



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Message from Mrs Collier:** This week, our school community came together for a whole school prayer service to remember all those who have given their lives for peace, and those who continue to suffer in wars around the world. It was a truly moving occasion, and the children showed such reverence, respect, and understanding throughout. We were blessed to be joined by Father Seelan, and two of our pupils laid the wreath alongside the beautiful prayers written by the children; a powerful reminder of our shared call to be peacemakers in today's world. As Pope Leo reminds us, "Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity." Our prayer service helped us to reflect on how each of us can build peace through kindness, forgiveness, and love.

In the same spirit of community and joy, our Year Six pupils represented the school wonderfully at a tag rugby tournament, showing teamwork, respect, and positivity in every game. We are so proud of the way they lived out our school values both on and off the field.

Meanwhile, our school library bus is beginning to take shape! The excitement is growing as we watch this space being transformed into a creative, faith-filled place for reading, reflection, and imagination. We can't wait to open its doors soon and see our children enjoying it. What a superb week it has been; full of joy, challenge, growth, and reflection. We are very proud of all our children!

## Upcoming Dates

**24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Weights and measures team – Reception & Yr6 - see email for details

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Advent Art morning – see details sent

**4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Choir at SJF concert – see letter sent for details

**8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsals – see email for details

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS Nativity 9.45am – ticket see email for details

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KS1 Nativity 2pm – ticket see email for details

**10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KS1 Nativity 9.15pm – see email for details

**15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Whole school trip to Pantomime – see letter for details

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – EYFS vision screening – see email for details

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – 6pm – details to follow

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Choir at Cavell Centre – see email for details

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – LAST DAY OF TERM

## Weekly Attendance

Reception: 94%

Year One: 95%

Year Two: 96.5%

Year Three: 95.1%

Year Four: 98.1%

Year Five: 94.5%

Year Six: 94%

School: 95.3%

Year to date: 95.3%

### 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.

Sunday's Gospel  
Luke 21:5-19

**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>

## MASS DATES

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

20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Years Three and One

27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole School

4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Years Four and Two

10<sup>th</sup> Dec (Weds) – Years Three and One

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole School



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## Newsletter and R.E. Learning

### EYFS

Reception have had another busy week! On Monday, we wore our odd socks and shared ideas about how we can be kind to each other in the classroom. On Tuesday, we went to our first assembly and then we joined the whole school on the playground to observe the 2 minutes silence. We then completed lots of activities about Remembrance day. In maths, we have been learning about mass and weighing parcels in the post office. In RE, we have been thinking about the importance of names and why Mary called her baby Jesus.

### Year 1

This week, the children really enjoyed helping to create our class prayer for Remembrance Day. We spent time in the classroom creating our own Poppy wreaths using a variety of resources. In English, the children have finished writing their character description of Stanley from our class text 'Stanley's Stick'. We have been really impressed with the range of adjectives they have used in their writing. In phonics this week, the children have learnt 4 new sounds (ie, ue, u, ir). In maths, we have come to the end of our unit on addition and subtraction, and we are really pleased with the progress all the children have made. Next week, we will be moving onto shape!

### Year 2

Year 2 have been working hard on their addition and subtraction this week in Maths. In RE we have been learning about the annunciation and birth of John the Baptist. We started our week thinking about how we are all unique, as part of our work for anti-bullying week. We all enjoyed looking at our odd socks!



### Year 3

Year Three have been working hard this week. In English they have started a new unit on non-chronological reports using their Science topic theme of forces and magnets. It was the last week of Their Stone Age topic and a great discussion was had about all the things they have learnt. In RE the children have been considering all the important roles in the church and how they support the liturgy. They considered the qualities needed for each role and then decided which role they would like. IN Math the class have been showing amazing perseverance. They have been learning to subtract with exchange using the column method. It was very tricky but using the place value counters helped!





