

Let our news shine bright!

St Catherine's Chronicle

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A note from Miss Murray

Welcome to the third edition of the St. Catherine's Chronicle! I am incredibly proud of our Newspaper Club, who have dedicated so much of their time and effort—often using their own breaks and even free time at home—to create this fantastic edition for you.

Their hard work truly shines through these pages, and I hope you enjoy every moment of reading it.

GB Athlete Visit - Olivia

On 10th February, St. Catherine's were really lucky to get a visit from GB heptathlete Lucy Turner. Miss Barnes organised the event and it helped us raise lots of money for PE equipment and things for our playground. Those who raised money for this event got a sheet of stickers, a blue wristband, a red wristband and a poster signed by Lucy Turner herself. The Heptathlete, from Hebburn, competes across seven races, including the 100-metre hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 metres, long jump, javelin, and 800 metres. Lucy has been open about her struggles with Type 1 Diabetes, which makes this even more amazing!

Reception – Year 6 took part a fun fitness circuit which included 'spotty dogs' and much more. She also delivered an assembly, explaining her fitness journey and how it all started from a summer camp, all her dedication and hard work she put in, and all the challenges she went through. Lots of children were inspired by her talk which was very motivational. Have a read of what some children and staff:

Diana, who is in Year 5 at the school, said, "I loved taking part in the circuit training, because it was so much fun and we all got to do it together."

Isaac in Year 4 added, "I enjoyed the assembly, because she told us her life story and it was really interesting."

"Events like Lucy Turner's visit to St Catherine's are incredibly important, because they inspire and motivate children in ways that go beyond traditional classroom learning," continued Miss Barnes who made this experience possible.



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Mother's Day Sale - Bella

On the 29th of March, our school held a Mother's Day sale. We received donations, and the student council organised and ran the event. If you are a mother, your child might have brought you a present. Our wonderful teacher, Miss Calvert, headed the student council and led this event. We were very thankful for our incredible student council. You could have seen more about this event on our school's Facebook page, which featured many wonderful stories. We would have greatly appreciated it if you had tagged along and followed our Facebook and Instagram pages. Your child likely spent a lot of time thinking about your present. This Mother's Day was yet another reminder of how much your child loves you—and how you are one in a million.



Some of Year 6 with their Mother's Day purchases. .

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Reception
enjoying their
Science Week
activities

Science Week – Bella and Haniya

This term we celebrated Science Week! Our science lead is our brilliant teacher, Miss Calvert, who was in charge of all things science and guided the phenomenal teachers on what to teach in fascinating science lessons.

During Science Week, the teachers carried out fun experiments through their science lessons. We all enjoyed the teachers' efforts, and these experiments made science even more exciting.

This year's theme explored change and adaptation, which surrounded us and impacted every area of science. Animals and plants changed and adapted to their environments to survive. Science Week was an important part of your children's learning, filled with fun experiments and fascinating facts. You could have seen more details and pictures on the school's Facebook page. Science Week was a fantastic experience, and we looked forward to having it again with a new theme.

This year, we held a scientist competition, where every child designed their own modern scientist, creating a new science mascot. To celebrate British Science Week, the children took part in various activities based on the theme 'change and adapt.' We also looked at famous scientists who changed the world and discussed how we could become better global citizens in the future.

Miss Calvert Interview – Bella and Haniya

Miss Calvert enjoys science because she loves practical science. It allows children to enjoy and discover the world around them. She appreciates seeing the children develop a good understanding of the world from an early age. She has always enjoyed learning science, even in high school. For her, science is not just about finding the right answer; it is about being curious and interested. Miss Calvert likes experiments and appreciates how the Early Years students discover new things every week. Her favourite part of science is investigations, and she loves seeing the children have that light-bulb moment.

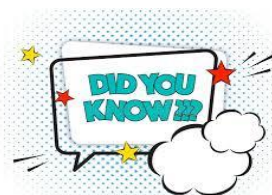
Year of Jubilee- By Olivia and Emma

This year is the Year of the Jubilee in the Catholic Church. It is celebrated every 25 years and this year's theme is Pilgrims of Hope, chosen by Pope Francis. It is a year of forgiveness, where people are invited to come back with the right connection with God. The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026. Miss Hoey led an assembly about this and every child received a card with the Jubilee prayer on it. The Rite of Opening of the Holy Doors took place on the start of the year. Some of our Celebrations of the Word that take place on Monday are linked to the Jubilee Year. Some of the classes created different things that are stuck onto each of our class's door. Every class also received a Jubilee Journey poster which we can complete when we do something that's linked to Pilgrims of Hope. This is a very important year for St. Catherine's and the Catholic schools, churches and communities around the world.



Our St
Catherine's
Door of Hope

Did you know...?



- 1) Math makes us smarter by giving us the ability to think logically, analytically, critically and abstractly; having capacity to weigh evidence with impartiality.
- 2) There is no roman numeral for 0.
- 3) If 23 people are in the same room, there is a 50% chance that two people will have the same birthday.
- 4) 1000 is the only number from 0-1000 that has the letter A in it.
- 5) 1 is the only positive integer (whole number) which is neither prime nor composite.