

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



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Friday 18th September 2026

Head's News...It has been another busy and positive week at Sacred Heart. In our Celebration of the Word, we reflected on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and thought about what the cross means to us as Christians. When we look at the cross, we are reminded above all of just how deeply God loves each and every one of us. This links beautifully with our Jesuit value and virtue of being Compassionate and Loving. Jesus shows us that love is something we put into action: in the way we speak to one another, the kindness we show and the care we give to those who need us. It also connects with our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Care for Creation. God's love extends to the whole of creation, and we are called to show our love for God by caring for one another and for the wonderful world He has entrusted to us.

After School Club

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in our After School Club provision. We now need firm responses from families so that we can finalise staffing and arrangements. Once these are confirmed, our plan is for the new provision to begin from Monday 5th October.

Parents' Evening - Wednesday 7th October 2026

Please remember to book your 10-minute appointment with your child's class teacher. These appointments provide an opportunity to hear how your child has settled into the new school year and to discuss their learning and progress. If you feel that you will need longer than 10 minutes, please arrange a separate appointment through the school office. The class teacher will then contact you to arrange a suitable time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our Sacred Heart family as 'Together we live and learn; we play and pray'.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is 92.9% our target is a minimum of 97.5% - please do send children in for every learning opportunity.

Attendance14th to 18 th September 2026			
EYFS	79.6%	Holy Family	62%
Year One	98.3%	Year Four	96.2%
Year Two	95.2%	Year Five	96%
Year Three	98.9%	Year Six	91.9%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

- Year 1: Aron
- Year 2: Hannah
- Year 3: Derryth
- Year 4: Meghan
- Year 5: Abel
- Year 6: Anita

Believe in yourself

✚ First Holy Communion ✚

This year, First Holy Communion preparation will take place here at Sacred Heart, giving our children the opportunity to prepare together as part of their school, parish and faith community. If you would like your child to take part, please **complete and return the registration form to school by Thursday 24th September**. We look forward to sharing this very special journey with our children and families as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

House Points

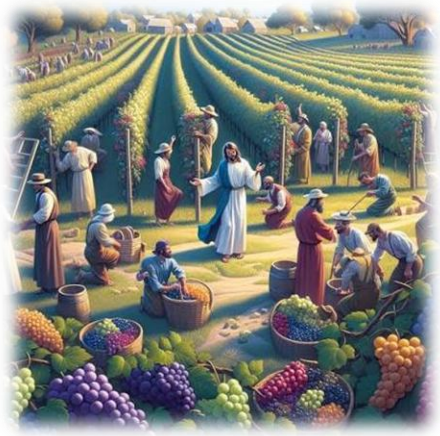
- St Patrick: 131
- St Andrew: 154
- St David: 151
- St George: 139

This Week's Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the workers in the vineyard. Some work all day, while others arrive much later, yet the owner treats them all with the same generosity. Jesus reminds us that God's love is not something we have to earn or compete for – **His love is generously given to everyone.**

This challenges us to look at how we treat others. Being loving means noticing those who might be left waiting at the edges and making sure that everyone feels welcomed, valued and included. It reminds us to be generous with our kindness and not to compare what we have with what others receive.

The vineyard also reminds us that we all have a part to play in caring for the world God has given us. When we care for people, care for creation and generously share what we have, we help God's kingdom to grow.



Birthdays

An important message about birthdays!!!

Children can come into school in non-uniform on their birthday. This is so wonderful as everybody within our school community who sees them will know that it is their special day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, on PE day or within a school holiday the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

This week we celebrate:

Ryan, Olivia, Josephine and Rose



Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 01733 864170.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01733 262449 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL (Maureen Collier):

