



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Together we live and learn; we play and pray

Friday 23rd January 2026

Message from Mrs Collier:

Throughout the month of January, our whole school community has been focusing on the Gospel value of **truthfulness**. We have encouraged the children to understand that being truthful means speaking honestly, acting with integrity, and taking responsibility for our choices. Living out this value helps us to build trust, strengthen relationships, and follow the example of Jesus in our daily lives. Linked to this, our Catholic Social Teaching principle is **subsidiarity**. It has been wonderful to see how confidently our children can explain this concept; even our youngest pupils in Reception can articulate that subsidiarity means *trying everything themselves first before asking for help*. This approach supports independence, resilience, and a growing sense of responsibility for learning.

We are also delighted to share that our library bus is now up and running. The children absolutely love it and it has already become a valued part of school life. A huge thank you to Mrs Matsutani for her tireless work in bringing this project to life, and to all staff who contributed in ways both big and small. Your support has made a real difference for our pupils.

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>

Weekly Attendance

Reception: 81.7%

Year One: 93.9%

Year Two: 96.6%

Year Three: 90.3%

Year Four: 97.9%

Year Five: 95.7%

Year Six: 100%

School: 93.7%

Year to date: 95.3%

Upcoming Dates

2nd Feb – Current Y5 Caythorpe information evening – see letter

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 – see letter

12th Feb – FOSH School Disco – see letter

16th – 20th Feb – HALF TERM

11th & 18th March – Parents evening – details to follow

Sunday's Gospel
Matthew 4:12-17

MASS DATES

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

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

In EYFS this week, we have been sharing the story 'The three Billy Goats Gruff'. We had a go at writing CVC words to describe the Troll. We also had a go at making our own bridges using straws and elastic bands. In maths, we have been doubling numbers! In RE, we have shared the story 'Jesus welcomes the little children' Mark 10 v 13-16. We have been thinking about how we can make people feel welcome.



Year 1

The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring reptiles and amphibians in our science lesson. They especially enjoyed being able to touch a real snake skin!

In RE this week, the children have been learning about Jesus' mission and how we can also spread the Good News. In English, the children have been busy planning their own story based on the text 'On the way home' ready to write up next week.



Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard this week. In English they have learnt about time adverbials, adverbs and reminded themselves about imperative verbs. They then started writing instructions to get to Izzy Gizmo's workshop. In maths they have been looking at the connection between multiplication and division. In RE they have learnt about the baptism of Jesus. As a class they looked at seven different paintings which were "hung" around the classroom as an art exhibition. They thought about how the different artists showed the baptism of Jesus.





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Year 3

Year Three have had a great week. In Maths they have started to learn how to divide two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. More practise with the times tables is needed though! In English they have worked on writing amazing sentences which include superlatives, expanded noun phrases and prepositions. In Theme the children enjoyed using the atlases to find the location of European countries. In Science the children have learnt about joints in the body and they showed great perseverance making the very tricky hinge joint models! In RE they have learnt about another miracle Jesus performed when he healed the paralysed man.



Year 4

Year Four have had a lovely week, starting with their swimming sessions on Monday. They also had a visit from The Conversation and Brain Buddies, where they participated and asked questions amazingly! In Science, we made pan flutes to explore pitch and in Theme, the children wrote diary entries to discuss life on Hadrian's Wall. In RE, we saw how the signs from the prophecies of the Messiah matched with a speech Jesus made in Matthew 11:1-15. In our second lesson, the children loved exploring our new bibles, looking at scripture connecting Jesus to being the incarnation (fully human and fully God).



Year 5

Year Five have had another busy week, in Theme they were learning more about Henry VIII's wives and discussed how they influenced his reign. The children really enjoyed Science this week. They were learning about air resistance and were investigating how the size of a parachute was affected by air resistance. In RE the children were thinking about the great commandment. They started off with comparing the great commandment in Matthew and Luke. They then used the Good Samaritan to explore how the great commandment helps us in our lives.





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Year 6

Some amazing hard work shown this week by year 6 during assessments. We are so proud with how they approached the week with confidence and resilience, and we hope they're proud of themselves because we are certainly proud. In the afternoons, the children have been wonderful and participating in art, PE and history. In gymnastics, it was great to see trust between the children as they learnt about counterbalances and counter tensions. In history this week we focussed on The Blitz. The children reviewed historical sources to think about the impact of the events on those who lived through it. Our art lesson this week also had a war theme and as part of the painting analysis, we recreated the scene and thought about how it would have felt to live through those moments. In RE, we've continued our journey through John's Gospel and learnt about the fourth and fifth miracle. We have then created an information pages for these to be added to our booklet about the miracles.



Holy Family

Some of us have been working on sharing in maths and working as supply teachers! We demonstrated how to share different even amounts evenly between two. Our class was made up of our dolls and teddies who enjoyed the lesson immensely! We also modelled filling in the answers, practising number formation at the same time. Well done!





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ECO CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

A big WELL DONE to some of our School Council members who created an ECO Christmas Tree for the competition, run by the Church of the Holy Spirit in Bretton.

They achieved 'Highly Commended' for:

'Outstanding creativity and sustainability in crafting a Christmas Tree using recycled materials.'

They're very much looking forward to enjoying their prize at our next School Council meeting!

