



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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

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

## Message from Mrs Collier:

On Wednesday morning, some members of our school choir took part in a Christmas coffee morning at Cotton End living scheme. The children sang a selection of carols - traditional and modern - and handed out song sheets so that the residents could join in too. One of the residents requested a carol that the children were not planning to perform, but they remained unfazed and sang beautifully. The atmosphere was wonderful with residents and pupils chatting happily together and making plans for more shared activities in the new year. The children were excellent ambassadors for Sacred Heart and demonstrated our Catholic values of respect, compassion and service.



## Upcoming Dates

12<sup>th</sup> Dec – FOSH Christmas Movie Night – see email for booking details

15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole school trip to Pantomime – see letter for details

15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Flu Vaccination mop up session – see email for e-consent information

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS vision screening – see email for details

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – 6pm – see letter for details

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Choir at Cavell Centre – see email for details

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Pyjama Day – see email for details

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – FOSH Breakfast with Santa – see email for booking details

19<sup>th</sup> Dec – LAST DAY OF TERM

## Weekly Attendance

Reception: 92.1%

Year One: 97.5%

Year Two: 99.6%

Year Three: 94.4%

Year Four: 93.9%

Year Five: 93.9%

Year Six: 96.7%

School: 95.2%

Year to date: 95.3%

### 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>

**Sunday's Gospel  
Matthew 3:1-12**

## MASS DATES

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

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole School



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## Newsletter and R.E. Learning

### EYFS

EYFS did an amazing job in their Nativity this week! We are all very proud of them and they should be very proud of themselves! Thank you to all the grown-ups who came to watch our performances.

In English, we have started reading the story 'The Christmas Promise' which is all about God's promise and the birth of Jesus. In RE, we have been learning about when the shepherds came to visit baby Jesus. In Maths, we have been learning the names of 3D shapes and have been wrapping parcels in the Christmas shop.



### Year 1

Year One have been super busy performing their Nativity this week. We are all really proud of all the children. They have all been amazing and they have all really enjoyed each performance. As well as performing the Nativity, Year One have been writing their own poems based on The Snowman.

### Year 2

Year 2 have continued to work hard on adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. In Science they have been carrying out an experiment to see how exercise makes their hearts beat faster. This week has also seen them give three performances of the Nativity which they have all really enjoyed!





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### Year 3

Year Three have been working hard to finish their non-chronological reports about Europe. In Maths they have been working on the 3- and 4-times table. In the busy week getting ready for our Carol Service, the children found time to finish making their castles. They all looked amazing.

In RE we have been learning about the annunciation of Joseph and considering how amazing he was to accept Jesus as his son and support Mary.



### Year 4

Year Four have worked hard to finish their topic of multiplication and division in Maths. In Writing, the children are making their final preparations for completing their letters home next week. This week, we looked at fronted adverbials and the use of questions in letters. In Theme, we started to explore when and how the Romans invaded Britain, and we will explore why they invaded Britain next week. In RE, the children created their own Jesse tree icons for Abraham, Joseph and Elijah, and we displayed them on our Christmas tree as seen below. In our second RE lesson, we wrote letters to either Abraham, Joseph and Elijah, thanking them for their faith in God and asking for advice on how we can be like them.



### Year 5

This week year five have been learning about phases of the moon, the first found out how we see the moon and then why we see each phase. Within Theme, the children learnt about Henry VIII. They found out about his six wives and their fates as well as his extravagant life. The children also enjoyed finishing off their bridges. Within RE the focus has been the Rosary and how it is a prayerful reflection of the life of Jesus. He children first prayed the Rosary and thought about how each part reflect Jesus. They then focussed on the Joyful mysteries and looked at the scripture to identify the key elements.





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### Year 6

The children have enjoyed another busy week in Year 6 and loved getting in the Christmas spirit on Wednesday. They have shown some excellent skills in writing now that they are creating their own flashback story based on an animation: The Piano. In maths, they have really impressed us with tackling our new unit on ratio and producing some fantastic arithmetic scores! We've continued our work on classification in science and enjoyed creating and using keys this week to identify unknown animals. In RE, we have focused on The Magnificat and the importance of the words of this. We discussed how they form radical expectations of the Messiah. Another difficult topic which the children have discussed with maturity and depth.



## FOSH upcoming events and notices



### 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](mailto:FOSH@sacredheart.peterborough.sch.uk) and include:

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