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ST CATHERINE'S NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter Highlights

ST CATHERINE'S DAY 2026

PREP PRODUCTION - PETER PAN JR.

RESIDENTIALS AND ACTIVITIES WEEK

CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

SPORTS DAY AND CHEERLEADING

St Catherine's Day 2026

The vibrant, beating heart of St Catherine's School was on full display during this year's St Catherine's Day celebrations. From a beautifully reflective Mass to our inspiring Guest Speaker, Dr Debbie Allen (Alumna, class of 1977) - the day showcased what it truly means to belong to the St Catherine's family.

Mass

The celebration opened with Mass celebrated by Father Rod. In his homily, Father Rod drew powerful parallels between the school's patron saint, Catherine of Siena, and the gospel message of restoration given to Simon Peter. He reminded the congregation that St Catherine was an uneducated woman who taught herself to read, dictated highly influential writings, and fearlessly demanded reform from the highest authorities of her time.

"She was tough, your Catherine," Father Rod observed, urging the pupils to carry this blend of fearlessness and humility into the world. "Like Catherine, be ready to speak out honestly and critically when it's called for."



Prizegiving

Following the Mass, the community transitioned to the prize-giving ceremony. Ms Sylvia Hamilton, Chair of Governors, opened by acknowledging that while the school had experienced organisational shifts - guided by three excellent Heads over the academic year - change is a constant in life. Drawing a parallel to her own graduation during the historic, blistering summer of 1976, she noted that young people do not fear change when it is balanced by the stability of a supportive educational environment.

Ms Hamilton introduced our newly appointed Head. Taking the stage, Mr McCleave shared his early observations of the school's unique culture, recalling how a Year 10 pupil had perfectly encapsulated the school's spirit during his interview process: "At St Catherine's, I can just be myself and not worry." Invoking the stewardship philosophy of the world-conquering All Blacks rugby team, Mr McCleave noted, "They believe that you do not own the shirt; your role is to leave the shirt in a better place. My responsibility is to honour and protect the rich Catholic heritage, the enduring values, and the distinctive ethos that have been built by those who have gone before me."

A Celebration of Our Community

The highlight of the morning was an inspiring keynote address by distinguished alumna, Dr Debbie Allen. Dr Allen charmed the audience with memories of how a previous Headmistress, Sister Mary Hilda, firmly steered her away from languages and towards A Level sciences.

This forced redirection launched an extraordinary career in molecular biology, culminating in a somewhat rogue experiment in 1993. Dr Allen's legendary curiosity birthed the drug Humira. By 2022, it became the highest-selling drug in the world, treating over two million patients globally. Now, focusing her life on philanthropy through the Andiamo Foundation and funding STEM initiatives via the Cambridge Science Centre, Dr Allen reminded us to "never underestimate the power of the ripple effect you can have in life".

In a deeply moving conclusion, Dr Allen noted that her late mother, Catherine - a dedicated teacher - had her ashes scattered by the family in the river right next to the school at Radnor Gardens just a couple of months prior, cementing her family's eternal bond with the school.



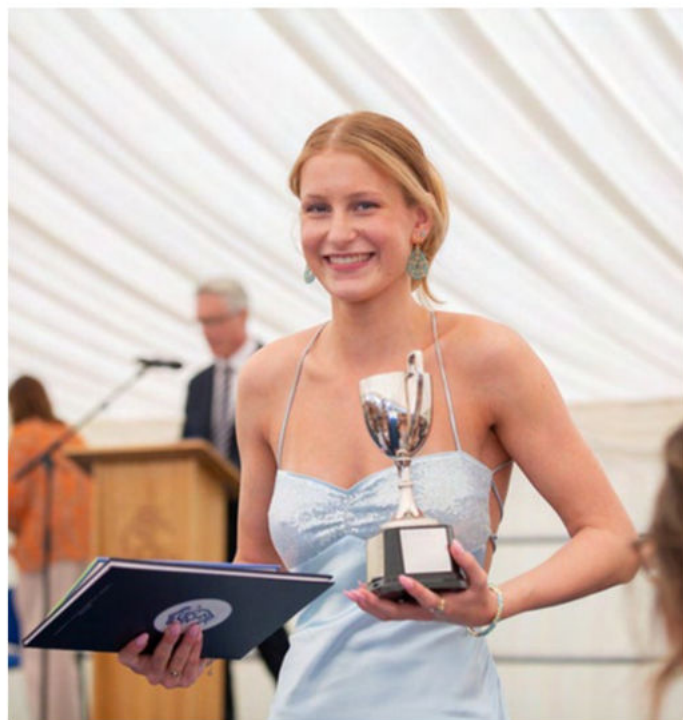
"Never underestimate the power of the ripple effect you can have in life."

