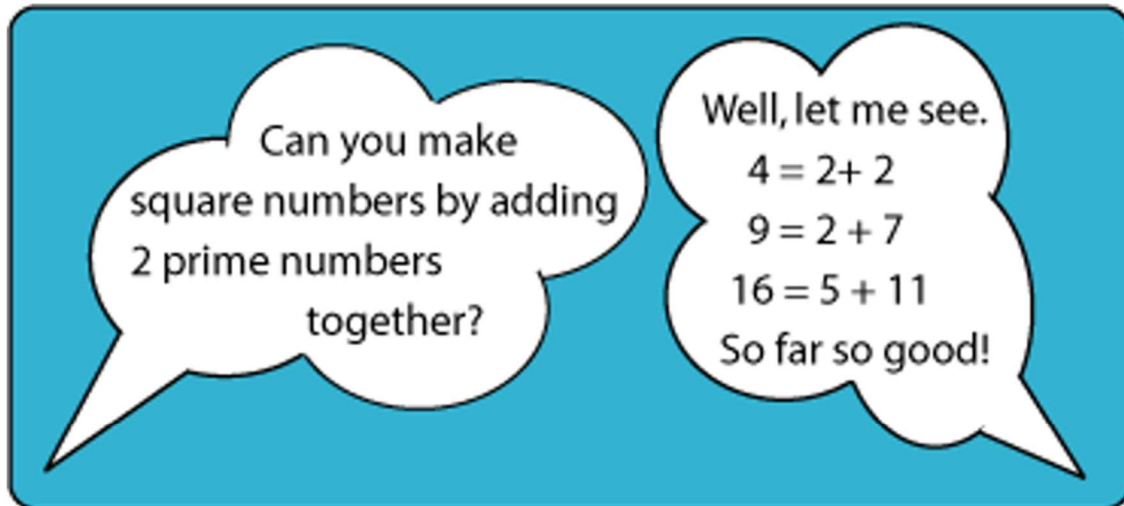
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Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge – April 2026

Two Primes Make One Square



Try with the squares of the numbers between 4 and 100.

Did you find any square numbers which cannot be made by adding two prime numbers together?



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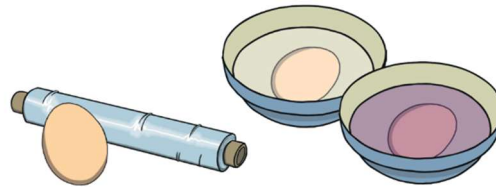
Monthly Science Fun!

Check out April's experiment:

The Bouncy Egg!

You will need:

- A raw egg
- White vinegar
- Food colouring (optional)
- Bowl
- Cling film



Fizzy water is actually very good at keeping your body hydrated!



- Step 1: Place the raw egg in a bowl.
- Step 2: Cover the egg with vinegar. If you would like the finished egg to be coloured, add a few drops of food colouring to the vinegar. Then cover the bowl in cling film.
- Step 3: Leave for 4 days.
- Step 4: After four days, remove the egg from the bowl and rinse the shell off the egg under a gently running tap.
- Step 5: Drop the egg from about 5cm onto a table (covered with a wipeable tablecloth) to see how it bounces!

The egg becomes bouncy as a result of a chemical reaction between the eggshell and the vinegar. The eggshell of a chicken egg is made of calcium carbonate, and vinegar is a weak acid. The calcium carbonate that makes up the eggshell will react with the vinegar the same way baking soda reacts with vinegar. You know the vinegar and calcium carbonate of the eggshell are reacting because of the small bubbles that form around the egg when it is placed in the vinegar. These small bubbles are carbon dioxide gas, which are the result of the reaction between calcium carbonate and vinegar.

Want to share your results? Email ebain@stcatherines.academy with any pictures. It might be included in the next newsletter!



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Para World Snooker Championship

SHEFFIELD: THE HOME OF DISABILITY SNOOKER

When:

Finals Day 29th April

Where:

Canon Medical Arena
Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park
10am Start

Format:

Group stage: best of 3 frames
Finals day: best of 7 frames



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