



# Sacred Heart

## Catholic Primary School

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

### Message from Mr Claxton

During anti-bullying week last week, the children worked on preparing different pieces of artwork and posters to highlight our school values. The children were able to articulate these incredibly well and reminded the children of our core values, underpinned by our Catholic ethos.

We had the pleasure of welcoming trainee teachers to school this week to look at our phonics practice. They were very complimentary about the behaviours and manners of our children and also of the high-quality teaching and learning that they observed.

As a reminder, with the cold weather now well and truly here, coats, hats and scarves should all be in school. Please also feel free to send your child with spare outdoor shoes, so that they can continue to enjoy time on the field.

**Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Amen**

### UPCOMING DATES

25<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day for colour donations – see email for details

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: 90%

Year One: 95.6%

Year Two: 95.7%

Year Three: 98.1%

Year Four: 95.1%

Year Five: 94.3%

Year Six: 94%

Holy family: 100%

School: 94.7%

Year to date: 96.4%

**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:

John 18:33-37

Current Gospel value:

Justice

### MASS DATES

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: Prophecy and Promise

##### EYFS

This week in RE, we have been learning about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. We plotted the journey on a map and talked about how long it would have taken and how it might have felt riding a donkey. The children then used their cutting skills to cut out pictures of the characters, stick them onto a stable and label using their initial sounds.

##### Year One

In RE this week, the children learnt about the Visitation and we explored the words of the Hail Mary. The children discussed where these words are in the Bible and they also worked in pairs to sequence the prayer.

##### Year Two

Our focus in RE this week was Jesus. We started off with reading the scripture of the annunciation of Jesus and looked at some art work that reflected the story. We then thought about who Mary is and what she does for us. We then concentrated on the birth of Jesus. We read the scripture and then rewrote the story.

##### Year Three

Year Three have investigated the order of Mass and thought about why it is ordered in that way. They discussed which part was the most important.

##### Year Four

Year Four have investigated the descriptions of John the Baptist in the Gospels of Mark and Matthew. They completed a Venn diagram with the similarities between the two accounts. In the second lesson, they used the two descriptions to create a piece of artwork of John the Baptist using Leonardo Da Vinci's Saint John the Baptist as inspiration.

##### Year Five

This week we explored David's kingship further and why God chose him to lead over more obvious suitable candidates. We explored Psalm 21 which was David's hymn of gratitude to God. We wrote our prayers for 2024, thanking God for what we have using the imagery and ideas in Psalm 21. We then worked with our partners to list the qualities which God saw in David that others did not, and what may have happened if God did not choose David to be his king. We linked this to how many people today with similar qualities are overlooked, how many people are not given the chance to shine and show their talents. We listed all the ways we make sure that everyone in our school community are valued and given the chance to shine just like David.

##### Year Six

This week the children continued to focus on the role of the women in the Old Testament on salvation history with a focus on Miriam being a true protagonist. We discussed the language to ensure we had a secure understanding before reading Exodus 1:2-22; 2:1-10. We then used Miriam's story to consider what we could learn from her willingness to trust in God's plan and how we could use this to create a commitment to action in our own lives.

*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!

Reflect on times of change and pray for those who are going through this at the moment. Pray and remember to God's love is constant and ever-present!



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### **EYFS**

This week we have been practising for our Nativity play. The children have enjoyed singing the songs and we are beginning to put together the acting. If your child has a speaking role, please practise with them at home. In phonics we have been learning – zz, qu, ch as well as learning that we can add ‘s’ to a word to make a plural e.g. cats, naps. Our new book is The Gruffalo and the children drew some fantastic pictures which they also labelled.

### **Year 1**

This week, Year One have been busy practising their Nativity. They have really enjoyed learning the songs and actions. In English, we have continued our work based on the story ‘On the way home’. The children have now begun to plan their own version of the story. In history, we have learnt about some of the history of our school.

### **Year 2**

We have been busy rehearsing for the nativity this week in year 2. We have been learning the songs with actions and started using the stage. Within Theme we started our new topic ‘Women in history’, starting with creating time lines of the women we are going to learn about. We then found out about Mary Seacole and the work she did in the Crimean war. Within Science this week, the children really enjoyed testing a variety of materials for their different properties. The children also started decorating their ‘moving monster’ decorating it to their design.

### **Year 3**

In Theme we have begun to look at our new topic of Europe. We started by identifying the continents and the key countries in the UK. In Maths we have begun to learn about multiplication and division and how it relates to each other. In English we have started to look at writing an adventure story. We have also started learning Christmas Carols for our carol singing at the end of term.

### **Year 4**

This week, Year Four finished off their diary entries from the point of view of Howard Carter. They created some lovely entries, using senses and description to make you feel like you are there. The children enjoyed playing an area game in Maths, using dice and squared paper. In Theme, Year Four created beautiful story maps for the two Roman origin stories. In Science, Year Four used a classification key for the first time to classify biscuits. Next week, they will be using them to classify animals.

### **Year 5**

Year Five have really enjoyed their learning in Maths this week. We have learnt about prime number, square numbers and cube numbers and have thoroughly enjoyed getting our teeth stuck into tricky reasoning problems using these types of numbers. We have also been working as structural engineers trying to build successful bridges but with spaghetti! We will use our findings from this when we start to design our own Truss bridges in Design and Technology next week.



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### **Year 6**

This week Year 6 have completed their poetry writing with a focus on World War I and World War II. They have worked incredibly hard when analysing classic war poetry including: 'In Flanders Fields' and 'Dulce et Decorum Est'. We used these to inspire our ideas and vocabulary before writing our own poems with a theme of our choice. These will be displayed around school for others to enjoy. Year 6 have also shown great enthusiasm when learning about the heart and circulatory system for their new science topic. It's wonderful to see them so engaged and full of inquisitive questions.

### **Holy Family**

This week we have been learning about different ways the Stone Age people were able to create colours in their art. We made paint from flour and water and added different spices to it to create red, yellow and orange. We also discussed how the paint wasn't as smooth as the paint we use today.

We have also been fascinated by the recent cold weather, making patterns in the frost and listening to the sounds it makes under our feet.

In RE we listened to 'Laudato Si' and thought about the ways we could help to look after the world. We also learnt a song linked to 'Laudato Si'.