~ Dr Debbie Allen



After the formal proceedings concluded, and despite the summer heat, families and friends enjoyed the final moments of the celebration as a school community, enjoying a delicious meal - thanks to the school catering team and the Friends of St Catherine's (FOSC) who hosted a BBQ.

The true spirit of the celebration lingered in the air: St Catherine's Day is not just a reflection on past success, but a proud, forward-looking launch pad, sending young women of substance out into the world ready to leave their mark.





Prep Production

Prep flies high with their very professional production of Peter Pan Jr.

Our incredibly talented Prep pupils took to the stage at the Twickenham Exchange and from the moment the curtains rose, it was clear this was no ordinary school play. The energy was electric and the performance was nothing short of magical.

In fact, the praise from the audience was unanimous, with several parents noting that the production felt "so professional" and declaring that many of our girls looked ready for a spot in the West End!

Bringing Neverland to life is no easy feat, behind the flawless performance lay weeks of grit and determination. The cast opened up about some of the big challenges they faced during rehearsals, including memorising pages of dialogue and hitting cues perfectly, syncing up steps, jumps, and stage combat and adjusting to a brand-new, massive theatre space on the actual day of the performance.

Watching them navigate the challenge with grace and confidence was a true testament to their resilience. Beyond the applause, the true success of Peter Pan Jr. was measured in the smiles backstage.

Reflecting on the journey, the girls shared an overwhelming sense of pride in their hard work, emphasising above all else just how much fun they had working as a team. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for an unforgettable journey to Neverland. You truly made us believe in magic!



Faith, Trust and Pixie Dust

"I learnt how theatre works and how much it takes to put the show together." - Ayza



"I am most proud of being a pirate. I think that they are a huge part of the show, but I am not actually a villain" - Brittany



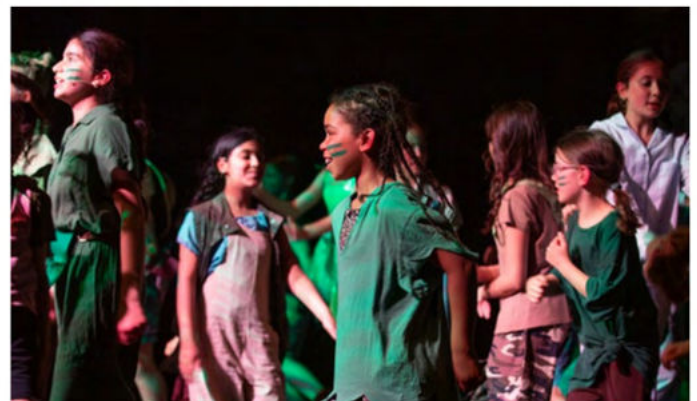
"I pretended that I was actually Wendy; hearing it all for the very first time. I am most proud of showing myself that I can actually do it!" - Daisy



"I loved the pirate songs! The energy was so high and the lyrics were hilarious to sing." - The Pirates



"We just loved playing games on stage and pretending to be absolutely terrified of Captain Hook!" - The Lost Boys



"Learning 'The Brave Girl Dance' and the choreography for 'Ugh-a-wug' was definitely the best part. It felt so powerful on stage." - The Brave Girls and Tiger Lily







Word Millionaire

Reading for fun is something we really place an enormous amount of value on at St Catherine's, and it is a big part of life in our Prep.

After finishing each book, our Prep pupils complete a fun quiz to test their comprehension and understanding of the story.

Once they pass, the book's word count is added to their personal reading total. A very special milestone, which reflects dedication, enthusiasm and a genuine love of reading, is reaching 1 million words read (aka 'Word Millionaire').

Congratulations to Charlie, Scarlett, Clara and Kaia on reaching this fantastic milestone. We are so proud of your epic reading achievements. Keep up the amazing work!

