

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



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Head's News...

A Special Start to October

This week we were delighted to welcome Father Paulose back to Sacred Heart to celebrate our first whole-school Mass of the year. It was wonderful to gather together as a school family, particularly as we begin October, the month of Mary. During this special month, we are encouraged to turn to Mary in prayer and follow her example of faith, compassion and trust in God.

We are also very excited that the relics of St Carlo Acutis will visit Sacred Heart next week. The children have been learning about this remarkable young saint and we look forward to this very special opportunity for prayer and reflection.

After School Club

After School Club begins on Monday 5th October. Although many families expressed an interest when we consulted parents, bookings so far have been limited. We will need to monitor take-up to ensure the provision remains financially viable, so if you would like to use the club, please book through the school office.

Parents' Evening

Finally, Parents' Evening is next week. Appointments have now been booked, so please do attend; this is an important opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and discuss their learning with their teacher. We have another very special week ahead as we continue to live and learn, play and pray together.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **95.4%** our target is a minimum of **97.5%** - please do send children in for every learning opportunity.

Attendance W/C 28 th September 2026			
EYFS	95.9%	Holy Family	60%
Year One	98.3%	Year Four	98%
Year Two	100%	Year Five	97.3%
Year Three	97.5%	Year Six	98.9%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Olivia
Year 2: Amayah
Year 3: Rowan
Year 4: Maya
Year 5: Sienna
Year 6: Kate
Heart of Gold: Alexia

Believe in yourself

Punctuality Matters

Thank you to all our families who ensure children arrive at school on time and ready to learn each morning. Being punctual helps children to settle calmly, begin learning alongside their classmates and make the most of every learning opportunity.

Every minute of learning matters!

House Points

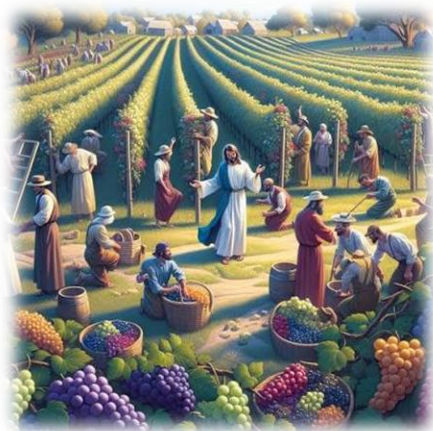
St Patrick: 318
St Andrew: 365
St David: 376
St George: 332

This Week's Gospel – Matthew 21: 33-43

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a landowner who entrusts his vineyard to some tenants. Instead of caring for it and giving the owner what belongs to him, the tenants become selfish and refuse to listen to the people he sends to them.

Jesus reminds us that God has entrusted many precious things to our care – our families, one another, our gifts and talents, and the beautiful world He has created. God asks us not simply to enjoy these gifts, but to use them well and to care for them responsibly.

For us today, the message is simple: God trusts us to make good choices, to show love through our actions and to take care of what He has given us. This links beautifully with our value of being Compassionate and Loving and our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Care for Creation.



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:

**Brigit, Jady, Oskar, Olivia, Oliver,
Krystian and Julia**



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! We have been thinking all about our families. In English, we have been reading 'Monkey Puzzle' and have been having a go at writing the sounds for the characters in the story. In maths, we have been looking at the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have been learning to subitise! In theme, we have been talking about what our houses look like and who lives in our house with us. In RE, we have been talking about families and understand that we are all part of God's family.
Year One	This week in Year One, the children have been busy re-telling the story of Cave Baby. We have been really impressed with the sentences they have produced. In maths, the children have finished their unit on place value to 10 and are ready to move onto addition and subtraction next week. In geography, the children have been learning about the UK, and they were able to label the 4 countries. During RE this week, the children have explored how we know God is with us. They responded with lots of thoughtful answers such as; in our hearts, looking at the flowers, feeling the wind.
Year Two	This week in Year Two, the children have been writing their own opening for a story based on 'The Proudest Blue'. The children tried hard to include the different features we have been looking at over the last few weeks. In maths, the children have reached the end of our unit on place value and worked practically to show what they have learned. During RE this week, we have been looking at stewardship and the things we can do to care for the beautiful world that God has given us. We also spent some time learning about the life of Saint Carlo Acutis, who we found very inspirational.
Year Three	It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 3! In Art, we experimented with applying different amounts of pressure to create lighter and darker shades. The children enjoyed developing their pencil control and creating different effects in their artwork. In Science, we have been learning about the different food groups and discussing how eating a balanced diet helps to keep our bodies healthy and strong. Maths, this week the children have shown an excellent understanding of formal written addition with exchange. We have been practising adding 3-digit numbers, carefully lining up the ones, tens and hundreds. The children have worked hard to understand when and how to exchange between columns and are becoming increasingly confident with this method. Within RE, we have been learning about the importance of a holy day of rest. We explored the importance of Sunday as the Lord's Day, a special time for Catholics to rest, pray, attend Mass and spend time with family and the community.
Year Four	Year Four have begun writing their Cinderella of the Nile inspired stories in English. In Maths they have been working hard on place value, using numbers to 10000. In History this week they learnt about the Ancient Egyptian Pharaohs. The most exciting lesson this week was PE when we got all the large apparatus in the hall out. The children loved experimenting and climbing all over it. In RE we have continued to learn about Abraham and linked his story to the Catholic virtues. This week we focussed on Charity.

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Year Five	This week in Year Five, the children have been working on finishing their non-chronological report for the Hidden Figures. There have been incredible pieces of work, using superlatives, noun of noun phrases and many more. In Maths, we explore negative numbers. In Theme, the children looked at what changed after the Romans left Britain. For our RE session, we explore the life of Carlo Acutis, creating a social media profile and presentation all about him and his achievements.
Year Six	This week in Year Six, the children have finished learning all the skills required to write their own historical narrative next week. We finished 'The Lion and The Unicorn' and discussed the contrasting themes of fear 'vs' bravery and love 'vs' war as ideas for our own story. In maths, the children have learnt lots of new key knowledge about factors, multiples, and prime numbers. The children have continued to show their fantastic art skills this week by using a scaling technique. In RE, we spent some time learning about Saint Carlo Acutis and the importance of his life. We completed our learning on our Chromebooks after being inspired by how he used technology to share his love of the Eucharist.
Holy Family	This week we explored the River Nile using a practical, sensory, geography activity. We created our own Nile landscape using blue material for our 4000mile river and contrasting materials for our dry surrounding desert. We added homes, people, farms, crops and boats, thinking about where each should be placed and why. Through matching, placing, talking and exploring, we discovered that most people in Egypt live by the River Nile as it provides water, transport, food and farming. In RE we have been looking closely at the Creation story in Genesis and listing everything which God created for us. We prayed together and shared songs and also listed what we need to do to look after God's creation.



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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Key Dates

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
Friday 13 th November	Year 6 Singing Day at The Cresset – details to follow
Wednesday 25 th November	Flu Vaccination team in school – details to follow
Thursday 26 th November	Advent Art Morning – details to follow
Tuesday 8 th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – details to follow
Wednesday 8 th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – details to follow
Thursday 10 th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 2pm – details to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Key stage 2 Carol Concert – details to follow
Thursday 17 th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip – details to follow



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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?



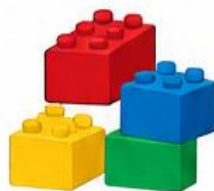
Creative
activities



Games
and sports



Quiet time
and reading



Construction
and problem
solving



Fun with
friends



A time to relax, learn, play and grow!

