



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 9th January 2026

Message from Mrs Collier: **Welcome Back and Happy New Year**

A very warm welcome back to all our families, and a happy new year to you all. We hope you had a joyful and restful Christmas, filled with time spent with family and loved ones. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. The school has quickly come back to life with their smiles, energy and enthusiasm for learning. It has been a busy start to the term, and it has reminded us what a privilege it truly is to do the work we do each day: supporting, guiding and learning alongside our children.

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is an important moment in the life of Jesus, when He was baptised in the River Jordan and God's voice declared Him to be His beloved Son. It reminds us that we are all loved by God and called to live with kindness, truth and purpose. As a school community, we take inspiration from this as we begin a new term together.

This half term, we are also learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Subsidiarity. In simple terms, this means encouraging people to take responsibility and make decisions at the right level, while knowing that help and support are there when needed. In school, this means helping children to become independent and confident learners, while also teaching them that it is always right to ask for help and support when they need it.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another term of learning, growth and working in partnership with you and your children.

Upcoming Dates

12th Jan - Y4 Swimming starts – see email/letter sent

13th Jan – FOSH AGM

15th Jan – School Census Day – please see special menu sent

2nd Feb – Current Y5 Caythorpe information evening – details to follow

12th Feb – Current Y3 Grafham Water information evening – details to follow

16th – 20th Feb – HALF TERM

Weekly Attendance

Reception: 96.2%

Year One: 97.5%

Year Two: 98.2%

Year Three: 93.2%

Year Four: 93.2%

Year Five: 98.3%

Year Six: 96.7%

School: 96.2%

Year to date: 95.2%

Gospel value: Truthfulness

Jesus shows us that truth matters. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the truth sets us free (John 8:32). Being truthful means speaking honestly, acting fairly, and taking responsibility for our own choices.

This links to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of subsidiarity, which teaches that people should be trusted to do what they can for themselves and make good decisions. At Sacred Heart, we live out truthfulness by owning our actions, helping others when needed, and building a community based on trust and respect.



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 3:13-17

MASS DATES

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

15th Jan – Y5 & Y1

22nd Jan – Y4 & Y2

29th Jan – Y6 & Y3

5th Feb – Y5 & Y1

12th Feb – Y4 & Y2

26th Feb – Y6 & Y3

27th Feb (Fri) SOC - Whole School

5th Mar – Y5 & Y1

6th Mar (Fri) - SOC – Y6 & Y3

12th Mar – Y4 & Y2

13th Mar (Fri) SOC – Y4 & Y2

19th Mar – Y6 & Y3

20th Mar (Fri) SOC – Y5 & Y1

26th Mar – Y4 & Y2

27th Mar (Fri) SOC – Whole School



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Newsletter and R.E. Learning

EYFS

EYFS have settled into the new term wonderfully! We have had a very busy week. In English this term we are going to be looking at traditional tales. Our story for this week is The three little pigs and the children have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have been building towers using bricks and shaving foam and have been trying to blow over houses made from different materials. In maths, we have been thinking about the new year and the new month and have been creating calendars to take home.

In RE, we have been learning about the Epiphany and the gifts that were given to baby Jesus by the three kings.



Year 1

Happy New Year! It was great to see all of the children again this week and they have all come back to school with a fantastic attitude towards their learning. In RE this week, we explored the Presentation of the Lord and how this is celebrated through Candlemas. The children then made their own candles to be displayed on our prayer area. In maths, we continued with our work on place value to 20. The children have been using resources to help find 1 more and 1 less. In English, we read our new text 'On the way home'. The children have really enjoyed learning about this story and we can't wait to see the great work they will produce.



Year 2

Year 2 have come back with lots of enthusiasm for this terms learning! In Maths they have started their work on Multiplication and Division by looking at how they can make equal groups. In English we have read and thought about the story Izzy Gizmo and how it is important to keep trying and not give up if they can't do something the first time. In RE they have learnt about the Epiphany and the arrival of the Magi.

