



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 19th September 2025

Message from Mrs Collier

What a super week we have had! I know I am biased, but we truly do have the most amazing children here at Sacred Heart. What a privilege it is to do my job—and that privilege was made even more special by spending some time teaching in Year One this week. The children's politeness, kindness, and inquisitive minds are a daily reminder of God's goodness and the joy of Catholic education.

It is a blessing to see how beautifully our children are settling into the new school year. Each smile, each act of kindness, and each moment of learning reflects the light of Christ shining in them. They remind us daily of the words of Jesus: *"Let the little children come to me"* (Matthew 19:14).

Even though the weather hasn't been too kind, our children's joy and energy brighten every day. This weekend also brings the excitement of the Red Roses facing France in the rugby semi-final on Saturday *O* - a wonderful reminder of the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and encouragement, values that echo our own mission here at Sacred Heart.

Upcoming Dates

24th Sept – Flu Vaccinations – see email for e-consent details

26th Sept – Year 6 trip to Norwich Cathedral – see letter sent home

2nd Oct – School census day – see email for lunch menu

8th Oct – Parents Evening – see email for booking details

15th Oct – Parents Evening – see email for booking details

15th Oct – Individual School Photos – see email for details

24th Oct – TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

27th – 31st Oct – HALF TERM

3rd-4th Nov – Y4 Residential Trip to Grafham Water

5th-7th Nov – Y6 Residential Trip to Caythorpe

Weekly Attendance

Reception: 97.5%

Year One: 92.9%

Year Two: 95.4%

Year Three: 97.9%

Year Four: 95.6%

Year Five: 94.9%

Year Six: 98.3%

Holy Family: 81.5%

School: 92.7%

Year to date: 95.0%

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.

Sunday's Gospel

Luke 16:10-13

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>

MASS DATES

Please note Mass is now 09:05 each Thursday morning

25th Sept - Years Five and One

2nd Oct – Years Four and Two

9th Oct – Years Six and Three

16th Oct – Years Five and One

23rd Oct – Years Four and Two



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The Friday Messenger

Our current unit: Creation and Covenant

EYFS

In RE, EYFS have learnt all about our class saint – Saint Francis. He loved animals and nature so they have been thinking about their favourite animals. The children have been working together to create a bug hotel in the outdoor area to help look after the minibeasts in our environment.

Year 1

In RE, the children have continued to learn about The Creation Story. They all created a number 1-7 and decorated it to represent what happened on that day. The children then used these numbers to help re-tell the Creation Story.

Year 2

In RE we have started our work on Creation and Covenant by looking at the Old and New Testament. The children looked at the Bible to find out what is in each part. We have also read the story of Noah and re-told it to each other.

Year 3

In RE Year Three have been looking at the first book of the bible and finding out about Creation. They have investigated how God created the world, examined a range of artwork depicting creation and produced their own creation art.

Year 4

In RE, Year Four discussed and created their own covenant with God, just as Abraham did. As a class, we read the story of Abraham and the three visitors, and discussed how he showed the virtues of faith, hope and love in the story.

Year 5

We have continued to work on the unit 'Creation and covenant' and this week we have focussed on the ten commandments. We first thought about their importance and rated which we thought was the most important and why. We then focussed on one of the ten commandment and thought about how it links to our life and how we follow it.

Year 6

In RE we have continued our work on the second Creation story and thinking about 'original sin'. We discussed the knowledge that God had a redemptive plan as he knew we would turn away from him and that's why he planned to send His Son to us. We then looked at John's Gospel - John 1:1-5, 16-18 – and discussed what we already knew about John. We thought about how the scripture links to the Fall and how John tells us that Jesus – The Word – is the light of the world.



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EYFS

EYFS have had a very busy week this week! The children have settled well into full days and are enjoying following their new school day routine. In English this week, we read 'The colour monster goes to school' and had a go at drawing our favourite school activities. In maths, we have been looking at different ways to sort groups of objects. The children have been busy painting portraits of themselves to hang in our classroom.

Year 1

In Year One, the children have been busy creating adjectives to describe Beegu. In maths, the children have been working on finding 1 more and 1 less. In art, the children really enjoyed creating lines to match different pieces of music.

Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy this week and the children have shown how excited they are to be practicing their handwriting using our new handwriting scheme. They have produced their first published piece of English work this week and have shown how creative they can be with their writing. In maths they have continued to build on their knowledge of 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Year 3

The children have been busy writing stories in English after reading the book Stone Age Boy by Kitamura Satakoshi. They have worked really hard to use adjectives in their descriptions. In Science the children have been finding rocks and classifying them into Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic rocks. In Maths they have learnt to make and partition three-digit numbers.

Year 4

In Year Four, the children have been preparing to write their alternative ending to the Egyptian Cinderella. They have explored direct speech using inverted commas and how to improve these sentences using speech verbs and adverbs. In Science, Year Four used eggs to investigate tooth decay and they are so excited to see the results next week! In Theme, the children were able to use BC and AD to order events in the Ancient Egyptian timeline.

Year 5

Year 5 have been busy writing their re write of Beowulf, they have been thinking about how they can create atmosphere while writing their stories as well as using all the grammatical features they have learnt. Within Science, the children have been using their knowledge of properties of materials and thinking about why an object is made out of a given material with a reason.

Year 6

The children have continued to enjoy our class novel and have been putting themselves in the character's shoes to begin writing their diary entries. In maths, we have completed our place value unit and have enjoyed starting the next unit of four operations. This week we had our first science lesson learning all about blood cells and vessels and the importance of these for our circulatory system.

Holy Family

This week we have continued our work in English reading Curiosity the story of a Mars Rover. We have really enjoyed this book and learning about the robot's successful mission to Mars. We discovered how Curiosity managed the tricky mission of landing on Mars and learnt about all the tools on the robot and what their purposes are. We are starting to write our own fact-files on Curiosity and will share them with you next week!



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REQUEST FOR HELP..... RESOURCES

We are currently looking for the following items for use in school, if you have these at home and would like to donate to school we would be very grateful for your help. Please bring these into the school office.

- A 'pretty' pop-up tent
- Ragdoll/soft dolls
- Bean bags/cushions
- Role play dressing up/items
- Small world toys, for example, castles or buildings (we have lots of people and animals but nowhere for the children to play with them)
- Old shirts with buttons for use during messy play
- A clothes rail for dress up clothes outside
- Old pipes/containers we could use to create a water wall
- Waterproof cushions for outdoor area
- Wooden insert picture puzzles