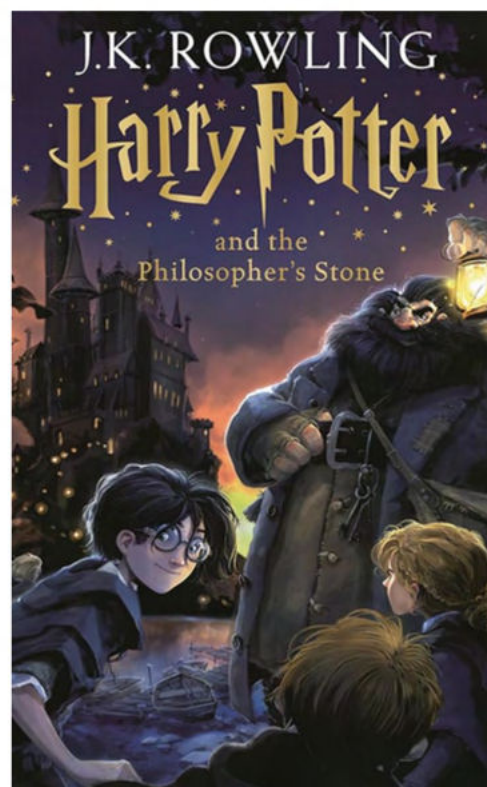
Prep's Favourite Book

Over the last few weeks, Prep has been hosting its very own Book World Cup to crown our Prep Book of the Year!

The competition began with the group stages, featuring the books most frequently borrowed from the Prep Library. Popular favourites such as Percy Jackson, Murder Most Unladylike and Ottoline all made an appearance, while graphic novels including Swim Team, Nat Enough and The Baby-Sitters Club battled to top their groups. After a series of exciting knockout rounds of voting during library lessons, The 26-Storey Treehouse narrowly missed out in a tense semi-final, leaving a thrilling final between Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and graphic novel Nat Enough – fantasy versus reality, chapters versus frames.

In the end, magic triumphed, and we are delighted to crown Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone as Prep's Book of the Year! Congratulations to our winning title, and thank you to all our enthusiastic readers for taking part in such a fantastic celebration of books and reading.

We wonder which book will be crowned champion next year?



A heatwave to remember

Beating the Heat!

On Friday, 26 July we wrapped up a record-breaking week. With South West London's sweltering three-day heatwave, Prep knew exactly what to do. We turned the field into a spectacular splash zone and got everyone involved in some unforgettable water gun fun.

Our brilliant, fun-loving Prep teachers as well as Ms Sharps, Mr McCleave, and Arthur jumped right into the action and got thoroughly soaked along with the pupils!

There was truly no better way to cool down, laugh off the extreme heat, and head into the weekend.



St Catherine's Annual Sports Day

What a spectacular day it was for our annual Sports Day. The atmosphere was absolutely electric, filled with roaring cheers, vibrant house colors, and an outstanding display of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit.

Marking his very first Sports Day at St Catherine's, our Headmaster, Mr McCleave, was blown away by the sheer energy of the event, admitting he had never seen anything quite like it! From the very first whistle to the final relay sprint, the pupils gave it their absolute all, proving exactly what makes our school community so special.

House Cheerleading Competition

A true highlight of the day was, of course, the cheerleading - a long-standing and fiercely contested St Catherine's tradition. The creative energy, choreography, and volume of the House displays brought the sidelines to life.

Bronte completed a spectacular double-win by taking first place in the Cheerleading competition, followed closely by Cavell in second, Nightingale in third, and Pankhurst in fourth. The dedication and house pride on display showed exactly why this tradition means so much to the school.



and Cheerleading 2026



Record-Breakers: Etching Names into School History

This year's competition saw an absolutely staggering 14 school records broken! Our athletes pushed themselves to new heights, rewriting the history books across various track-and-field events from Year 5 all the way up to Year 12.

A special shoutout to Eve, Year 12, who broke two individual records on the day in both Long Jump and the 200m track event.