A big thank you for all of the donations for the reverse advent before Christmas. The children were very happy to be able to do something to help others.





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Year 3

Year Three started the new year with a lovely positive attitude. They have continued to work on multiplication and division and are now going to be learning to solve questions using a column. They will need to be secure with their times tables! In English we have begun learning about leaflets and they are using the theme of castles. RE has made the children really think this week as we used the scriptures from Matthew to de-bunk some myths about the visit of the Magi. The children also enjoyed smelling and learning about Frankincense and Myrrh. Some children liked them whilst others were less sure!



Year 4

Year Four have made an excellent start to the Spring term. We have carried over our work on multiplication and division, this time focusing on factors and factor pairs, and using cubes to create arrays to find factor pairs, as seen in the pictures below. In Theme, we explored the three invasion attempts made by the Romans on Britain. In Science, we started our new topic on sound, looking at different instruments and how they create their sound. In RE, we have started our new topic on Galilee and Jerusalem. In our sessions, we looked at the question *Who do you say I am?* which Jesus asked his disciples. We wrote down our own answers to the questions and shared our points. Furthermore, we explored how Jesus was described as the Messiah through his different miracles and how they link to prophecies made in the Old Testament.



Year 5

Year five have had a brilliant start to the Spring term. They have been busy with fractions in Maths, looking at adding mixed number fractions as well as subtracting fractions. In English, the children have been rewriting a chapter of 'The Queen's fool', starting with planning it and then writing it. Within Science, they started the new unit of 'Forces' and they found out about the different types of forces and drew force diagrams. In RE, the children started the new unit 'Galilee to Jerusalem' and this week the focus was the Beatitudes. After reading the scripture, the children drew an image which showed the Beatitudes. They then made links with them and the ten commandments.





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Year 6

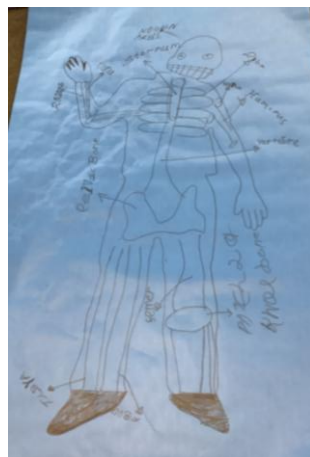
Year 6 have made a wonderful start to January! They've come back positive and ready for lots of new challenges. In RE this week, we've started our new unit of 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. Our focus will be on John's Gospel, so we looked at the structure at this before focussing on the initial words (John 1:1-5, 14). Each child chose their favourite piece of art that represented these words and took part in a Visio Divina - 'sacred seeing' - to allow them to invite the Holy Spirit to help them better understand what the scripture might be saying to them today.

We've also carried on with our learning around World War 2 this week with a focus on Kindertransport in reading; writing an explanation text about the causes in English and analysing sources linked to the Battle of Dunkirk of history. In art, we started our new unit of painting and mixed media with an analysis of David Hockney's piece 'My Parents'. The children created their own fantastic sketches of the piece and discussed their thoughts and opinions with one another.



Holy Family

It has been a lovely returning to school after Christmas and hearing about how everyone has had a lovely time! The children have settled in quickly and enjoyed getting back to work. Some of us have been learning about the human body in science. We revised the skeleton and its jobs and names of the bones in our bodies. We investigated Bonio and all his bones and joints, comparing him to our own bodies which was fascinating! We then drew around our friends and added in the skeleton, labelling the bones we knew.





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FOSH NEWS

Thank you to all children that took part in the Christmas FOSH fundraising events, these were very well supported and the children had a wonderful time.

We would also like to thank all parents and staff member that gave up time to help run these events.

We are pleased to announce the following fundraising totals:

Christmas Movie night raised £406.15

Breakfast with Santa raised £233.12.

Thank you again for your continued support.