



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 16th January 2026

Message from Mrs Collier:

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, our focus in school remains on living out our Gospel values in our everyday actions. This week, children have been encouraged to show truthfulness, responsibility, and care for one another, reflecting Jesus' teaching through kindness, honesty, and respect. We are proud of the way pupils continue to support each other in class, in the playground, and during shared moments of prayer and reflection. Our staff work closely with families to ensure that every child is known, supported, and able to flourish, both academically and personally.

This week, we are delighted to share that the donations from our Reverse Advent Calendar have now been collected by the Peterborough Food Bank. These generous contributions are a wonderful example of Catholic Life in action, reminding us that we are called to look after one another and to support those in need within our own community. Through this act of giving, our children have shown a real understanding of compassion, solidarity, and the common good. We are incredibly grateful to our pupils and families for their generosity. It is a privilege to work with such thoughtful and caring children who consistently think of others.



Upcoming Dates

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

10th Feb – Dental team in school – selected children only – see letter

11th Feb – Maths Day dressing up – see email sent

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

12th Feb – FOSH School Disco – details to follow

16th – 20th Feb – HALF TERM

Weekly Attendance

Reception: 94.9%

Year One: 94.7%

Year Two: 94.7%

Year Three: 94.6%

Year Four: 95.2%

Year Five: 95.7%

Year Six: 96.7%

School: 95.4%

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
John 1:29-34

MASS DATES

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

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

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Newsletter and R.E. Learning

EYFS

EYFS have had another busy week in school! In English, the traditional tale we shared this week is 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have enjoyed retelling the story and writing speech bubbles for the characters. We also decorated and ate our very own gingerbread man but luckily, it did not run away! We have been learning about odd and even numbers in maths and created our own bus in the classroom. In RE, we have been learning about the Gifts given to Jesus by the Three Kings and what gifts we can give to Jesus.

Year 1

Year One have been busy learning about our new book 'On the way home'. The children have really enjoyed creating adjectives and they have been learning to use 'and' in their sentences. In art this week, the children have been learning how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours. We were really impressed with all the different colours they could make. In RE, the children have been learning about when Jesus was lost in the temple. We have discussed how Mary might have felt during this time.

Year 2

In English year 2 have been thinking about time adverbials and how they can help with giving instructions. In maths the children have started to look at multiplication sentences and how this relates to making groups of a quantity. In History they have been finding out more about Amelia Earhart. In RE they have been learning about the preaching of John the Baptist.





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Year 3

This week has felt like a very busy week for Year Three. In English they have been learning all about leaflets and then doing some amazing research about Lincoln castle. In Maths we have learnt to use the column method to multiply 2-digit numbers with a 1-digit number. It would be even quicker to work out all the questions Year Three were better at their times tables! In Science we enjoyed learning the names of the bones in our body and making mini paper skeletons.

RE this week has focussed on one of Jesus's miracles. We read the miracle of the healing of the centurion's servant from Matthew's gospel. The children explored the importance of this miracle, what it teaches us about Jesus and what it can teach us about how we should behave.



Year 4

Year Four had an incredible time doing swimming this week and can't wait to be back on Monday. After swimming, we started our new writing topic of a playscript. The children acted out a scene from a playscript (as seen below) which helped them to identify features and why we use them. In Maths, we looked at multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. In Science, we explored volume and how we can change it. We used the voice recorder on the iPads to see how sound waves change through volume. In Theme, we explored why the Romans wanted to invade Britain and used this knowledge to write a letter as a Roman advisor to Claudius persuading him to invade Britain.

In our RE lessons, we have continued to look at Jesus as the Messiah. In our first session, we discussed how Jesus accepted those who were marginalised into God's kingdom, such as Jesus and the leper, and Jesus and the tax collector. In our second session, we saw how Jesus subverted the expectations of what it means to be a Messiah. Many people of the time thought he'd be a powerful king who would defeat the Romans, but we saw through scripture that Jesus was a servant king who wanted to spread the good news to all.





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Year 5

Year 5 have been busy finishing their stories based on 'Queen's fool'. Within Theme, the children enjoyed learning about Henry VIII family tree, looking at his parents, wives and children. Year 5 really enjoyed Science this week, they were investigating gravity. After finding out about Galileo's theory that all objects no matter size would land at the same time when dropped from a height, the children investigated if they agreed. Our focus in RE continued to be the Beatitudes this week. The children looked at how the Beatitudes can transform other people's lives. They then thought about how they linked to the virtues.



Year 6

It's been wonderful to see year 6 engaged in all their learning this week. We've seen some wonderful gymnastic skills in PE, fantastic artwork and analyse of paintings, and incredible knowledge shown in our history unit on World War II. In maths, the children have been introduced to algebra for the first time and found that it wasn't as tricky as it looks! They've all worked so hard.

In RE, we've continued our focus on John's Gospel and learning about the miracles Jesus performed. The children are using their knowledge to create a booklet which will contain a page of information about each miracle. We can't wait to share them.

Holy Family

We have been reading an excellent book in English called *Curious Creatures: Glowing in the Dark*. We have enjoyed reading about how creatures use bioluminescence and biofluorescence which is two processes creatures can use to produce light to attract or scare away predators or to communicate. We are focusing on anglerfish, and we will use what we have learnt to produce a non-chronological report all about them. Some of us also produced some fab drawings of this fascinating, if a bit odd looking, creature!

