



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Together we live and learn; we play and pray

Friday 20th March 2026

Message from Mrs Collier and Mrs Matsutani:

It has been another busy week! The warmer weather has allowed the children to take full advantage of the outside area and it is a joy to see year groups playing together. This week saw the conclusion of Parents Evening which was well attended. Thank you for supporting your child by coming in to discuss their progress.

Our Lenten fundraising continues - thank you for all your support and for helping the children prepare for their year group activities. The total to date is an amazing **£605**.

Although the Lenten Term is drawing to a close, next week promises to be a fun one with the children's author, Serena Patel, visiting on Tuesday 24th to officially open the Library Bus and a Lenten Retreat on Friday 27th. The order window for Serena Patel's books has now closed; however, there is still time to order on Amazon and have your child bring in with them to have signed if you wish.

A reminder that our final Lenten fundraiser, a cake sale, will be held on Friday 27th in the afternoon. Pupils can buy a piece of cake for 50p so remember your change.

Upcoming Dates

20th Mar – Decorating Biscuits - Lent fundraising – see letter

20th Mar – FOSH Movie Night – see email sent

24th Mar – Library Bus Launch and Author book signing – see letter

27th Mar – Cake Sale – Lenten fundraiser

27th Mar – LAST DAY OF TERM

13th Apr – 1ST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

13th Apr – Y5 Swimming starts – see letter sent

17th Apr – Y1 Ferry Meadows Trip – see letter sent

20th Apr – Y3 Ancient Greece Day – see letter

Weekly Attendance

Reception: 94.8%

Year One: 97.7%

Year Two: 95.2%

Year Three: 91.9%

Year Four: 98.7%

Year Five: 88.6%

Year Six: 93.7%

School: 94.4%

Year to date: 95.3%

Gospel value: **Forgiveness**

Jesus shows us how to forgive. In the Bible, Jesus says, "Father, forgive them," and teaches us to say sorry and forgive one another. Forgiveness means letting go of anger and choosing kindness again. Solidarity means we stand together as one family, helping and caring for each other, especially when someone is sad or makes a mistake. During Lent, we try to follow Jesus by showing love, forgiving others and walking together in peace at Sacred Heart.



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 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

MASS DATES

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

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

In English, we have been writing the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' using our phonics knowledge. In maths, we have been learning the number bonds to 5. In RE, this week we have started to think about Holy Week and we have looked at what happened on Palm Sunday. We painted our own prayer pebbles and we are going to put them in our Prayer area outside. EYFS have been enjoying the lovely weather this week and have been having a wonderful time in the outdoor area!



Year 1

As a class, we looked at how places like Antigua and El Salvador mark Good Friday. Many people decorate the streets of the city with 'Alfombras' which are carpets made from coloured sawdust, sand or salt in patterns or pictures. The pictures are often of Jesus and tell the story of His life, death and resurrection. The children then made their own 'Alfombras' and created their own crosses to carry in procession.



Year 2

In Maths Year 2 are looking at measuring volume using millilitres and litres. In English they have been writing sentences using the conjunctions 'or' and 'but'. In RE the children have been learning about The Easter Vigil and the symbolism of water and light. The children hope you had a happy Mother's Day and enjoyed receiving their cards!





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Year 3

In class this week the children have been writing their own Greek Myths using lots of imagination and the things they have learnt about the Greek Gods, goddesses, heros and the mythical creatures. In the theme lesson they learnt about the differences between Sparta and Athens. Most children decided they'd rather be Athenians rather than Spartans as they didn't want to fight! However, the girls were less sure as they wanted more freedom like the Spartan women. In Maths we have started learning about fractions. We are getting much more confident using the vocabulary of numerator and denominator. In our Science lesson we took advantage of the lovely weather to investigate shadows and how they are made.

Our RE lessons have all been looking at the First Holy Communions and what happens when you have your First Holy Communion. It was lovely to hear how excited some of the children are about taking their first Holy Communion this year.



Year 4

Year Four have drafted, edited and published their setting descriptions this week, and created artwork based on their writing. In Maths, we finished the topic of length and perimeter and we will be moving onto fractions next week. In theme, we looked at the layers of the rainforest and in science, we explored different circuits, looking at why they did or didn't work. In our RE sessions, we continued to look at the corporal works of mercy. In our first session, the children decided which work of mercy they could achieve during Lent and described how they could achieve it. In their second session, we looked at a piece of artwork exploring the corporal works of mercy and created our own freeze frames in the style of the painting.





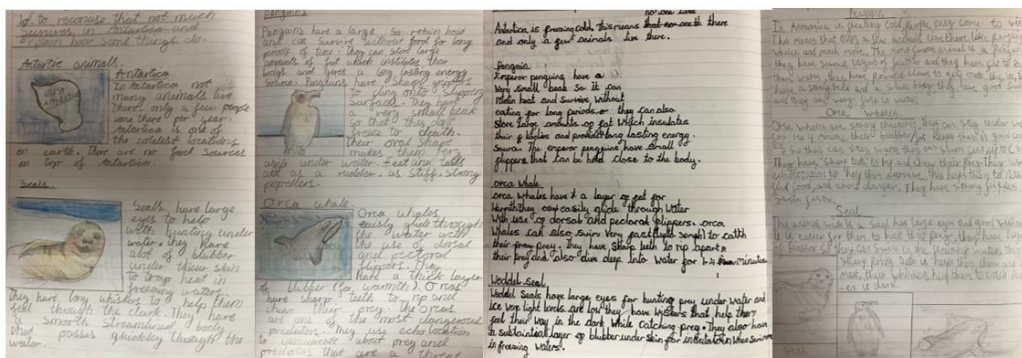
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Year 5

Year five have had a busy week writing this week. Within English they have been writing their diaries of Shackleton's journey. They also wrote some amazing act files on animals that can survive in Antarctica in Theme, explaining that not much lives there and how certain animals are adapted to the cold climate. Our focus in RE this week was prayer. We started off with thinking how and why we pray. The children then wrote prayers for them to reflect on Lent.



Year 6

Year 6 have continued to work hard this week. In maths, they have excelled in our unit on area, perimeter and volume. They have blown us away with how quickly they have grasped the different methods. In Science, we have begun to think about the theory of natural selection and been introduced to Charles Darwin. We've also had the opportunity to enjoy lots of extra-curricular activities this week including a Rock Steady concert and taking part in a British Sign Language lesson.

In RE, the children enjoyed analysing the details of Jesus' trial before putting together an argument to confirm whether the following statement was true or false: 'Jesus was a fair trial.' I think we have some future lawyers in the class.

Holy Family

We have had a very busy week. In Science we have looking at teeth and learning how to best look after our teeth. We tested how good we were at brushing our teeth using disclosing tablets to show if we had left any plaque behind.

We have also baked cookies to sell for Lent to raise money for our Lenten projects. It was so much fun!

