

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday 8th December 2023

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



Message from Mr Claxton

What a brilliant week of Advent services. Our Advent service at school was very well attended. Our children were, as always, incredibly respectful and reverent. Thank you to Mrs Robertshaw and Mrs Ward who organised the readings and the singing.

We also had our Catholic school carol service at St John Fisher this week. Thank you to Mrs Ward and Mrs Mortimer on all they have done to prepare the choir for this. Our children were such excellent ambassadors for our school and made us incredibly proud.

God of peace, as we light the second Advent candle of peace, may your peace fill our hearts and our world. Help us to be peacemakers in our relationships and communities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 96.1%

Year One: 93%

Year Two: 97%

Year Three: 98.7%

Year Four: 97.3%

Year Five: 93.3%

Year Six: 94.5%

School: 95.7%

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 1: 1-8

Reverse Advent Calendar

A reminder that we are still collecting for our reverse Advent calendar throughout December. These donations will support those families who need it this Christmas. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

UPCOMING DATES

4th December – 15th December –
Reverse Advent – 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

14th Dec - Years One & Five



EYFS

The children are very excited to perform their Nativity play next week. They have been working hard to learn their lines and the songs. We can't wait for you to see it!

We have also been finding one less than a number in Maths. In English we have been writing CVC words using the different sounds that we have learnt.

Year 1

This week in Year one, we have been busy practising our Nativity ready for next week! The children have been working incredibly hard and they can't wait to show off their singing! In English, the children have been writing their own version of 'Stanley's Stick', we have all really enjoyed reading this book and we have been impressed with the writing they have all produced. In Maths, the children have blown us away with their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and they have enjoyed exploring all the different shapes.

Year 2

It has been a busy week this week, we have been getting ready for our Nativity next week as well as doing lots of other learning. In Theme we focussed on Edith Cavell, we found out who she was and then we imagined we were her and wrote a diary of her day. We really enjoyed our RE lesson on advent this week, we first discussed what each candle represented and made our own model advent wreaths. In English we have been thinking about significant invention in preparation for our instruction writing next week. We picked a significant invention and thought about how we use it.

Year 3

This week we have been recapping on our knowledge of the UK and thinking about counties and cities in the UK. The children had fun finding the names on a map in the atlas and seeing where they were in the country. In English we are getting ready to write our information leaflet about Flag Fen which will include lots of great facts and descriptions of the place. We are also getting ready for some carol singing in a couple of weeks so there has been lots of singing this week.

Year 4

Our first week of Advent is over. The children showed reverence and excellent listening skills during the daily Advent reflections. This week in theme, we looked at the difference between BC and AD, and how to order dates in chronological order. In our English, we used fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to create wonderfully detailed sentences about the daily life of a roman soldier, in preparation for our big letter write! In Maths, the children have been focusing on the 11- and 12-times tables, playing lots of games to build quick recall of the multiplication and division facts.

Year 5

This week in Science Year Five have been testing which materials or type of plastic make the best carrier bags. They measured how much weight they could take before tearing and showed their data in tables and graphs. They have enjoyed Advent reflections and have been enthusiastic about the 'Go forth' tasks set for them by the class chaplains. Everyone went home and researched what their names meant after hearing that God asked Sarah and Abraham to change their names to new names with special meanings. All of year Five have names with interesting and beautiful meanings. Very well-chosen Year Five parents!

Year 6

In Maths this week, we started a new topic: converting units. We learnt about metric and imperial units and applied our knowledge to solving real-life problems. We realised that in order to convert between units successfully, you need to be able to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 quickly and accurately. In Theme, we continued our World War Two topic and learnt about how children were evacuated during the war. We tried to put ourselves in the children's shoes and had a good discussion about what *one* toy we would have taken with us in our suitcase.

FOSH Christmas Fayre – Friday 15th December

Thank you for all of the amazing colour donations today for dress down day.



A reminder about the following in preparation for the FOSH Christmas Fayre on Friday 15th December:

- Santa Tickets (shows at 3.40pm, 4pm and 4.20pm) currently on sale from the school office after school each day, £3 a ticket, must be pre-booked.
- Raffle Tickets to be returned to the school office with completed ticket stubs and correct money in a named envelope by Thursday 14th December.
- Dress Down Day on Friday 15th December in exchange for Tombola Donations – EYFS/Yr1/Yr2 - Sweets & Chocolate (nut free), Yr3/Yr4/Yr5/Yr6 – alcoholic or non-alcoholic bottle donation.