



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

*Together we live and learn; we play and pray*

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Message from Mrs Collier

We are delighted to begin a new school year at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary, filled with joy, promise, and hope. On Thursday, we came together as a school family to celebrate a beautiful Mass in honour of Our Lady's birthday. It was a wonderful way to start our year, uniting us in prayer and reminding us of God's love and guidance. The children's singing was beautiful and really filled the hall with the Holy Spirit.

The children have settled into school life so well, and we are so proud of how smart they all look in their uniforms. A very special welcome goes to our new Reception children, who have already brought so much joy and energy to our school.

As Pope Francis reminded us, "Education is an act of hope." For us, that hope is rooted in the belief that every child is precious, with unique gifts to share, and the capacity to achieve great things. At Sacred Heart, our passion is to nurture these gifts through the very best education: academically, spiritually, and personally; so that every child grows in faith, values, and confidence.

We are truly excited for the year ahead and look forward to all that God has in store for our children and school community.

### Upcoming Dates

15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y5 & Y6 Bikeability – signed up children only

17<sup>th</sup> Sept – EYFS "Meet the Teacher" session – see email

24<sup>th</sup> Sept – Flu Vaccinations – see email for e-consent details

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – School census day – see email for lunch menu

8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents Evening – see email for booking details

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Parents Evening – see email for booking details

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual School Photos – details to follow

24<sup>th</sup> Oct – TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – HALF TERM

### Weekly Attendance

Reception: 98.6%

Year One: 95.4%

Year Two: 95.4%

Year Three: 100%

Year Four: 95.4%

Year Five: 96.6%

Year Six: 99.7%

Holy Family: 94.2%

School: 94.5%

Year to date: 94.4%

### Gospel value: Responsibility

Being responsible means doing the right thing, even when it is hard, and looking after what has been given to us. In the Bible, Jesus tells the story of the *Good Samaritan*. The Samaritan took responsibility when he saw a man who was hurt, even though others had walked past. He cared for him, paid for his needs, and showed love through his actions. Like the Good Samaritan, we are called to take responsibility for helping others, for our learning, and for the choices we make each day. At school, this could mean remembering to do our homework on time, looking after our uniform and equipment, or being kind to someone who feels left out.

**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>

**Sunday's Gospel**  
**John 3:13-17**

### MASS DATES

**Please note Mass is now 09:05 each Thursday morning**

18<sup>th</sup> Sept – Years Six and Three

25<sup>th</sup> Sept - Years Five and One

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Years Four and Two

9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Years Six and Three

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Years Five and One

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Years Four and Two



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### The Friday Messenger

#### Our current unit: Creation and Covenant

##### EYFS

In RE this week, EYFS have spent some time looking at the prayer area of our classroom. We have been thinking about how we make the sign of the cross and how we can be respectful during our prayer time. We read the creation story in RE this week and have been thinking about how we are all unique and God has created us all.

##### Year 1

In RE, we have started our topic 'Creation and Covenant'. The children have really enjoyed exploring the Creation story. As well as RE lessons, the children have also learnt about our class saint 'St Jude' and created their own candles of hope for our class display.

##### Year 2

We have started the term by looking at our Gospel value of Responsibility. The children were all able to share ideas of things that they were responsible for. We have discussed our school mission statement with the children expressing what it means to them. We have also been learning about our class saint, Saint Joseph.

##### Year 4

In RE, we started our topic of 'Creation and Covenant', exploring the story of Abram and Sarah. The children started by counting grains of sand, discovering it was close to impossible. This linked to the scripture about Abram's descendants. The children role played the conversation between Abram and Sarah and identified the different emotions during this discussion. Year Four looked at the promises that God and Abram made with each other and they highlighted Genesis 15:1-7 which described their covenant.

##### Year 5

We have started our first unit of the year which is Creation and Covenant. Moses has been our focus, we read the scripture about the burning bush as well as the covenant between God and the ten commandments. We then also looked at some other covenants with God, this included Noah, Abraham and David.

##### Year 6

Our first unit of Creation and Covenant has begun with an in-depth focus of the second Creation story. We have read parts of Genesis 2 & 3 before thinking about the key moments throughout the story and what truths these might point to. Children were able to discuss and justify their reasoning with one another. We also completed some work during our first week on our new class saint – Saint Peter. Fantastic knowledge and work was produced by the class.



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### **EYFS**

The EYFS children have had a fantastic first week at school! They have been very busy exploring their new classroom and making lots of friends. The children have been settling into their new routines really well and are ready for a busy term!

The children have particularly enjoyed being outside in the water tray and using the mud kitchen.

### **Year 1**

We have been so impressed with how the children have settled into Year One. They have been busy learning to form letters using our new handwriting scheme and they have been showing us their brilliant knowledge of numbers to 10. In Geography, we have started to look at where we live and the children can identify England on a map of the UK.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 have made an enthusiastic start to their learning! In English we have started by reading the story of Zog before creating lists of adjectives about the character. The children loved the story so we have also been sharing other stories by Julia Donaldson. In maths we have been looking at the properties of 2-D shapes and looking for vertical lines of symmetry.

### **Year 4**

Year Four have made a productive and hardworking start to the year! In English, we have begun reading 'The Ancient Egypt Sleepover' and comparing two retellings in the form of 'Cinderella' and 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. In Maths, we've been exploring place value and numbers up to 10,000. In Theme, we looked at the geography of Egypt and the children drew maps of Egypt with the important landmarks labelled. In Science, we have started exploring teeth, designing our own teeth model made from marshmallows.

### **Year 5**

We have had an incredible start to year five and everyone has settled in well. We started our unit on rewriting Beowulf in English and read the graphic novel, we have also written some setting descriptions. Year five really enjoyed Science this week, we were investigating the properties of a variety of materials. We tested if it was soluble, conducted electricity, if it was hard or flexible as well as if it was magnetic. Within Art, we have started some amazing self portraits that are outlined with prayers.

### **Year 6**

What a fantastic start our new year sixes have had this week! Everyone has shown great enthusiasm, commitment and determination towards their learning and we are excited for what the year holds. The children have already got stuck into our new class novel, The 1000-Year-Old Boy, and have enjoyed linking this to our history topic about the Vikings. It was wonderful to see the classes creative side during our first art lesson where we discussed street art and how this can communicate a message before having a go at choosing our own message to portray through art.