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### Year 4

Year Four have been busy using their senses in their diary writing this week. In Theme, the children explored Tutankhamun's tomb and discovered some of the artefacts that were found. In Science, Year Four explored the states of matter further, completing an experiment involving all three states. In RE, we continued to explore the story of Elijah and how he brought people back to God's covenant. We discussed how we can do the same for people in today's world.



### Year 5

Year five continued to enjoy Science this week, after reviewing their knowledge on planets they then looked at the movement of the Earth. Within Theme, the children finished the Anglo – Saxons unit, looking at sources for how we know how Christianity came to England. As we remembered Armistice Day, the children wrote some lovely prayers to remember those who have died. Within RE the children continued to focus on David, they looked at his genealogy and how think linked to David's covenant with God.



### Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy week after enjoying their residential last week. They have had many moments of reflection linked to Remembrance Day by writing prayers and, in English, writing poems which are available for the school community to see in the reception area. The children were able to showcase their creative sides this week in our first DT lesson. We will be making a waistcoat for our teddy bear and this week we took the time to design it thinking about style but also simplicity to be able to follow during the creating stage. The children had a fantastic time on their residential trip and photos and more information can be found on the school website.

### Holy Family

This week we have continued to investigate rocks in Science. We worked as geologists when were given a selection of rocks to explore. We spent time looking at them closely with magnifying glasses. We listed adjectives to describe the rocks and talked about what we could see. We used a rock classification sheet and worked hard to name all the rocks. Then we grouped the rocks based on their appearance, We had a quick go at testing which rocks were permeable or impermeable.





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### Year 6 Tag Rugby Success!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 Tag Rugby team, who demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship at this week's tournament. After a series of exciting and competitive matches, the team finished in 2nd place, earning a well-deserved runners-up position!

A huge well done to all the players for their hard work and enthusiasm.



### Building Connections Through Faith and Technology

As part of Get Online Week (October 20th–24th), our pupils took part in a wonderful outreach activity at a local independent living scheme. The aim was to promote digital inclusion, build confidence, and strengthen the bonds between generations; living out our call to serve others and celebrate the dignity of every person.

The children joyfully shared their knowledge by teaching residents how to use the beginner-friendly programme Scratch and how to create a short stop-motion animation. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase their digital skills while demonstrating patience, kindness, and respect; values rooted in our Catholic faith.

The visit reminded us of the importance of community and encounter, as Pope Francis encouraged us to “build bridges, not walls.” Both pupils and residents greatly enjoyed the experience, and we are delighted that this partnership will continue. We are already planning a Christmas choir visit, and the residents have kindly offered to visit school in the new year to help with a gardening project. Together, we continue to grow in faith, friendship, and service.





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Dear Parents and Grandparents,

We would like to invite you to our Advent Art Morning on Thursday, 27th November, from 9:05 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

We will begin the morning together with a whole school Mass at 9:05 a.m., as we mark the end of Ordinary Time and prepare to enter the beautiful season of Advent. After Mass, parents and grandparents are warmly invited to join their child's class to take part in a range of Advent-themed arts and crafts, prayers, and reflections.

Advent is a very special time in the Christian calendar, a season of waiting and preparation for the celebration of Christmas, when we remember the birth of Jesus Christ. It is also a time to reflect on hope, peace, joy, and love, and to think about how we can bring these values into our homes, our school, and our world.

We warmly welcome all of our families, of every faith and background, to join us in celebrating this message of light, kindness, and community.

This morning is a new tradition in our school, a chance to pause, to create, and to prepare our hearts together for the coming of Christ. Through art, creativity, and prayer, we will reflect on the true meaning of Advent and the joy of being part of one school family.

As Scripture reminds us:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* — Mark 1:3

In the spirit of Catholic Social Teaching, Advent also calls us to live with hope, to care for creation, and to reach out in love to those in need. Together, we can help to build God's Kingdom; a kingdom of peace, justice, and compassion.

We look forward to welcoming you for this special morning of faith, family, and creativity.

God Bless  
Maureen Collier