



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Message from Mr Claxton

We started our week with a lovely Remembrance Service, reflecting and praying those who served and are currently serving in our Armed Forces.

Well done to our Year Three and Four football team who competed locally; they won one, drew two and lost one. They were, of course, incredibly well behaved and did our school proud. Another group of these children also performed at The Cresset with our choir.

Just a reminder please, all long hair should be tied up. This will help to ensure that children remain head lice free; thank you to those of you who are supporting with this!

**Loving God, help us to hear their cries and come to their aid. Teach us to see with your eyes their tremendous dignity and to care for them as you care. Let us see in them your face, that through our solidarity with them they may experience your compassion, concern and love. Amen**

## UPCOMING DATES

- 25<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day for colour donations – email to follow
- 26<sup>th</sup> November – FOSH Christmas movie night – see email for details
- 28<sup>th</sup> November – FOSH Christmas movie night – see email for details
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – Advent service 5pm – see email for details
- 6<sup>th</sup> December - Non-uniform day for tombola donations – see email for details
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – see email for details
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity – see email for ticket booking info
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity – see email for ticket booking info
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - see email for details
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school pantomime trip – see email for details
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn Term

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 88.6%

Year One: 95.6%

Year Two: 97.5%

Year Three: 97.7%

Year Four: 94.5%

Year Five: 96%

Year Six: 98.6%

Holy family: 86.6%

School: 95.5%

Year to date: 96.5%

**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: 24-32

Current Gospel value:

Justice

## MASS DATES

- 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Y4/Y2
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Y5/Y3
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – Y6/Y1
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Y4/Y2



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### The Friday Messenger

#### Our current unit: Creation and Covenant Year Six: The Kingdom of God

##### EYFS

In RE this week, EYFS have been learning more about the Annunciation and understanding that the special baby was to be given a special name 'Jesus'. The children talked about their own names and why having a name is a very special thing. They made new baby cards to welcome baby Jesus.

##### Year One

In RE this week, Year One have listened to the scripture about the Annunciation. We explored why Mary was chosen and why she said 'yes' to God. We then thought of different ways in which we can say 'yes' to God.

##### Year Two

The focus within RE this week was prophets and prophetesses. The children started off with finding out what a prophet or prophetess is as well as naming some examples of them. We then looked at Zachariah's message about John the Baptist's future. After reading and discussing the scripture the children annotated what Zachariah's message meant.

##### Year Three

In our lessons this week the children have been thinking about the key roles in the church including the server, musician, welcomer and reader. They learnt about these roles and considered the qualities that people would need to fulfil the role.

##### Year Four

This week, Year Four explored the story of Elijah further. We read the scripture 1 Kings 18:16-40 and compared the religious practices of Elijah's time and the Israelites. The children then answered the question "Why was it difficult for the Israelites to stay true to God when other cultures were worshipping Baal?". In our second lesson, we explored the picture, Elijah in the Desert. We listened to calming music and made sure we were silent and reflecting on the picture using these prompts: What do you notice about Elijah's expression in this artwork? How does this image help you understand Elijah's mission and relationship with God? What message do you think the artist wanted to convey about Elijah's faithfulness to God?

##### Year Six

This week Year 6 began the second branch of RE learning - 'Prophecy and Promise'. Their focus is around the role of women in salvation history. They started by looking at Esther's story and understanding the significance of her in salvation history. They created a visual representation of the key events from the scripture passages whilst considering how she showed courage and faith. The children then reflected on how they can respond to God's call in their own life, inspired by the example of Esther.

*Loving Jesus, please give world leaders the strength to protect and preserve the beauty of God's creation of Earth. Amen*

**Our value for this month is:**

**Justice**

Action!

Create a poster to promote the importance of climate change with COP29 currently occurring.



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### **EYFS**

In phonics this week we have been learning the sounds 'v', 'w', 'x' and 'y'. They are doing very well with their oral blending. The children have been enjoying making shape patterns out of triangles and circles, as well as completing a shape hunt around the school. The children have also had the chance to make their own poppy designs using buttons, counters, lolly pop sticks and beads. We have been really impressed with the way they have thought about and constructed their designs.



### **Year 1**

This week in Year One, the children have started to learn about their new book 'On the way home'. They have really enjoyed listening to the story and writing their own sentences. In maths, the children have started to subtract numbers up to 10. In geography, the children used their knowledge of map symbols from last week to draw their own map of the school ground.

### **Year 2**

Year two continued to work on fact files and wrote amazing fact files on dragons. The children really enjoyed Design and Technology this week, they were making a linkage out of card and split pins to use for their moving monsters that they have designed. Within Theme the children were summarising their knowledge on Kings and Queens, placing each of the monarchs they have learnt about on a timeline and summarising their life.

### **Year 3**

Year Three have been learning to subtract in maths with exchange. It has been a challenge, but we are all nearly there! In English they have been writing non-chronological reports about the Stone Age to Iron Age. This week was the last week of our work on the Stone Age to Iron Age and the children learnt about Iron Age hillforts.

### **Year 4**

This week, Year Four have started to plan for their diary entry as Howard Carter entering the tomb of Tutankhamun. We finished off 'The Ancient Egypt Sleepover', the children loved how Mo stopped the robber from escaping! In Maths, we have finished our topic of addition and subtraction, and next week we will be moving onto area. Next week, Year Four will be starting their new topic of The Romans and starting our new novel 'The Thieves of Ostia'.

Here are some photos from last week's trip to Grafham Water – there are a few more on the school website:





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### **Year 6**

Last week, Year 6 were able to enjoy their long-awaited trip to Caythorpe. They were brilliant representatives for our school and had a great time. The children participated in lots of activities with some of the favourites being: vertical challenge, zip wire and sensory trail. We were incredibly proud of the children facing their fears and showing brilliant teamwork across the week.



### **Holy Family**

This week in the Holy Family we have been discussing emotions and how our bodies feel when we are experiencing certain emotions. The children described their bodies as feeling on fire when they were cross, and they linked that to the colour red.

We have also started to look at addition and subtraction in maths – they are all amazing at knowing their number bonds within 10 and relating them to number bonds within 100!

In RE we looked at all the ways in which we can look after and protect the wonderful world God has created for us.