Group	Event	New Record	New Record Holder
Year 5	60m	9.93s	Isabelle
Year 5	200m	35.77s	Isla
Year 6	60m	9.51s	Annabella
Year 6	Vortex	23.65m	Ria
Year 6	Relay	1:07.50	Cavell: Amber, Ava, Ria, Florence
Year 7	400m	1:12.09	Ava
Year 8	Discus	19.20m	Sophie
Year 8	200m	26.70s	Eva
Year 12	100m	14.34s	Imogen
Year 12	200m	30.03s	Eve
Year 12	400m	1:10.07	Pippa
Year 12	Long Jump	3.72m	Eve
Year 12	Javelin	18.95m	Claudia
Year 12	Relay	1:00.69	Bronte: Chloe, Pippa, Ellie, Beatrice

Year 3 and 4 Residential



Unforgettable Adventures: Year 3 and 4 Conquer Woodrow High House

From 15-17 June, our adventurous Year 3 and 4's traded their classrooms for the great outdoors at Woodrow High House. It was three days packed with laughter, learning, and plenty of mud.

On the ground, the pupils hunted for mini beasts and put their problem-solving skills to the test by building a "luxury" den for their teachers - complete with a coal fire, a matcha bar, and even an umbrella for shade.

In the air, the pupils pushed past their comfort zones on the high ropes and crate stack courses, using fantastic communication to encourage each other to reach new heights.

This residential wasn't just a fun trip away from home; it was a powerful exercise in independence and resilience.

The girls returned to school a little bit tired, a little bit muddy, but bursting with confidence and unforgettable memories. Well done to our Year 3 and 4 superstars - you proved that with a positive attitude and strong teamwork, there is no mountain (or crate stack) you can't climb!



Putting Young Minds to Work



Young Entrepreneurs: Year 6 Girls Launch Thriving Business Fair

Weeks of secret planning, clever budgeting, and creative thinking finally paid off this term as our Year 6 entrepreneurs officially opened the doors to their Business Fair!

The STEAM room was transformed into a thriving marketplace, and the bustling atmosphere was just as impressive as the goods on sale. Visitors browsing the stalls were blown away by the girls' persuasive business skills, professional pitches, and creative branding.

"The teamwork and business acumen on display was evident to everyone who came down to support the project."

This project was a fantastic, hands-on lesson in resilience, collaboration, and financial literacy. Well done, Year 6, for finding your entrepreneurial spirit and setting such a phenomenal standard!



Year 7 Residential to Rockley

Diary Entry from Year 7 Rockley Residential, 17-19 June
By Adeline

On day one, we started by getting on the coach with our luggage. It was a three hour journey from St Catherine's to Rockley. Everyone was cheering once we arrived, ready for the next activities. We had a tour of Rockley and it was beautiful. I liked the moss-covered trees, the scenic lake and the fact that it was covered in sunshine.

My group started with Task Masters, working as a team to get points through an obstacle course. After that there were gauntlets where you climb up an obstacle course in a harness. There is a spectacular view of forests from up there. We ended the day with dinner, told scary stories in our tent, and went to bed.



On day three, we did kayaking and played water games. It was great fun and you could see small fish hiding in the seaweed. The last activity was the one I was most excited but, equally, most scared for: the Giant Swing. You hang in a harness, gradually get higher, and pull the red string to swing. I was so scared but went to the top - it was worth it!

Before we knew it, it was time to pack our things and we hopped on the coach to go home. Once I got back, I wished I could go again, but I was also happy to be home.

It was such an enjoyable trip where we made stronger friendships and worked as a team. I would definitely go back to Rockley in the future!



On day two, we started with breakfast and I changed into my swimsuit for MEGA SUP. It was so fun going on the lake paddling in unison. Next, we went abseiling, which is basically where you climb down a wall in a harness. Next was archery tag, and I think my aim was decent. The last activity was rock climbing - all you have to do is not look down.

When all the activities were all complete, we took a shower and ate dinner. Instead of games, we had a competition for the most creative and tidiest tent. My tent sang "Happy" with harmony and we laid out cards and games to make a heart shape on some of the beds. I showed my journal and my banksia natural diffuser to repel bugs. Our tent won and we received a winner's badge! When the day was nearly over, we toasted marshmallows over a fire.



Year 8 Residential to Condover Hall

Year 8 Conquer Condover Hall

Our Year 8 pupils recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential visit to Condover Hall, where they embraced a wide range of exciting outdoor activities while developing confidence, resilience and teamwork.

