



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 7th November 2025

Message from Mrs Collier

We have had a truly fantastic week in school, full of adventure, teamwork, and reverence. Our Year Four children set off on their residential to Grafham Water, where they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and courage. From climbing high on the ropes to learning how to build bush fires, the children showed resilience, bravery, and excellent collaboration. They returned full of stories, smiles, and pride in all they had achieved.

At the same time, Year Six enjoyed an exciting residential at Caythorpe. They pushed themselves to new heights—quite literally! Through climbing, problem-solving, and working together, they discovered just how important teamwork and encouragement can be. It was wonderful to hear how supportive they were of one another and how much fun they had along the way.

Back at school, we gathered together for our first whole school Mass of the term in honour of the Feast of All Souls. This was a very special time to remember and pray for all our loved ones who have departed. The children showed such reverence, respect, and prayerfulness, demonstrating the strength of our school's faith and community spirit.

Upcoming Dates

- 10th Nov** – Odd Sock Day for Anti Bullying week – see email for details
- 14th Nov** – FOSH meeting at 3.20pm – see email for details
- 24th Nov** – Weights and measures team – Reception & Yr6 - see email for details
- 27th Nov** – Advent Art morning – details to follow
- 4th Dec** – Choir at SJF concert – see letter sent for details
- 8th Dec** – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsals – details to follow
- 9th Dec** – EYFS Nativity 9.45am – ticket details to follow
- 9th Dec** – KS1 Nativity 2pm – ticket details to follow
- 10th Dec** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow
- 11th Dec** – KS1 Nativity 9.15pm – ticket details to follow
- 15th Dec** – Whole school trip to Pantomime – see letter for details
- 17th Dec** – EYFS vision screening – see email for details
- 17th Dec** – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – 6pm – details to follow
- 18th Dec** – Choir at Cavell Centre – details to follow
- 19th Dec** – **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Weekly Attendance

Reception: 96.3%

Year One: 96.7%

Year Two: 93.8%

Year Three: 95.8%

Year Four: 96.8%

Year Five: 93.6%

Year Six: 94%

School: 95.1%

Year to date: 95.2%

Gospel value: **Respect and Reverence**

We are focusing on the Gospel values of Respect and Reverence. Jesus teaches us to treat every person with kindness and dignity because each of us is made in the image of God. In the Bible, we are reminded:

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12)

Respect means speaking and acting kindly towards others, listening carefully, and valuing everyone's differences. Reverence means showing care and thoughtfulness in our prayers, our worship, and the way we move around our school and church.

We can live these values each day by using gentle words, being patient, and looking out for others, just as Jesus would.

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>

Sunday's Gospel
John 2:13-22

MASS DATES

Please note Mass is now 09:05am each Thursday morning

- 13th Nov – Years Four and Two
- 20th Nov – Years Three and One
- 27th Nov – Whole School
- 4th Dec – Years Four and Two
- 10th Dec (Weds) – Years Three and One
- 18th Dec – Whole School



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Newsletter and R.E. Learning

EYFS

EYFS have had a fantastic first week back at school. In English, we read our new story 'The Jolly Postman' which links to our new topic 'Messages'. The children have really enjoyed playing in the new post office role play area of the classroom. In maths, we have been thinking about which shapes have got 4 sides. The children went on a shape hunt around our classroom to see what shapes they could find. The children enjoyed creating artwork based around bonfire night this week – we used our funky fingers to cut cardboard tubes and then created fireworks pictures.



Year 1

This week, the children have been extremely busy writing their own version of the 'Funnybones' story. We have been impressed with their writing and how hard they have been trying with their handwriting. In RE, the children have continued to think about how they can care for God's planet. They worked in pairs to create posters to display around school to show how we can look after the world.



Year 2

In English this week the children have been using their imaginations to come up with facts to describe their own dragon. They will then be using this information to create their dragon fact file. In RE we have started looking at the annunciation of John the Baptist. As October has now ended the children have discussed the donations that the class have collected for our local foodbank. They have talked about how their collective donations will make a difference to those in need.





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Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard this week. In English they are writing about Ug a stone age boy with big ideas. In Maths they have been using the counters to learn how to add with exchange and then using a column method to show the adding. A lot of us have found this very tricky but I am so impressed with their perseverance. In RE we have started to look at the details of Mass, considering why we go to Mass. We went to the chapel and learnt all the names of everything we could see. The class prayer area has been changed this half term to one of remembrance. Children are praying for those people they know who have died and remembering them in our prayers.



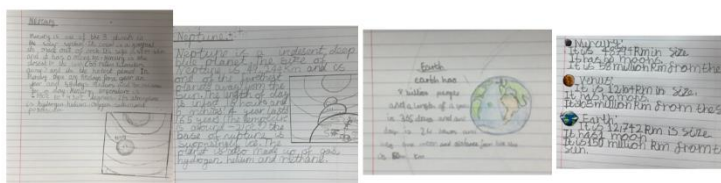
Year 4

Year Four have had an incredible week full of adventure and discovery! Their residential trip to Grafham Water Centre was a huge success, packed with excitement and new challenges. From conquering the high ropes to mastering archery, building bushcraft skills, and navigating through an orienteering course, every child showed fantastic teamwork, courage, and perseverance. Back in the classroom, our RE lessons took a thoughtful turn as we began exploring the theme of Prophecy and Promise. We uncovered the meaning of the word prophet and learned how Abraham and Joseph answered God's call. Later in the week, we delved into the dramatic story of Elijah, discovering what made him such a powerful prophet.



Year 5

Year 5 have had a really good start to the half term. They have been busy completing lots of writing. In English, they have been planning and then writing a narrative poem of Beowulf, thinking about using imaginative vocabulary and poetic features. Within RE, the children have been focussed on the life of David. They started with looking at the scripture that shows David's life then they rewrote the story of his life. In Science the children started a new unit called 'Earth and Space' to start the unit off they were learning about the planets and wrote a fact file about them.





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Holy Family

We have been so excited to return to school and carry on our learning. We have started a new topic in science where we will be investigating rocks. We learnt about the different layers of the Earth and how the Earth's crust is made of rock. We made playdough models, starting with a small red ball to represent the Earth's hot Inner Core, with a different colour to represent each layer. We then added the continents and ice caps. Then we had to do the tricky bit – we sliced them in half! This meant that we could see the layers of the earth inside and the crust and tectonic plates.

