Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to St. Catherine's CE Primary School.
Your child is about to take a really important and exciting step – starting school!
We look forward to working with you, to ensure that your child gets the very best start.

Our school values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens.

Our Motto

We learn together, using our heads and hearts.

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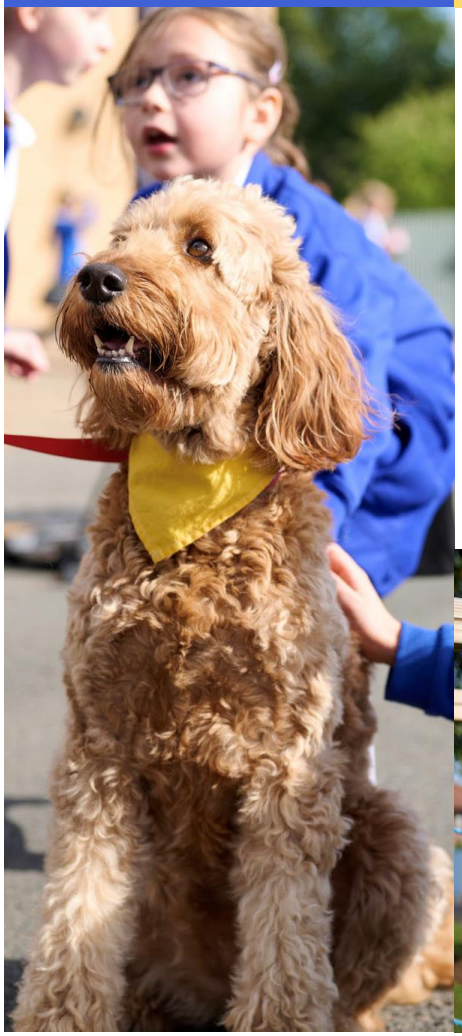

"Everyone places a high value on respecting others. Adults teach pupils the importance of good manners and caring for others. Lessons are calm and purposeful.

Leaders have planned a broad curriculum that enables pupils to succeed. Academic attainment in English and mathematics is high and pupils are well prepared for secondary school."

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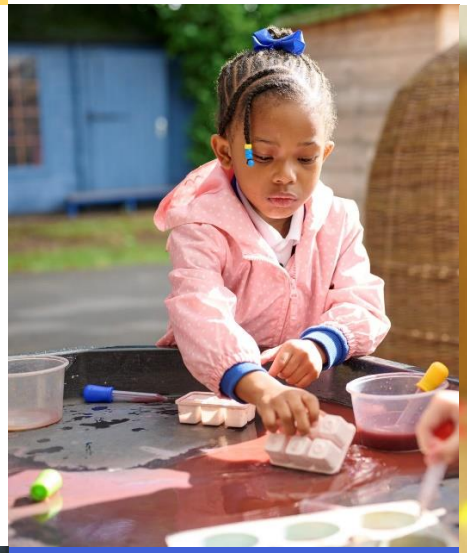

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At St Catherine's we believe that extending the children's knowledge of the world is critical - it is a key driver of our curriculum planning. This will support them as readers, in life, and will create greater aspirations, as they learn about the world around them. It is important that the curriculum considers the development of the whole child and it does not only concentrate on academic success.

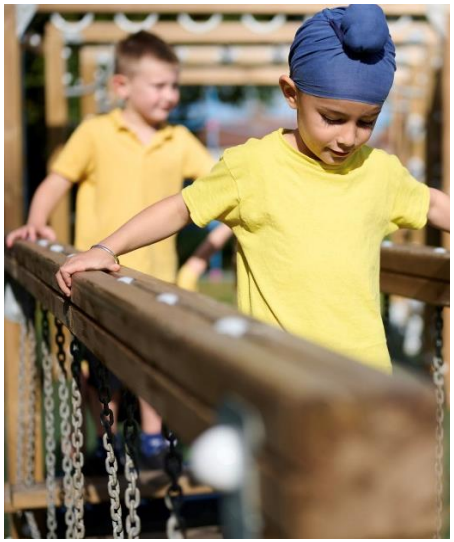
Reading

Reading together, before children can begin to read for themselves, and even when they can read for themselves, is a vital part of learning to read and enjoy reading. Talking about the books that you are reading is really important too. Children will bring books home from school to share with you. We will provide more information about supporting your child with their reading and other aspects of their learning as the year progresses.

Reception School Hours

Morning: 8:40am to 12:00noon
Lunch 12:00noon to 1:00pm
Afternoon: 1:00pm to 3:10pm

Children arrive through their own classroom door at the beginning of the day.



Communication

We are all very approachable! Information is sent out regularly by text, email or in paper form but we are always happy to talk to you face to face at a convenient time. During the year you will receive curriculum newsletters, which will provide some details about the learning and activities taking place.

"Through the school's 'Heart Smart' curriculum, pupils learn how to make healthy choices. Leaders and staff are rightly proud of their work to develop pupils' character, resilience and emotional health."

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House Teams

The school is divided into four house teams, represented by distinct colours:

- Ben Nevis = Blue
- Scafell Pike = Yellow
- Slieve Donard = Bottle Green
- Snowdon = Red

Every child is assigned to a house and siblings are in the same house. House t-shirts are worn during PE by all children. House competitions and events are arranged throughout the year. Year 6 children lead each house in its goal to win the Cup!