

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



Friday 24th November 2023

*Together we live and learn; we
play and pray.*

Message from Mr Claxton

Mrs Robertshaw and I have had a really positive week looking at the Religious Education work that has been taking place over this term. We are so proud of how well the children are engaging with this learning.

May I remind all parents and carers the importance of good school attendance. This is the number one thing that we as parents can do to support our children's education. If a child misses one day of learning, they will still need to catch up, thus resulting in lost learning elsewhere. I have received a number of leave of absence forms. By way of a reminder, I am unable to authorise term time holidays. If these are taken, parents/carers run the risk of being referred to the local authority for a fixed-penalty notice.

As we enter the final week of November, we will begin soon to turn our attention to advent and the joyful hope that Jesus' birth brings us.

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 98%

Year One: 87.6%

Year Two: 96%

Year Three: 100%

Year Four: 99.3%

Year Five: 96%

Year Six: 96.7%

School: 96.2%

Year to date: 96.2%

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>

**Next week's gospel:
Matthew 25: 31-46**

FOSH update!

A huge thank you once again to Seanan and her team who ran an excellent Christmas film night this week!

We still have spaces on Tuesday – please book on!

UPCOMING DATES

28th Nov – FOSH Christmas Movie Night – see email
4th December – 15th December – Reverse Advent – see email
6th December – Advent Service in school 5pm – see email
7th December – Choir visit to SJF Catholic Schools Carol Service
12th December – Year 1 & 2 Nativity AM – see email
13th December – EYFS Nativity AM – see email
13th December – Christmas Jumper Day – see email
13th December – Christmas Lunch – see email – **PLEASE PRE-BOOK BY 29 NOV**
13th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper day – details to follow
14th December – Year 1 & 2 Nativity PM – see email
15th December – FOSH Christmas Fayre
19th December – Whole School Trip to

MASS DATES

30th Nov – Years Two & Four
7th Dec – Years Three & Six
14th Dec – Years One & Five



EYFS

This week we have been very busy rehearsing for our Nativity play. Thank you for helping the children to learn their lines and song lyrics. We learnt about advent wreaths this week in RE. We painted our own, using the correct colours for each candle. In Phonics we have been learning the /r/ sound and the children enjoyed being robots!

Year 1

In Year 1, we have been reading the story 'Stanley's stick'. The children have been writing descriptive sentences about Stanley and his stick. In Maths, the children have been working really hard on subtracting on a number line. We have been really proud with how quickly they have understood this! This week, we have started our new topic 'Our school' where we have begun to look at the history of Sacred Heart.

Year 2

This week Year two have enjoyed writing their own non - chronological report on King Charles. After learning about the features of a non – chronological report, the children used their knowledge of King Charles to plan and write about him. The children also enjoyed finishing their books that they illustrated within art as well as starting their new Theme topic on 'Women in history' and learnt about Mary Seacole.

Year 3

This week Year 3 finished their work on the Stone Age to Iron Age by an exciting trip to Flag Fen. The children loved all the different activities and were delighted to be able to hear a story sat in a real roundhouse! They also had a go at throwing spears at a deer (don't worry the spears were wood and the deer was made of willow!) They also got the chance to handle real objects and replicas from the period. Their behaviour was brilliant and Mrs Ward was delighted by how much the children had remembered from their theme lessons. Their clay pots will come home once they have been thoroughly dried out.



Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been quite busy with assessments! The children showed excellent focus and perseverance completing these. This was the last week of our Ancient Egyptians topic, and the children had a fantastic time, role-playing a TV interview of the discovery of Tutankhamun's

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tomb. Furthermore, in writing, the children worked on their diary entries about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb! Our next topic will be ... The Romans! We are all very excited!

Year 5

Year Five have really enjoyed writing their setting descriptions of the Battle of Hastings as the character of Magnus Godwinson in Anglo-Saxon Boy. They had fun including all the historical facts and detail but also got stuck into creating a vivid picture in the reader's mind through the use of similes, personification, and metaphors. Ten Year Five children represented our school at the Peterborough Primary School's mixed hockey competition on Thursday afternoon. The children were impeccably behaved and did our school proud.

Year 6

In Year Six, we have been busily making Viking Ships as part of our DT lessons. We have been measuring, sawing, sanding and trying to do everything with precision. The final product is almost ready – photos to follow next week.