schooloffice@sacredheart.Peterborough.sch.uk

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<u>Our Learning this week.....</u>	
EYFS	EYFS have had another brilliant week! We have been reading ‘The Colour Monster’ in literacy and we have been talking about our own feelings. In maths, we have been sorting objects and creating our own sorting rules. In RE, we have been sharing ‘The Creation Story’ and learning about how God created our wonderful world. We have also been doing lots of fine motor activities to make our hands and fingers nice and strong ready for writing. 
Year One	Year 1 have really enjoyed our new class text ‘Cave baby’. We have had lots of fun exploring what it would be like inside a cave, the children then created their own caves in the classroom! During maths, we have continued working on place value to 10 and finding 1 more and 1 less. In RE, we have created some artwork to represent The Creation Story.
Year Two	The children have had another great week and are really settling into the expectations of life in Year 2. We have continued our work on number and place value in Maths and have begun to read a lovely new book – The Proudest Blue, in English. In Geography, we have started our work looking at Our Wonderful World by revising the names of the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. In RE, we have focused on the story of Noah’s ark and the covenant that Noah made with God. The children thoroughly enjoyed acting out the story! We built a chair ark in the classroom and they took on different roles using masks to help them.
Year Three	Year Three have had another busy week. Within RE the children started off with reading the Canticle of the creatures. We read it as a class and then the children annotated its meaning. The children then looked at Psalms linked to creation. The children enjoyed Science. They were learning about muscles and made their own model of a muscle. Year Three started a new book within English. They have been reading ‘Leon and the place between’. They were looking at word classes within the story as well as writing a performance review of some acrobats. Our Art lesson this week was focussing on sketching. The children were understanding how to use shapes to help them sketch and created some amazing sketches of flowers and leaves. 
Year Four	Year Four have had a lovely week. They have enjoyed investigating our new book in English called Cinderella of the Nile. They have been learning to use their inference and detective skills as well as understanding similes and metaphors. In Maths they have shown excellent understanding of 3-digit numbers and their value ready to move on to 4-digit numbers next week. In History they learnt all about the hierarchy of Egyptian society and considered which jobs would be the best to have. Finally, in RE the class have learnt about Abraham and where he lived when God called him and they have also learnt about the Catholic virtue of faith.

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Year Five	Year Five have had a busy week, becoming members of the NASA recruit induction program. This is in preparation for writing a non-chronological report on four amazing women of NASA, as seen in the book 'Hidden Figures'. In Theme, we looked at Roman villas and how they brought central heating to Britain. In Science, the children used their evidence from last lesson, to make presentations on different materials, what they are used for and why they are used. In RE, we continued to look at Moses' story, with the children retelling the stories of the Burning Bush and the Ten Commandments in their own words. The children also had a reflective and loving Celebration of Word in class, looking at how we can love others as God loves us. 
Year Six	Another great week in year 6! The children have worked hard to show what they can remember from their Key Stage 2 journey so far before we think about our new Year 6 learning. In Science, we have explored the components of blood and discovered the purpose of our different blood vessels. The children are looking forward to learning more about the circulatory system. In RE, we have continued our work on Genesis 2 and made links between the second account of creation and God's redemptive plan. We analysed God's redemptive plan and discussed each part and the relevance for our lives today.
Holy Family	This week we have thought carefully about the story of Noah and the Ark and promises. God sent a rainbow after the flood as a sign to Noah and his family that God would not flood the Earth like this again. We made our own rainbows by using prisms and we also made our rainbows on a plate using skittles and warm water. We then thought about promises made to us and promises we make to others. In English we have enjoyed working on our new story Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx which is helping us with our Egypt topic and Julia Donaldson's the Troll.

Value and Virtue: Compassionate and Loving

This half term, our Jesuit Value and Virtue is Compassionate and Loving. We are encouraging the children to follow the example of Jesus by noticing when others need our help, showing kindness and care, and treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Compassion means more than simply feeling sorry for someone – it means allowing ourselves to be moved to action. We want our children to understand that small acts of love, kindness and forgiveness can make a real difference to others.



Catholic Social Teaching: Care for Creation

Our Catholic Social Teaching principle this half term is Care for Creation. We are reminding the children that our world is a precious gift from God and that we all have a responsibility to care for it. This includes looking after the environment, respecting animals and nature, reducing waste and thinking carefully about how our choices affect other people and our common home. Through our actions, however small, we can show gratitude for God's creation and help protect it for future generations.

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<u>Key Dates</u>	
Tuesday 22 nd September	KS2 Author Event at The Cresset – see email sent
Wednesday 23 rd September	Tapestry and Little Wandle workshop for EYFS parents – see email sent
Friday 25 th September	Year 6 Trip to Norwich Cathedral – see letter sent home
Thursday 1 st October	School Census Day – special menu - see email sent
Wednesday 7 th October	Parents Evening Consultations – see email sent for booking details
Wednesday 14 th October	Individual and Sibling school photographs – details tbc
Thursday 22 nd October	End of Term – children finish school at 3.15pm
Friday 23 rd October	No School for children – INSET day
Monday 2 nd November	Term Begins at 8.55am
Tuesday 3 rd – Wednesday 4 th November	Year 4 Grafham Water Residential Trip
Wednesday 4 th – Friday 6 th November	Year 6 Caythorpe Residential Trip