



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 28th November 2025

Message from Mrs Collier: On Thursday, the whole school gathered for our final Mass in Ordinary Time. The children were beautifully reverent and respectful, and our chaplains from Years Six and Three read the Scriptures with outstanding clarity and confidence; a real credit to their service and preparation. Father Seelan shared how impressed he was by the children's prayerful conduct. It was a joyful celebration in every sense, with our school hall filled to capacity as so many parents and grandparents joined us, a true "squash and a squeeze," and what a blessing that was!



After Mass, our visitors were welcomed into classes where they created vibrant artwork in preparation for Advent. The creativity, collaboration, and shared time together reminded us of our call to uphold the dignity of every person. This reflects the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Dignity of the Human Person, which invites us to see each individual as uniquely loved by God. Advent is a precious and special season of waiting; waiting in joyful hope for our Saviour to be born. Our Gospel value this term is **Hope**: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." (Romans 15:13). As we journey through Advent, we pray that this shared hope continues to shape our hearts, our curriculum, and the daily life of our school. What a special time of year, as we wait, in hope, for the coming of our Saviour.

Weekly Attendance

Reception: 97.3%

Year One: 92.3%

Year Two: 95.5%

Year Three: 93.6%

Year Four: 98.4%

Year Five: 96.5%

Year Six: 99.3%

School: 96.1%

Year to date: 95.4%

Gospel value: Hope

Hope means trusting that God is with us, even in uncertain times. When we live with hope, we stay positive, encourage others, and believe in God's promises with confident hearts.

Scripture reminds us to "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation" (Romans 12:12), giving us strength to trust in God's plan. In Advent, we wait with joyful hope for our Saviour to be born, a beautiful and special season.

Hope also helps us honour the dignity of every person, reflecting the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Dignity of the Human Person, which teaches that each of us is uniquely created, valued, and loved by God.

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>

Upcoming Dates

- 4th Dec – Choir at SJF concert – see letter sent for details
- 8th Dec – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsals – see email for details
- 9th Dec – EYFS Nativity 9.45am – ticket see email for details
- 9th Dec – KS1 Nativity 2pm – ticket see email for details
- 10th Dec – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – see email for details
- 11th Dec – KS1 Nativity 9.15pm – see email for details
- 12th Dec – FOSH Christmas Movie Night – see email for booking details
- 15th Dec – Whole school trip to Pantomime – see letter for details
- 17th Dec – EYFS vision screening – see email for details
- 17th Dec – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – 6pm – details to follow
- 18th Dec – Choir at Cavell Centre – see email for details
- 19th Dec – Christmas Pjama Day – details to follow
- 19th Dec – FOSH Breakfast with Santa – see email for booking details
- 19th Dec – LAST DAY OF TERM

**Sunday's Gospel
Matthew 24:37-44**

MASS DATES

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

4th Dec – Years Four and Two

10th Dec (Weds) – Years Three and One

18th Dec – Whole School



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Newsletter and R.E. Learning

EYFS

EYFS have had a very busy week! We have been busy learning all the songs for our nativity and practicing on the stage! In English, we have been thinking about rhyming words and trying to create a rhyming string. In maths, we have been looking at the composition of the numbers 6, 7 and 8.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the Advent art morning and created some lovely pieces of artwork.



Year 1

This week, the children have continued to work really hard in all areas of their learning, as well as during our Nativity practice. We all thoroughly enjoyed our Advent art morning and the children have created some lovely pieces of work to be displayed in the classroom.



Year 2

In science this week year 2 have carried out experiments to see how easily germs can spread and why using soap is so important! In English we have been finishing our work on King Charles III. Our Nativity rehearsals have filled the hall with some wonderful singing.

The children enjoyed their Advent art morning. Their creativity is now on display for us to enjoy throughout Advent. Thank you to those family members who were able to join us.





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Year 3

Year Three have been practicing writing non-chronological reports this week in English. In Maths we have started multiplication and division and have looked at equal grouping and using arrays. In Science the children investigated what was magnetic and the objects they were surprised by. They had a fantastic Advent Art morning making angel advent spirals. Thank you to all the fantastic parents that helped us!



Year 4

This week, Year Four prepared for Advent through art and letter writing. Thank you to parents for coming to support while making our advent calendar spirals! In our RE lessons, we made links between Isaiah, John the Baptist and Advent. The children wrote letters from the perspective of John the Baptist, explaining how to prepare for the coming of Jesus. In Science, we did another experiment on melting, this time with chocolate! We explored how quickly different chocolates melted and why this happened.



Year 5

Year 5 have been busy writing in English, they have been writing a report on crime and punishment throughout the years. In Maths the children started a new unit on fractions, looking at equivalent fractions as well as converting improper fractions to mixed fractions. In Science the children looked at the seasons, they found out how we get seasons as well as why it gets darker earlier in the winter. Our focus in RE this week has been psalms, we first looked at psalm 21 and all the things that God gave David. We then looked at Psalm 23 and how this lined to David. The children really enjoyed advent art morning, they made some amazing advent wreaths, thinking about what advent promises they could make.





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Year 6

Year 6 have had another fun filled week. They worked incredibly hard across all subjects and are creating some fantastic work and impressing us with their articulate discussions. In RE, we have focussed on comparing Luke and Matthew's Gospels and considering how Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises. We also had a wonderful time during our Advent morning. Following a beautiful mass, we enjoyed creating our own Jesse tree symbols, prayer bookmarks and advent wreaths.




Holy Family

We have had lots of fun this week working on castles. We made brilliant junk models of castles, making sure we had all the features we had learnt about incorporated into our models such as turrets and drawbridges. We made our catapults using only lolly sticks, elastic bands and wooden spoons which we could attack the castles with. We tested which catapults could throw objects the furthest and which objects could be thrown the furthest, putting our estimating and measuring skills to good use. It was a lot of fun!



... can make and test a catapult
L.O: I can measure lengths



Object thrown	My catapult (length travelled in cm)	Mrs Bailey's catapult (length travelled in cm)
Small clip	80cm	90cm
Alufoil	70cm	80
Rubber	50cm	20



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FOSH upcoming events and notices



Christmas Movie Night - Friday 12th December

FOSH is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Christmas Movie Night after school on Friday 12th December, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

At the end of the school day, the FOSH team will collect children directly from their classrooms and take them to the event, where they will enjoy a festive film (chosen on the day). Each child will also receive popcorn, a snack, and a drink.

Tickets are £6.00 per child, and must be booked in advance by Monday 8th December.

To book a ticket, please email FOSH@sacredheart.peterborough.sch.uk and include:

- Your child's full name
- Your child's year group
- Any dietary requirements

Breakfast with Santa - Friday 19th December

FOSH is pleased to share details of our special "Breakfast with Santa" event taking place during school time on Friday 19th December.

Participating children will be collected from their classrooms by the FOSH team and taken to the event at their allocated session time below.

Session times:

- 9:30am–10:30am: EYFS & KS1
- 10:30am–11:30am: KS2

Children are invited to come to school in their Christmas pyjamas and will enjoy breakfast with Santa, festive music, Christmas crafts, and a small treat to take home.

Tickets are £5 per child and must be pre-booked by Monday 15th December.

To book a ticket, please email FOSH@sacredheart.peterborough.sch.uk and include:

- Your child's full name
- Your child's group
- Any dietary requirements