



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 11th October 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

I can't believe how quickly this term is going; the children have been busy working hard on their learning and I've enjoyed chatting with them about this. I started some EYFS tours for our September 2025 intake and the children were all engaged with their different learning opportunities.

You will be pleased to know that our new phonics scheme, Little Wandle, is having a significant impact already, particularly on our EYFS and KS1 children; we are looking forward to seeing how much the children have learnt already in the coming weeks.

Reminder, please bring in any donations for the SVP group to school by next Wednesday!

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of they womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

- 16th October – Individual & Sibling school photographs – see email
- 16th October – EYFS Tapestry workshop – see email
- 18th October – Harvest whole school mass – see email
- 24th October – FOSH Autumn Discos – see email
- 28th October – 1st November – HALF TERM
- 4th November – Y5 Cathedral Trip – details to follow
- 6th-8th November – Y6 Caythorpe Trip
- 7th-8th November – Y4 Grafham Trip
- 6th November – FOSH Clothing collection – details to follow
- 12th & 14th November – Parents evening – details to be confirmed
- 26th November – FOSH Christmas movie night – details to follow
- 28th November – FOSH Christmas movie night – details to follow
- 6th December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – details to follow

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 98.3%

Year One: 96%

Year Two: 93.4%

Year Three: 99.3%

Year Four: 97.6%

Year Five: 97.3%

Year Six: 95%

School: 96.6%

Year to date: 97.2%

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 10:17-30

Current Gospel value:

Creation

MASS DATES

- 18th October – Whole school mass
- 25th October - Year 2 and Year 4

Year Six transition

If your child is in Year Six, please ensure that you have made your secondary school place application by October 31st!



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The Friday Messenger

Our current unit: Creation and Covenant Year Six: The Kingdom of God

Year One

In RE this week, Year One have continued to learn about the Creation Story. This week we began to learn about how other people around the world care for God's world and comparing this to our own actions.

Year Two

Our focus this week has been Psalms, we started off with finding out what a Psalm was. We then listened to Psalm 136 and looked at the message that it gave us. We looked at what God has done for us and how his love is eternal.

Year Three

Year three have been thinking about what God is like. They considered what he looked like and then how he acted. They were excellent at giving examples from the bible to explain how God acted.

Year Four

In RE, the children explored the work of Cardinal Manning who supported dockworkers in their strike of 1889. He was a man who showed his faith through love. We found that there were no pictures of this historic event, so the children designed pictures that showed Cardinal Manning helping the workers. We also explored the three virtues in more detail and created leaflets with definitions and examples of how we follow the three virtues in our daily lives.

Year Six

Year 6 have been focussing on how we show commitment to the Kingdom for God this week. We analysed the hymn 'A New Commandment' and the Good Samaritan from Luke 10 to discuss how these provide us with ways to show commitment. The children then considered the meanings of 'mercy' and 'compassion' and how we can show these in our lives to reflect our commitment to the Kingdom.

Loving Jesus, let us be thankful for the bounty that you have given us. Help us to be mindful and be generous with our gifts to those in need. Amen

Our value for this month is:

Creation

Action!

Thinking about harvest time, what gifts can you share with others to make their lives better?



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Year 1

This week in Year One, we have started our new writing topic based on the book 'Funnybones'. The children have really enjoyed reading this book and they have begun to write their own sentences. In maths, we have come to the end of our place value unit and we are really impressed with the children's knowledge of numbers up to 10.

Year 2

Year two have enjoyed completing a technology safari this week. They went around school and searched for pieces of technology and thought about how we knew that they were technology. Within Theme, the children learnt about Queen Elizabeth II. They found out about her reign and then compared it to Queen Victoria's reign. Within Science, the focus was properties of materials. The children looked at a bicycle helmet and discussed what materials it was made from and why.

Year 3

In Topic year 3 have learnt about the Stone Age village of Skara Brae in the Orkney islands. They looked at the pictures from there and wrote about what they had learnt from the secondary source. In Science they have begun to learn about fossils and how they are made.

Year 4

In Science, Year 4 created string telephones to explore how sound travels through different materials. The children were fascinated by the tomb of Tutankhamun and wanted to see lots of pictures of his tomb. In Maths, the children have started their new topic of addition and subtraction. The children were excited to design their biscuits for DT, using different ingredients under a budget.

Year 6

This week children have spent time getting into character to think about the thoughts and feelings of people in our class novel, 'The 1000-Year-Old-Boy', and what would have been going through their minds during the fatal fire. Children took it in turns to become news readers and interview one another to allow us to create a bank of eye-witness statements ready for our newspaper reports. They did a fantastic job!

Holy Family

In the Holy Family, we are continuing our work on the Stone Age, thinking about how we know about the things that happened in the past. We studied some Stone Age cave paintings and recreated some of our own animals using line drawings. We have been enjoying spending more time in school, making new friends and finding our way around.