



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 6th December 2024

Message from Mr Claxton

A huge thank you to all of you came and supported our Advent Service on Wednesday evening. It is a truly special evening and one in which the children excelled; well done all.

Well done and thank you, also, to our choir for their excellent singing and reading at the Joint Catholic School Carol Concert on Thursday evening. Well done and thank you to all of the staff who helped them prepare!

Our Christmas Fayre, organised by FOSH, is this evening and I look forward to welcoming you all and seeing as many of you there as possible.

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

UPCOMING DATES

6th December - Non-uniform day for tombola donations – see email for details
6th December – FOSH Christmas Fayre – see email for details
10th & 12th December – KS1 Nativity – see email for ticket booking info
11th December – EYFS Nativity – see email for ticket booking info
11th December – School Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day - see email for details
19th December – Whole school pantomime trip – see email for details
20th December – Last day of Autumn Term

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 88.2%

Year One: 76.9%

Year Two: 86.8%

Year Three: 97.1%

Year Four: 92.5%

Year Five: 98.3%

Year Six: 98.3%

Holy family: 100%

School: 89.7%

Year to date: 95.2%

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:

Luke 3: 1-6

Advent focus:

Peace

MASS DATES

13th December – Y6/Y1

20th December – Y4/Y2



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The Friday Messenger

Our current unit: Prophecy and Promise

EYFS

Our RE this week has been focused around our Nativity practise. We have talked about which parts of the story relate to the different songs in the play. The children are really excited to perform next week!

Year One

In RE this week, we looked at how The Nativity is represented around the world and compared it to how we celebrate The Nativity in school and in church.

Year Two

Our focus in RE this week was the visitation, after reading the scripture we looked at some art work of the visitation and thought about what it meant. We then looked at the Magnificat that Mary said, we thought about what it meant and then created amazing posters on how to make the world a fairer place.

Year Three

In RE the children have continued to consider the true meaning of Advent. This week they used two Christmas adverts to look at the theme of giving and considered what the most precious gift we could give was. Can you guess what we decided?

Year Four

Year Four looked at the Feast of Christ the King and explored how and why it is celebrated. The children created a table with their ideas on how we serve Christ and how Christ serves us. The children then designed their own icon of Jesus as Christ the King using other pieces of artwork for inspiration.

Year Five

Year Five explored the Joyful Moments in the Life of Christ through the Rosary. They celebrated the joyful mysteries of the Rosary: The Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity of our Lord, the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple, and the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple through planning a piece of artwork which depicts one of these scenes.

Year Six

During our RE lessons this week, we have focussed on the Magnificat prayer and how it shows radical expectations of the Messiah. Before looking at the prayer, we discussed what was meant by radical expectations to ensure we had a clear understanding before linking this to the prayer. We also listened to a variety of sung versions of the Magnificat to explore how others and ourselves interpret the meaning before comparing with our partners.

Our Advent value this week is:

Peace

Action!

Engage in an act of spreading peace with a member of our community!



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EYFS

This week we have been very busy with our rehearsals, including our first dress rehearsal on Friday. The children have done an amazing job learning their lines and now we are working on their volume. In Maths we have been looking at the composition of numbers to 5 and we played a game where we threw beanbags into hoops to show the different ways a number can be made. In Phonics we have been revising some of our previously learnt sounds.

Year 1

This week, Year One have been writing descriptive sentences based on our new text 'The Comet'. We have been really impressed with the adjectives they used to describe the setting. In maths, we continued our topic on shape and the children enjoyed making different patterns with 2d and 3d shapes.

Year 2

Year two have been looking at how to write instructions in English. We focussed on imperative verbs and adverbs and how we can use these in a set of instructions. Shape has been our focus in Maths, we were looking at symmetry and what it was, we then used symmetry to draw incomplete shapes. Within Theme we found out about Edith Cavell, we found out that she was a nurse and then wrote a diary for her.

Year 3

This week Year Three enjoyed making their castles. They had previously designed them and then they used paper and cardboard to construct the castles. They all looked amazing. Can you spot the battlements, turret, tower and flag on each castle?



Year 4

This week, Year Four have started to write up their letter home from the perspective of a Roman soldier. In Maths, we have been exploring the relationship between the 3, 6 and 9-times tables. In our art lesson this week we used charcoal sticks to explore tone and proportion when creating artwork.

Year 5

In English, Year Five have researched and planned a report which details how one aspect of society in Britain has changed over history. A lot of children chose sport as their topic and really enjoyed finding out about sport in Britain in Roman, Anglo-Saxon, Tudor and Victorian times and comparing it to present times. Other topics researched were education, medicine, hobbies, entertainment and fashion. In Science, we learnt how to construct line graphs from our results of our experiment testing the thermal insulation qualities of different materials. We thoroughly enjoyed exploring coding using our BBC Micro: bits (a pocket-sized codable computer).



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Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to work hard and show great determination when tackling new and difficult concepts. In maths, we have continued with our fractions learning by moving on to dividing by fractions and understanding what a fraction of an amount is. In English, we have looked at a clip called 'The Piano' as part of our flashback narrative writing and have discussed the use of symbolism in the piece. We have also begun to think about characterisation ready for our own retell of the clip.

Holy Family

This week in the Holy Family, we got very muddy making our Stone Age homes! We collected mud and sticks from the garden area, mixed the mud with straw and water and squashed it together with the sticks to make the walls. It was great fun!

In RE we have been thinking about things that we are personally grateful to God for and how to write these in the form of a prayer.