From conquering the heights on the high ropes and abseiling tower to trying their hand at fencing, canoeing and paddle sports, pupils threw themselves into every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Evenings were spent relaxing around the campfire, toasting marshmallows and sharing stories after action-filled days.



Most importantly, the trip provided countless opportunities for friendship building, laughter and creating lasting memories. It was wonderful to see pupils encouraging one another, stepping outside their comfort zones and demonstrating excellent teamwork throughout the visit.

A huge thank you to all our fantastic Year 8's for their enthusiasm, positivity and exemplary behaviour. Condover Hall was an adventure to remember!



AI and Computing

Our Year 7 pupils recently took part in an exciting AI and Computing workshop led by Aakash Arora and Sid Ilyasu from Turing education, where they explored the world of programming and digital creativity.

Throughout the session, pupils developed their own interactive projects while learning key coding and computational thinking skills in a hands-on environment.

Pupils were actively engaged and demonstrated excellent enthusiasm, curiosity, and problem solving skills throughout the workshop. It was particularly pleasing to see how keen they were to develop and improve their projects, with many showing real creativity and determination in their work. The workshop leaders were impressed by our pupils and mentioned that their enthusiasm motivated them to teach them more.

"The session provided a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to explore emerging technologies and gain confidence in computing in a fun and collaborative setting."



Synagogue Trip

Last week, Year 9 enjoyed a memorable visit to Richmond Synagogue, beginning with a scenic walk along the river. We explored the synagogue and learned about Jewish festivals and practices, including Shabbat.

The tour guides were impressed by our knowledge of key features such as the Ner Tamid, Bimah, and the Ark of the Covenant. We had the opportunity to see the Ark being opened and to see the beautifully decorated Torah scrolls. During our session on Shabbat, we discovered the rituals that welcome the Sabbath, such as having two loaves of bread in memory of the double portion of Manna given on the Sabbath. We also deepened our understanding of important Jewish festivals like Yom Kippur, Hanukkah and Purim. On the sunny walk back to school, we enjoyed ice lollies to help us cool down.

In the afternoon, we had more engaging sessions, creating posters about Rosh Hashanah and making a lulav and etrog for Sukkot.

"It was a great day filled with learning, creativity, and sunshine!"



Graduate Fashion Week

Three A-Level Textile pupils, Cecilia, Madeleine and Catherine, had the incredible opportunity to attend Graduate Fashion Week 2026.

Hosted at the vibrant Truman Brewery, on Tuesday 23 June - this year's event was particularly special as it celebrated its milestone 35th anniversary year. For our aspiring designers, it provided an unrivaled look into the future of fashion.

The exhibition was a spectacular showcase of raw talent and innovation, featuring a curated lineup of high-energy catwalk shows, immersive exhibitions, design showrooms, cinema spaces, and a series of insightful industry talks.



"Being surrounded by so much creativity was absolutely electric. Seeing the work of graduates who were in our shoes just a few years ago made us realise how much is possible. The catwalk shows were incredible, but the industry talks really opened our eyes to how the fashion world is changing, especially with sustainability."

The girls left buzzing with fresh ideas, proving that the next generation of creative talent is ready to shape the world.

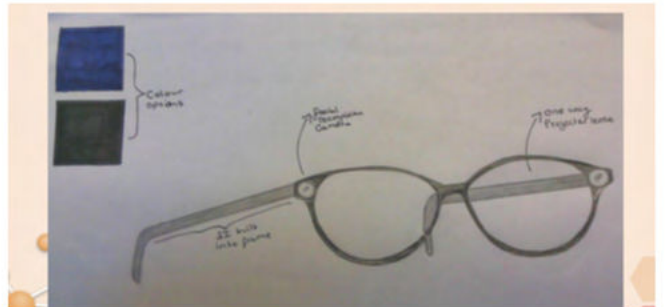


STEM Industrial Cadets Success

Our pupils tackled complex global issues with creativity and cutting-edge engineering in the STEM Industrial Cadets program for 2025–26. Teams designed brilliant, future-proof solutions - and took home some awards in the process. Here is a look at the award-winning projects that defined this year's competition:

