

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



Friday 1st December 2023

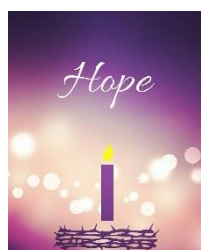
*Together we live and learn; we
play and pray.*

Message from Mr Claxton

As we enter the period of Advent, we have been reflecting on what brings us hope. I urge you to spend time as a family this Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, to reflect on this.

We have been busy rehearsing our nativities and are looking forward to sharing these with families in the coming weeks!

God of hope be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, be with us in our worship and our praying together, be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, our God of hope. Amen.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 92.1%

Year One: 97.7%

Year Two: 98.7%

Year Three: 98.1%

Year Four: 95%

Year Five: 99.3%

Year Six: 98.1%

School: 96.9%

Year to date: 96.3%

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:

Mark 13: 33-37

FOSH update!

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

These funds will directly support things in school.

UPCOMING DATES

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

8th December – FOSH Dress Down day – colour donation – see email

12th December – Year 1 & 2 Nativity AM – see email

13th December – EYFS Nativity AM – see email

13th December – Christmas Lunch – see email – **PLEASE PRE-BOOK BY 29 NOV**

13th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper day – see email

14th December – Year 1 & 2 Nativity PM – see email

15th December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – see email

19th December – Whole School Trip to Pantomime – see email

MASS DATES

7th Dec - Years Three & Six

14th Dec - Years One & Five



EYFS

We have been busy practising Whoops – a – Daisy Angel. Thank you for all your help at home – lots of the children know their lines now! Please keep practising...just over a week to go!

This week in RE we have continued to learn about Jesus' birth and created our own stable scenes using lolly sticks. In Maths we have been learning about the numbers four and five. We have made different arrangements of objects and have found different ways to make 4 and 5.

We have learnt the /h/ and /b/ sound this week and have practised our blending skills when reading.

Year 2

Year 2 have continued to learn about Mary Seacole in theme this week, they thought about the conditions that she worked in and compared them to modern day hospitals. Within our Science work we continued to look at properties of materials and thought about what materials our houses are made of and why. Year two have also enjoyed the start of the shape unit in Maths, identifying the vertices and sides as well as drawing their own shapes.

Year 3

Year Three have been working very hard doing assessments this week and practicing carols for our end of term carol singing! Our new topic has begun this week. We started by recapping the continents and the countries of the UK. We will be learning about Europe.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children finished their diary entries on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, and we have finished our class novel of The Ancient Egypt Sleepover. The class loved the ending of the book! Our new class novel is The Thieves of Ostia. This leads us nicely into our new topic of The Romans! To start our topic, the children looked at who the Romans were and where they came from. In Science, we are continuing to learn about classification. The children collected leaves from around the school grounds and classified them in different ways. In Maths, we are developing our knowledge of multiplication and division facts, focusing primarily on the 3,6,7 and 9 times tables.

Year 5

Year Five have been exploring the internet in their computing lessons this week. They have been investigating how everything we learn online is not true. They searched the same questions about the same explorer (Christopher Columbus) using different websites and received conflicting information from every site. One site even said he had died before he was born! This prompted us into looking into ways of searching effectively so that we don't waste hours trawling through inaccurate information and arming ourselves with tools to ensure we can evaluate websites safely and accurately. In Science we have been continuing to investigate materials. This week we investigated the properties of different materials. We investigated whether the materials are electrical conductors, transparent, strong thermal conductors or magnetic.



Year 6

After much discussing, measuring, sawing, and glueing, we finally finished our long ships! They are automata toys which use cams and followers to create movement. While the function of the end product is, of course, important, the techniques we learnt and skills we developed along the way far outweigh this. They are on display by the window in our classroom – have a look as you come into the playground!

