



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Message from Mr Claxton

The children have continued to be incredibly settled this week and have been busy engaging in their learning. The new EYFS children have all had an excellent week and it has been lovely to begin to get to know them and our new families. We look forward to welcoming you formally during our welcoming event at the start of October.

The Home-School agreement has gone home with your child today; we ask that you discuss this with your child, and both sign it and return to school. We will be exploring this further in assembly next week.

As a reminder, please be courteous when parking in the car park. There have been a couple of incidents where staff members have had their cars hit. Please do come and speak with the office; we understand that accidents happen!

*O Blessed Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us.  
Amen.*

## UPCOMING DATES

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Welcome ceremony – Reception & Y6 – see email

3<sup>rd</sup> October – School Census Day - special school menu - see email

7<sup>th</sup> October - Flu Vaccinations – see e-consent information email

16<sup>th</sup> October – Individual & Sibling school photographs – details to follow

28<sup>th</sup> October – 1st November – HALF TERM

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 96.1%

Year One: 96.6%

Year Two: 94.6%

Year Three: 99.6%

Year Four: 93.9%

Year Five: 97.6%

Year Six: 96.3%

School: 96.4%

Year to date: 96.6%

**Our school attendance target is 96%. We want every child to reach their full potential at school and maintaining good levels of attendance is vital in this. Thank you for your continued support with this!**

A reminder that our attendance policy is available on our school website and can be found here:

<https://www.sacredheartprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2659&type=pdf>

Next week's gospel:

Mark 9:30-37

Current Gospel value:

Community & co-operation

## MASS DATES

27<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 and Year 5

4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 and Year 4

11<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1 and Year 6

18<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 and Year 5

25<sup>th</sup> October - Year 2 and Year 4

## First Holy Communion

If you wish your child is Year Three and above and you wish for them to make their first Holy Communion this academic year, please ensure that forms are submitted to the parish by **September 29<sup>th</sup>**.



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### The Friday Messenger

## Our current unit: Creation and Covenant

### Year Six: Judaism

<p><b>Year One</b> In RE this week, the children have continued to learn about the Creation Story. They looked at different pictures and discussed what they liked and what they disliked about each picture. The children then used the pictures to help create their own artwork in groups.</p>	<p><b>Year Two</b> Year two have continued with the unit 'Creation and covenant'. This week the focus was sins, after re reading the story of Noah we discussed how Noah had never committed a sin and then went on to think about the different sins we could commit. We then used this to think about actions that can harm and actions that can help.</p>
<p><b>Year Three</b> Year Three have continued to learn about creation this week. They have considered how we can praise God for creation. They looked in detail at the Canticle of the Creatures prayer by St Francis and at Psalm 19. They also listened to a range of hymns and worship songs.</p>	<p><b>Year Four</b> In RE this week, Year 4 further explored the meaning of the word 'covenant' and created posters of their own covenants with God. In our second lesson, we explored the story of Abraham further, looking at Genesis 18:1-15. The children were able to discover how Abraham showed the virtues of faith, hope and love to the three visitors.</p>
<p><b>Year Five</b> In RE we looked into Jesus' summary of the Ten Commandments, his two Greatest Commandments; to love God more than anything and to love your neighbour just as you love yourself. We decided which of Moses' Ten Commandments linked with the two Greatest Commandments. We thought about how we can respond to Jesus' teachings and live out his Greatest Commandments daily.</p>	<p><b>Year Six</b> We finished our unit on Judaism this week by looking at Rosh Hashanah in further detail. We explored the different names Jewish people use for the holiday including 'Days of Awe' and discussed how the meaning of awe linked to this holiday. We also focussed on the ending of Rosh Hashanah and the celebration of Yom Kippur where people start a fast that last around 25 hours and on the final sounding of the shofar they can break the fast with a celebratory feast.</p>
<p><i>Dear Jesus, We praise you for your love and kindness and thank you for the example of cooperation in your life. You always helped those in need. Help us listen to others to understand their perspective and do our part in group efforts. Amen</i></p>	
<p><b>Our value for this month is:</b></p> <p><b>Community and co-operation</b></p>	<p>Action! In this week's Gospel we heard about God's plan; what can you do to be part of God's plan and build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth?</p>



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### **EYFS**

This week the Reception children have been staying for lunch and meeting the other half of their class. They have continued to impress all the adults with their sensible behaviour and excellent tidying. We have also started phonics this week with the children learning their first set of phonemes. We look forward to next week when the children are in school all day!

### **Year 1**

This week the children have been busy writing a character description of Beegu, they have thought of lots of great adjectives. In our geography lessons, the children have been learning where Peterborough is located on a map of England. In maths, the children have continued working on place value to 10 and counting forwards and backwards as well as finding 1 more and 1 less.

### **Year 2**

This week year two enjoyed their Art lesson, they started off with looking at texture and how to show it in their art work. They then used this to draw some still life. Within Theme, the children found out about Henry VIII, they found it really interesting that he had six wives. The children also wrote some exciting castle descriptions within English.

### **Year 3**

Year Three have been learning all about how BC and AD work so they can order the events of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They were amazed how long ago it was! In science they had fun investigating the vocabulary associated with rocks by pretending sweets were rocks.



### **Year 4**

This week, Year 4 enjoyed performing their gymnastics routines to the rest of the class. In writing, the children have been practising writing speech and they have started their plan of the retelling of the Egyptian Cinderella. In Science, they enjoyed making their own pan flutes to explore pitch. In Theme, we discovered how important the River Nile was to the Ancient Egyptians and explored the different reasons how it was important.

### **Year 5**

This week we have continued learning about Space and our Solar System. We learnt about Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, who was the first to think about the Earth being a sphere and the ideas which brought him to this decision. We then imagined what life would be like if the Earth was a different shape, such as a cube or a pyramid. In History we found out about life at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, linking it to our Roman work in Year Four. We researched what was it about England that meant that it was an ideal place for the Anglo-Saxons to settle?



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### **Year 6**

Year 6 were so excited to start our first history lessons this week linked to our theme: 'Leaving a Legacy: Invasion' all about the Vikings. They have looked at some key parts of the Viking timeline including the raid at Lindisfarne in 793AD as well as learning about their life and culture. They used this knowledge to consider whether the Viking groups could be considered brutal or peaceful based on the historical sources available.

### **Holy Family**

We have had a really good week getting to know each other in Holy Family. We have been joining everyone on the playground for breaktime and some of us are very excited about staying for lunch and joining our classes for PE next week! Well done everyone!