



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Together we live and learn; we play and pray

Friday 21st November 2025

Message from Mrs Collier: This week has been filled with moments that truly remind us of the gift of our school community and the beauty of recognising the Dignity of the Person in every child. At Sacred Heart, we believe that each child is created in the image and likeness of God, with unique talents, abilities and potential. It has been a joy to see this lived out across the school. Our Year One children are working incredibly hard in their phonics sessions. Their focus, resilience and enthusiasm are shining through, and we are so proud of the progress they are making. Every child is growing in confidence, and it is wonderful to see their love of reading and learning continue to flourish. Across Early Years and Key Stage One, the sound of Nativity rehearsals has been filling our hallways, and our hearts, with joy. These moments of song, storytelling and togetherness capture the true spirit of Advent: hope, light and community. The children's voices remind us of the sacredness and value of each person and the importance of nurturing their gifts. As always, thank you for your continued support. Together, we continue to celebrate and uphold the dignity, worth and potential of every member of our Sacred Heart family.

We are thrilled to share that our library bus is one step closer to completion. The beautiful sign displayed on the side, designed by our very own talented children, celebrates creativity, imagination and shared achievement. Inside, the painting and shelving are underway, and the excitement is building as this dream becomes a reality. This space will soon be a place where every child can feel welcome, valued and inspired.



Upcoming Dates

- 24th Nov – Weights and measures team – Reception & Yr6 - see email for details
- 27th Nov – Advent Art morning – see details sent
- 4th Dec – Choir at SJF concert – see letter sent for details
- 8th Dec – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsals – see email for details
- 9th Dec – EYFS Nativity 9.45am – ticket see email for details
- 9th Dec – KS1 Nativity 2pm – ticket see email for details
- 10th Dec – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – see email for details
- 11th Dec – KS1 Nativity 9.15pm – see email for details
- 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 – see email for details
- 19th Dec – LAST DAY OF TERM

Weekly Attendance

Reception: 95%

Year One: 94.7%

Year Two: 97.6%

Year Three: 95.1%

Year Four: 98.4%

Year Five: 97.4%

Year Six: 97%

School: 96.4%

Year to date: 94.1%

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
Luke 23:35-43

MASS DATES

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

- 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 been reading the story 'Dear Mother Goose' in English this week. We have been learning and reciting all the nursery rhymes in the story. In maths, we have been thinking about 'zero'. We have also been completing some activities comparing the mass of different items in our classroom.

In RE, we have been reading the story of the first Christmas in preparation for our nativity. We have been busy rehearsing our songs!

Year 1

Year One have been busy learning about 2d and 3d shapes in maths. They have enjoyed exploring the shapes and sorting them in different ways. In English, the children have continued to work on Stanley's stick, and we have learnt about proper nouns. In RE, the children have been learning the Hail Mary prayer. We have discussed the importance of the words and made links to the Annunciation.



Year 2

In RE Year 2 have started to look at the annunciation of Jesus. In maths they have started to subtract a one-digit number from a two-digit number, using number bonds knowledge to help.

In English the children enjoyed seeing a live performance from Michael Rosen. They joined around 300,000 other children from all over the world to hear him perform some of his favourite food themed poems, including Chocolate Cake! The class then wrote their own food themed poems and acted out their version of We're Going on a Bear Hunt, where they described food sounds.





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Year 3

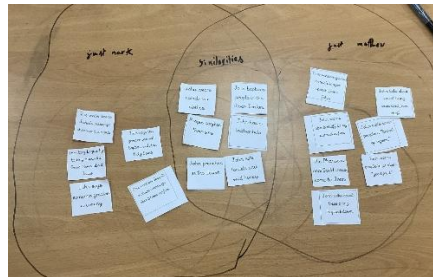
In Year Three we have continued to practise writing non-chronological reports in English. In Maths we have continued to practise our adding and subtracting using exchanging. Our new topic started this week. We are now doing a Geography topic and learning all about Europe. In Science the children investigated friction using cars on ramps.

Our RE lessons have all been focussed on Mass. We have looked in detail about the order of all the parts of Mass and then the details of what was in the Liturgy of the Word.



Year 4

In Year 4, the children finished off their last piece of writing for the Ancient Egypt topic. In Theme, Year 4 started their new unit on The Romans by looking at two different origin stories: one fact, one fiction. In Science, the children continued their exploration of states of matter, this time exploring melting and the speed in which solids melt at different temperatures. In Maths, we've been busy focusing on the 6x table and its relationship with the 3x table. In RE, we looked at a piece of artwork of Elijah, titled *Elijah in the Desert*, and we discussed how this artwork shows the struggle of Elijah's mission and his relationship with God. We were also introduced to John the Baptist and we looked at scripture describing his role as a prophet. We compared two pieces of scripture and looked at the similarities between them.



Year 5

Year 5 loved D and T this week. They have been working on a unit building bridges. This week they have been building bridges out of spaghetti, they were making triangles to make the bridge strong and then putting them together to make their bridge. For Theme this week we started a new unit on the Tudors, we looked at a timeline of where in history the Tudors were. In Science, the children have been looking at how we get day and night. In English we have been looking at crime and punishment and they children have been researching and planning a report of crime and punishment through history.





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Year 6

Year 6 have continued to work hard this week. They have blown us away with their knowledge of fractions for their second fractions block showing real understanding of some tricky concepts. We also got to see more creativity this week when beginning the process for our waistcoats. There was lots of concentration faces when creating their templates. In RE, we have focussed on Miriam's story and how she contributed to salvation history. We combined our RE and English together to write a letter to Miriam, thanking her for her bravery and reflecting on how we can learn from her today.



Holy Family

We worked hard turning a paper lampshade into a very eye-catching cow this week. All the Hub children added their part to the cow, whether that was making the concertina legs, painting the face or decorating hearts and flowers. Our cow will form part of the *Wonder of Christmas* installation at Peterborough Cathedral which runs from the 19th November until the 4th December. That means there is not a lot of time to go and see our wonderful art work so make sure you get yourself down there where you will be able to see our wonderful cow displayed alongside Reception and Year One's brightly decorated baubles as well as pieces from many other local schools. Tickets need to be ordered from Peterborough Cathedral's website so make sure you don't miss out!





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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