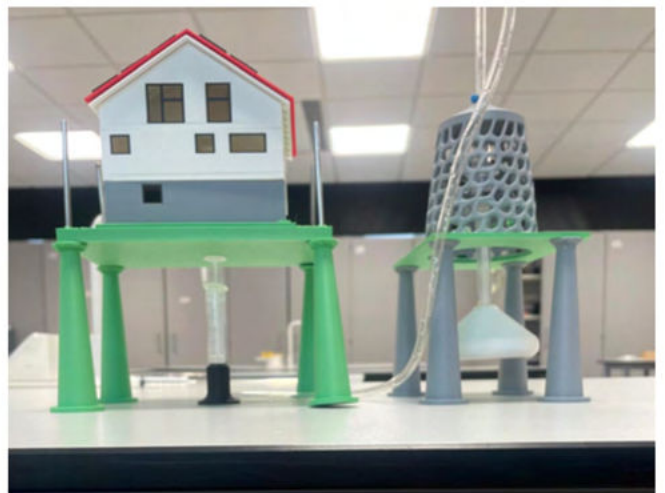
Project of the Year (Bronze Award): ReconEye

With over 55 million people worldwide affected by dementia, one of our teams set out to improve everyday quality of life for patients and their caregivers. They designed ReconEye, a pair of smart glasses that use advanced facial recognition and machine learning to identify family members and friends in real time. The glasses automatically display a recognised person's name or photo in the wearer's field of vision, discreetly reducing the stress of forgetting names.



People's Choice Bronze Award: Eco-Friendly Hydrotherapy

This team won the hearts of the public with an innovative concept that turns dangerous floodwaters into a sustainable energy source. After pivoting their idea away from human use to protect local ecosystems from harsh purification chemicals, the girls designed a specialised hydrotherapy and physiotherapy department for injured horses. The final concept ingeniously uses purified floodwater to generate electricity, powering the facility's gym equipment, lighting, and warm-water rehabilitation pools.



Industrial Cadets Graduates: Project Hydrolysis

Our third team, successfully graduated with their Industrial Cadets Bronze Award and attended their official celebration ceremony on Thursday, 2 July. Their project, Project Hydrolysis, reimagines residential housing for a changing climate. The team engineered a highly advanced house that sits on five underground hydraulic jacks, allowing it to lift itself safely above rising floodwaters. Even more impressively, the house features smart facades to regulate temperature, is built from carbon-absorbing concrete, and uses an underground electrolysis and pyrolysis system to generate its own biofuel to power the jacks.

"These projects show just how capable our young engineers are when it comes to applying Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math to solve real-world problems. We are incredibly proud of them!"

Prize for Young Translators

Celebrating Outstanding Success in the Anthea Bell Prize

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the success of our pupils who were awarded Highly Commended in the Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators 2026, a prestigious national competition run by The Queen's College, University of Oxford. This is a truly exceptional achievement.

This year, more than 25,000 pupils from schools across the UK took part, with teachers selecting only the very best entries for submission. From these, just 5,400 translations were judged by professional literary translators and Modern Languages pupils at the University of Oxford. The judges praised the outstanding quality of this year's work, describing the selection process as especially challenging because of the exceptionally high standard of entries.

To receive a Highly Commended award in such a competitive national competition is a fantastic testament to our pupils' talent, creativity, perseverance and love of languages. Their translations demonstrated not only excellent linguistic skills but also imagination, precision and cultural understanding.

Congratulations to Sophie (Italian), Gemma (Mandarin), Joanna (Spanish) and Mila (Russian) on this wonderful accomplishment. We are immensely proud of their success and look forward to seeing where their passion for languages takes them next. Bravo!



ISA Rock Band Award

Rock Star Status for our Senior Rock Band!

A massive congratulations to our Senior Rock Band, who have received a Highly Commended recognition in their category at the recent ISA Band Competition.

The girls have worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud to see their dedication rewarded. A huge well done to the talented line-up who rocked the stage. The band members include: Izzy, Lily, Amelia, Milly, Grace, Erin, Lizzie, Paula, and Siya

They blew the judges away with an epic performance of Bon Jovi's classic, 'Livin' on a Prayer'.



Creative Arts Showcase

A Feast for the Senses: St Catherine's Creative Showcase Delight

On Friday 19 June, the vibrant spirit of creativity took center stage at St Catherine's School's highly anticipated Creative Arts Showcase.

