

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



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Head's News... ✨ Bringing Scripture to Life at Sacred Heart

We had a very special visitor to Sacred Heart this week when Father Paulose, who is currently studying in Rome, joined us for a wonderful morning of faith, fun and a little bit of magic! Father Paulose used a magic show to bring Scripture to life, helping the children to explore God's Word in a memorable and joyful way. The children were completely captivated, and it was lovely to hear their excitement afterwards as they eagerly shared what they had seen and learned. His visit was a beautiful reminder that our faith is something to be lived, shared and celebrated with joy. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Colossians 3:16

This links beautifully with our Jesuit value of being Compassionate and Loving. When we allow God's Word to live within us, it should change the way we treat one another: noticing those who need us, showing kindness and putting love into action. It also connects with our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Care for Creation. Scripture reminds us that the world around us is God's gift, entrusted to our care. Loving God means caring for one another and caring for our common home.

Masses

Our school Masses will resume from 1st October, beginning with a whole-school Mass next week as we enter October, the month traditionally dedicated to Our Lady. Mary gives us the perfect example of listening to God's Word and then acting upon it. Her simple "yes" to God reminds us that faith is not only something we hear or talk about; it is something we live. As we begin this special month, may we follow Mary's example: listening with open hearts, loving one another with compassion, and caring for the beautiful world God has given us.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is 95.7% our target is a minimum of 97.5% - please do send children in for every learning opportunity.

Attendance14th to 18 th September 2026			
EYFS	98.6%	Holy Family	56%
Year One	95%	Year Four	95.3%
Year Two	100%	Year Five	95.7%
Year Three	95.3%	Year Six	96.9%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Elvin
Year 2: Ava
Year 3: Malani
Year 4: Romeo
Year 5: Oliver
Holy Family: Harold

Believe in yourself

✚ First Holy Communion ✚

Thank you to all the families who have returned their First Holy Communion registration forms. We are delighted that our children will be preparing for this very special Sacrament together here at Sacred Heart, supported by their school, parish and families.

We are now finalising the arrangements and will be in touch shortly with further information, including when the preparation sessions will begin.

House Points

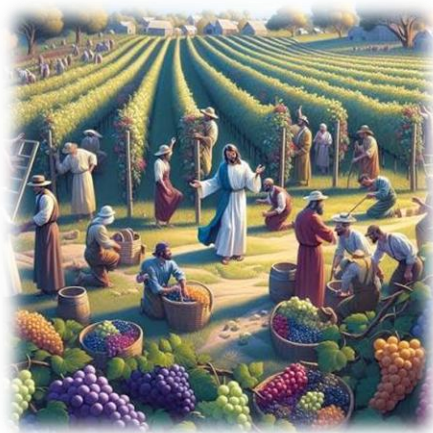
St Patrick: 131
St Andrew: 154
St David: 151
St George: 139

This Week's Gospel – Matthew 21: 28-32

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a father who asks his two sons to go and work in his vineyard. The first son says "no", but later changes his mind and goes. The second son says "yes", but does not actually do what his father asks. Jesus teaches us that our actions matter more than our words. God does not expect us to get everything right the first time. When we make a wrong choice, we can recognise it, change our minds and choose to do what is right. What matters is that we listen to God and show our faith through the way we live.

It is easy to say that we care about others, but Jesus asks us to show our love through our actions; through kindness, forgiveness, helping others and noticing those who need us. It also connects with our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Care for Creation. We can say that we care about God's wonderful world, but we are called to put those words into action by looking after our environment, respecting all living things and making choices that protect our common home.

This week, our challenge is simple: Don't just say what is right, choose to do what is right.



