



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 26th September 2025

Message from Mrs Collier

Birthdays:

On the day of each child's birthday, we would like to invite them to wear their own clothes on this very special day. That way we can all wish the children a very happy birthday. This is optional, so if children prefer to wear their uniform as usual on their special day this is fine. If a birthday falls over a weekend – they can choose the Friday before or the Monday to wear their own clothes for the day. The same for birthdays that fall in the holidays.

Harvest Time – Helping Hands; Loving Hearts:

This October, we're coming together as a school family to support our local food bank. We'd love your help collecting dried foods (unopened), tins, and toiletries (all in date) to share with those who need a little extra support.

In doing this, we're living out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the *Option for the Poor*; choosing to stand alongside those in need and making their care a priority. Even the smallest donation can make a big difference, and together we can be a sign of hope and love in our community.

Upcoming Dates

26th Sept – Y6 Trip to Norwich Cathedral – see letter sent

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

3rd Oct – Welcome Ceremony Reception and Y6 – see letter

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: 96%

Year One: 97%

Year Two: 91.7%

Year Three: 92.2%

Year Four: 97.7%

Year Five: 92.7%

Year Six: 98.7%

Holy Family: 94.0%

School: 95.1%

Year to date: 95.8%

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 16:19-31

MASS DATES

Please note Mass is now 09:05 each Thursday morning

2nd Oct – Years Four and Two

9th Oct – Years Six and Three

16th Oct – Years Five and One

23rd Oct – Years Four and Two

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>



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The Friday Messenger

Our current unit: Creation and Covenant

EYFS

In RE this week, we have been continuing to think about how special we all are. God made us all unique and wonderful. We have been celebrating our special talents and we all performed in a talent show on Friday. It was wonderful to see so many different skills and talents in our class!

Year 1

In RE this week, the children have been exploring the first three lines of the Nicene Creed. We discussed what the words mean to us and how they explain what God created. The children went on a nature trail to see the visible and invisible creations of God.

Year 2

In RE we have continued to look at the story of Noah and the covenant that God made with him. The children have thought about the significance of the rainbow as part of the covenant.

Year 3

In RE Year Three have been learning about the important letter Pope Francis wrote to the world when he was the pope. In the letter he asked everyone to think about the importance of creation and to find ways to work together and care for the world. We are pledging to help care for the world.

Year 4

In RE, Year Four looked at two more stories from the life of Abraham. Firstly, we looked at Abraham's prayer to God for the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. We used his faith and intercession as a model for our own prayers to the people in our lives. The second story looked at the meaning of sacrifice and Abraham's faith and trust in God, when he nearly sacrificed his son, Isaac. We looked at our own lives and thought of sacrifices we could make. The class discussed and answered questions on how Abraham felt during this time, why he agreed to sacrifice his son and how this story is important in our own lives.

Year 5

Within RE year 5 have continued to think about the ten commandments. Firstly, they read Jesus' summary of law from the scripture and then organised the ten commandments into the two summaries of law. They then focussed on one commandment and thought about why it was important as well as how and why we should follow it. They recorded this through a letter to a friend.

Year 6

In RE, Year Six focussed on the Sacrament of Baptism this week. We linked this to our previous knowledge about God's redemptive plan and how through Jesus, we are offered a new life through the Sacrament of Baptism. In groups, we looked at some key Baptism link cards including the white robe, the Grace we receive at Baptism and Jesus' own Baptism and joined these with explanation cards ensuring that we were able to justify our matches. We then worked together to recall this knowledge without referring to the cards. We were also lucky enough to travel to Norwich Cathedral this week for a special mass with other schools from the Diocese which was a wonderful day.



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EYFS

EYFS have had another busy week this week! In English, we read the story Monkey Puzzle and then took turns to talk about our own families. In maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns and had a go at creating some of our own. EYFS have been having great fun in the new sandpit in our outdoor area!

Year 1

Year One have been really busy writing their own character description for Beegu. We have been really impressed with the range of adjectives they have used to describe her. In maths, we have come to the end of our unit on place value to 10. The children have shown a really good understanding of numbers to 10 and we look forward to starting addition next week.

Year 2

In English we have been reading the story Rapunzel and looking at how the story is sequenced. In maths we have started to think about place value and how numerals can be represented in different ways. In science we have been thinking about the lifecycles of animals and creating a fact file about the lifecycle of a chicken or frog.

Year 3

In Year Three we have been writing a retelling of Stone Age Boy and learning to use inverted commas when we write speech. In Theme the children looked at a secondary source and explained what the source told us about the Stone Age lives. In Science we are continuing to investigate rocks, looking at permeability.

Year 4

In Year Four, the children drafted and published their alternative endings for the Egyptian Cinderella. They can't wait to share their stories with the rest of the school! In Maths, we dedicated our week to mastering rounding. In Theme, we explored the life of an Ancient Egyptian from their houses to their jobs. In Science, we looked at the results of our sugar and egg experiment. Year Four made amazing predictions last week which lined up well with the results. Well done, Year Four!



Year 5

Year five really enjoyed Science this week, they were learning about dissolving. They were investigating which soluble material would dissolve the quickest making sure their investigation was a fair test. Within Theme, the children were finding out about why the Anglo – Saxons came over the England. Year five have also been really busy writing and publishing their re writes of Beowulf.

Year 6

Year Six have had a busy week this week completing some initial assessments which we are very proud of them for. They've also had chance to up their heart rates in our dodgeball and tennis lessons for PE showing great sportsmanship in both. Art this week looked at scaling-up using a grid method which took a lot of patience from the children to be able to accurately create their grids before scaling up their image, but the outcomes were fantastic! Finally, in writing, the class have started to draft their diary entry by putting themselves in the role of our class novel main character.



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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