A Multisensory Exhibition

The event was truly a feast for the senses, offering a stunning cross-section of the diverse creative talents fostered within the school. Visitors were treated to an immersive journey through different artistic disciplines:

Art & Photography: The gallery was alive with thought-provoking photography and breathtaking artwork, showcasing a sophisticated command of technique, colour, and concept.

Textiles: The intricate craftsmanship and avant-garde designs on display highlighted the girls' meticulous attention to detail and fearless experimentation with textures and fabrics.



Culinary Arts: Adding a delicious dimension to the night, the food created by Food and Nutrition pupils delighted guests with how beautifully it was presented, and they tasted as incredible as they looked.

Incredible Energy on the Runway

The highlight of the evening was the spectacular Fashion Show. The atmosphere in the hall was electric, charged with a contagious, joyful energy from start to finish.

In a beautiful display of school community, our models ranged in age from Prep all the way to the Sixth Form. They proudly debuted a stunning array of garments designed and constructed across various year groups over the past academic year. The confidence, poise, and sheer enthusiasm of the girls turned the catwalk into a lively celebration.



A 'Runway' Success

It was a magnificent evening where parents, staff, and pupils came together to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our school's exceptionally talented pupils. The audience left feeling inspired, incredibly proud, and collectively echoing the same thought: "more of this, please!"

Performing Arts Showcase

The stage was set, the lights were dimmed, and the energy was electric as audiences were welcomed to the Summer Performing Arts Showcase 2026.

Celebrating the incredible hard work, dedication, and creative flair of pupils across multiple year groups, the evening proved to be an unforgettable display of music, dance, and drama.

From the Prep dance routines to show-stopping rock finales, the diverse programme highlighted the immense depth of talent within the school's performing arts departments.



The vocal talent was on full display with evocative musical theatre numbers, including Evangeline's rendition of 'Without You' from *My Fair Lady*, and moving performances of tracks like 'Slipping Through My Fingers'.

As the evening drew to a close, the school Orchestra brought a mix of sophistication and fun to the stage with Henry Mancini's iconic 'Pink Panther' theme. A roaring Rock Band set featuring hits like Muse's 'Super Massive Black Hole' and Blondie classics got the crowd on their feet. Finally, the Choir and Band united for a deeply moving, collaborative performance of 'You Will Be Found', bringing a spectacular, community-focused end to a phenomenal showcase of the arts.

Congratulations to all the performers and behind-the-scenes crew who made the 2026 Performing Arts Showcase such a resounding success!



The dramatic performances were equally gripping, featuring excellent work from the Year 10 Drama pupils and the Drama Company.

Audiences were also treated to polished LAMDA exam repertoire from talented soloists including Freya, Alba, and Elizabeth.

Mary delivered a spirited rendition of Bizet's Toreador Song on the violin, while Grayce charmed the room with Gonzaga's 'Corta-Jaca Gaucho' on the clarinet. On the piano, Julia wowed the crowd with a performance of 'Rumba Toccata' alongside her own original composition, complemented later by Izzy's energetic keys.



Sports News

Cricket

Year 9

Well done to the Year 9A and Year 9B cricket teams who took part in cricket matches against Ibstock Place School.

There were some fantastic performances with particular mention to Laura for her fantastic bowling and Darshini for her incredible fielding.

All the girls were brilliant teammates and their teamwork and communication helped to secure the win.



Year 7

St Catherine's enjoyed a fantastic pairs cricket match against Kew House School on Tuesday, 9 June.

St Catherine's secured a hard-fought victory by 8 runs thanks to a strong team performance. Boundaries were scored by Abi, Annabelle, Margarita, and Florence, helping St Catherine's post a competitive total.

Tara was deservedly named Batter of the Game for her impressive batting display, while Ava was selected by the opposition as Bowler of the Game after producing a superb delivery to bowl out a batter.

Well done to all the players for their teamwork, determination, and excellent sportsmanship throughout an enjoyable afternoon of cricket.



London Youth Games

Eva in Year 8 represented Richmond at the London Youth Games, winning her 100m heat and running a personal best of 12.8 seconds.

Eva also ran the anchor leg in the 4x100m relay team, helping secure gold in 52 seconds against 24 teams from across London.

Sports News



London Youth Games

Congratulations to Lucy and Brooke in Year 7 who were selected for Richmond's London Youth Games football team.

Their team achieved second place in the Plate competition.