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:

Sophia



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 a busy week again! In English, we have been continuing to read 'The Colour Monster' and thinking about our different feelings and identifying when we feel that way. In Maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns. We had a go at making our own repeating patterns using potatoes. In RE, we have been drawing pictures of ourselves. We used a mirror to make sure we drew all the correct features. We all look different and that is what makes us so special! We had a talent show on Friday to celebrate all our special skills.
Year One	Year 1 have been busy in maths this week. The children have been using their greater than, less than and equal symbols to compare numbers to 10. In English, the children created their own cave paintings using the ideas from our story Cave Baby. They then wrote a sentence to describe their artwork. In RE, the children explored the first 4 lines of the Nicene Creed. We discussed what it means to them, and they drew pictures to represent this.
Year Two	We have been working very hard in Year 2 this week. In English we have continued our work based around 'The Proudest Blue' and have been writing diary entries in the past tense. In Maths we have been revising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Our geography work this week was using atlases and globes to identify the north and south poles and the equator. In RE this week, we have been developing our understanding of what sin means, linked to the story of Noah. We learned that through Noah, God opened a path of salvation and gave us the chance for a new beginning. We reflected on how actions can help or harm ourselves and others and what this could mean for our friendship with God
Year Four	What a busy week we have had! In English we have finished reading Cinderella of the Nile and we are now comparing it to Cinderella with a focus on using conjunctions to write amazing sentences. In Maths we have been doing place value with 4 digit numbers. We have been ordering, recognising and partitioning the numbers. In Science we have set up an experiment using eggs to find out the effect of sugary drinks on teeth. Our RE lessons this week have continued to be about Abraham. The children have learnt about his call and linked it with the catholic virtue of Hope. They considered how Abraham showed great hope in God by following his instructions. On Tuesday afternoon the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Greg James and Chris Smith and finding out about their new book. We read their previous book, The Twits Next Door, last year so we are excited to read the new one.
Year Five	It's been quite a week for Year Five! The children have enjoyed learning all about four amazing women from NASA and finishing the 'Hidden Figures' book. They are very prepared for their non-chronological report writing next week. In Science, we explored dissolving using a variety of materials to discover which dissolved the quickest and why. Year Five thoroughly enjoyed the author event at the Cresset and the religious magic show performed by Father Paulose. In RE this week, Year Five explored how the Israelites struggled to live well after leaving Egypt and how the Ten Commandments helped them and help you to lead happy lives. They matched up rules from before their freedom and after their freedom, and linked them to the commandments. In our second lesson, Year Five wrote short stories in pairs for one of the commandments, focusing on how the commandment can bring happiness.

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Year Six	Year Six have had a very busy week this week! They've flown through their first maths unit of place value and are now ready to get started with their new learning. We have reminded the children that practicing their times tables regularly will help them with all areas of math's. This week they got stuck into learning new skills for their art learning all about street art. The focus for this lesson was one-point perspectives, and we've been so impressed with some of the pieces they've created. On Friday, the children were invited to join all the other schools in the trust at Norwich Cathedral to celebrate the Diocesan Jubilee Year. This was a wonderful day reminding us that we are part of a much wider Catholic community, united in our shared faith.
Holy Family	We have had fun with Art and RE this week where we have recapped the story of Noah. We talked about how God made a promise to Noah and every time we see a rainbow; it reminds us that God will never break that promise. We made our own clay rainbows which we made into fridge magnets. We will make promises to people we love. Every time we see our magnet, it will remind us of our promises! We have also enjoyed exploring Egypt further and investigating the different landscapes there such as deserts, tropical seas, mountains and oases! 

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>	
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
Monday 5 th October	After School childcare provision starts – see parent email/posters for details
Wednesday 7 th October	Parents Evening Consultations – see email sent for booking details
Wednesday 14 th October	Individual and Sibling school photographs – see email sent
Wednesday 21 st October	Reception & Year 6 Welcome Ceremony – see letter/email sent
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
Thursday 12 th November	Year 5 Peterborough Cathedral Trip - see letter/email sent



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

A safe, friendly and fun place for our children to relax, play and be together after school.



When?
3.15pm –
5.00pm



Cost
£8.00
per session



Who for?
All children
at Sacred Heart

What's on offer?



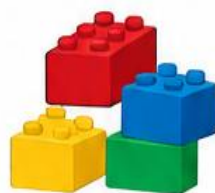
Creative
activities



Games
and sports



Quiet time
and reading



Construction
and problem
solving



Fun with
friends



A time to relax, learn, play and grow!

