



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

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### Wraparound Care

Good Ground Childcare are now providing both breakfast club and after school club at St Catherine's. Book a place for your child [here](#).



### Meet the Teacher

Details of 'Meet the Teacher' sessions have been sent home today. These are an excellent opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, ask any questions you might have and get an insight in to what they will be up to over the year. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Attendance

Late in the summer term, we sent out details from West Sussex of new legislation on Fixed Penalty Notices for school absence. To deter unnecessary absence during term time, the Government has introduced an escalation process along with an increase in the cost of a FPN. Here is a reminder of the escalation process:

**First Referral** - the first time unauthorised absence is referred and leads to a FPN being issued, the amount will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

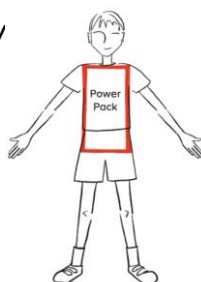
**Second Referral** - the second time unauthorised absence is referred and leads to a FPN being issued the amount will be for £160 per parent, per child, with no reduction offered for early payment.

**Third Referral** - the third time unauthorised absence is referred a FPN will not be issued and instead either result in the:

- Matter being presented directly to the Magistrates Court. A prosecution can result in the parent receiving a criminal record and fines of up to £2,500.
- Matter being addressed via an alternative pathway with an Investigating Officer being allocated.

### Handwriting

Our big school focus at the start of this school year is on handwriting. In assembly this week, we talked about needing to be 'strong for writing' so that you can get your body in to the correct position and keep it there. We talked about needing a strong 'power pack' and some pupils even tested how strong their power pack was in front of the whole school and against Mr Langlois!



Word of the Week: various

### School Council

Those pupils looking to be on the school council this year will get the opportunity to make a presentation to their class next week. Please see the separate letter sent home today for details.

### School Open Days

Please share the dates for our open days with any friends or family with children due to start school in September 2025. Our new reception class is full this year which is a real boost to our funding so if you do know of anyone, make sure to pass on the details. We are asking anyone who wishes to attend to book a place with the office in advance.

## Open Days

- **Thursday 10th October 10.00am**  
(Presentation and Tour)
- **Tuesday 15th October 2.00pm**  
(Presentation and Tour)
- **Tuesday 5th November 3.30pm**  
(Presentation, Tour and 'Stay and Play')

### John 8:12

'Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

### September 2024

Mon 9 - Fri 13 PTFA Preloved Uniform Donation Week

Tues 10 Y6 Meet the Teacher 9am

Wed 11 Y5 Meet the Teacher 9am

Thurs 12 Y3 Meet the Teacher 9am

Y4 Swimming

Fri 13 Y4 Meet the Teacher 9am

Y3 Forest School

Wed 18 Y2 Meet the Teacher 9am

Thurs 19 Y1 Meet the Teacher 9am

Y4 Swimming

Fri 20 Y3 Forest School

Thurs 26 Y4 Swimming

PTFA AGM 3.30pm