ISA Athletics

Huge congratulations to all the girls who competed at the ISA Athletics Championships on Friday, 6 June.

The girls represented the school brilliantly, competing with determination, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the day.

Every athlete performed exceptionally well, giving their best effort in their events while showing fantastic support for one another. Their teamwork, sportsmanship, and positive attitude were outstanding, and they should all be incredibly proud of their achievements.

Some standout performances from the day included:

Annika - 2nd in Shotput

Christine - 2nd in Shotput, Qualified for Nationals and 4th at Nationals

Ava - 3rd 200m and 2nd in Discus

Astrid - 1st in High jump, Qualified for Nationals and 5th at Nationals

Eva - 2nd in 100m and Long Jump

Sasha - 2nd in 1500m and Qualified for Nationals

Lily - 3rd in 80m Hurdles

Lucy - 3rd in Discus

U15 Relay Team came 5th: well done Eva, Sophie R, Harishini and Lily

U17 Relay team came 4th: well done Sophie C, Annie, Tilly and Nina.



Independent Listener

Looking back, Moving forward

As another school year comes to an end, many of us find ourselves looking both backwards and forwards at the same time. New beginnings can bring excitement, but they can also bring uncertainty and sadness for what we are leaving behind. Whether starting a new year group, preparing for exams or embracing changes within our school community, it is worth remembering that mixed feelings are a normal part of change. We do not have to feel only positive in order to move forward.

It can be tempting to think of a fresh start as a chance to reinvent ourselves. In reality, each year leaves us with something worth keeping: friendships that have deepened, challenges we have come through, moments of kindness and things we have learnt about ourselves. Rather than asking, "Who do I need to become?", perhaps we might ask, "What do I want to carry with me?"

As we head into the summer, perhaps there is value in slowing down rather than rushing ahead. Asking yourself: What am I proud of from this year?, What have I learnt about myself? And who has supported me when things have been difficult? New chapters do not require us to have everything figured out. They simply ask us to build on what has gone before and to trust that growth takes time. Whatever lies ahead, we can step into it knowing that we do not start from scratch.



FOSC Update!

We are delighted to share that the FOSC Committee has pledged funding towards a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system for the school hall.

This exciting investment will transform the hall into a truly versatile performance space, enhancing school productions, concerts, assemblies and special events for years to come.

Currently, professional sound and lighting equipment has to be hired externally at significant cost. By investing in our own high-quality system, we will not only create memorable experiences for our children but also make substantial long-term savings.

We can't wait to see our talented pupils shine on stage under the new lights!

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents for your continued support, attendance at events, and the effort you put into helping make them such a success.

SUMMER REDRESS DATES

Thursday 13th August 13:00 - 16:00

Friday 27th August 13:00 - 16:00

Housekeeping / Notices



ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
TWICKENHAM

TERM DATES 2026-2027

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that dates remain unchanged, we reserve the right to make adjustments if circumstances require.

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Term Begins:

Inset Days: Tue 1 & Wed 2 Sep 2026
Thurs 3 Sept 2026

Half Term:

Mon 19 Oct - Fri 30 Oct 2026

Return from Half Term:

Mon 2 Nov 2026

Term Ends:

Fri 11 Dec 2026
(early finish at 12.30pm)

SPRING TERM 2027

Term Begins:

Inset Days: Mon 4 Jan & Tue 5 Jan 2027
Wed 6 Jan 2027

Half Term:

Mon 15 Feb - Fri 19 Feb 2027

Return from Half Term:

Mon 22 Feb 2027

Term Ends:

Wed 24 Mar 2027
(early finish at 12.30pm)

SUMMER TERM 2027

Term Begins:

Inset Day: Mon 12 Apr 2027
Tue 13 Apr 2027

Half Term:

Mon 31 May - Fri 4 Jun 2027

Return from Half Term:

Mon 7 Jun 2027
St Catherine's Day: Sat 3 Jul 2027

Term Ends:

Fri 9 Jul 2027
(early finish at 12.30pm)

Staggered start times for Autumn term

- 8.30am: Prep pupils arrive and Sixth Form depart for Retreat
- 11.00am: Year 7 pupils arrive
- 11.20am: Year 8 pupils arrive
- 11.45am: Year 9 pupils arrive
- 12.00pm: Year 10 and 11 pupils arrive



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