

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



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Friday 11th September 2026

Head's News...A Wonderful First Full Week Back!

What a fantastic first full week we have had at Sacred Heart! It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back and to see the school once again filled with learning, laughter and prayer. The children have returned with such enthusiasm, and there has been a real sense of joy and purpose across the school. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception children and families. Our youngest children have settled into school life incredibly well, and we are so proud of the confidence and enthusiasm they are already showing.

🚲 Bikeability has also been a huge success this week. The children taking part have thoroughly enjoyed developing their cycling skills, confidence and road awareness. It has been lovely to see their determination and the sense of achievement as they have mastered new skills.

Thank you, as always, to our families for your support in helping us to begin the new academic year so positively.

Questions or Concerns? Please Talk to Us

We really value open and positive communication with our families. If you have a question or concern, please speak to your child's class teacher first – most matters can be resolved quickly at this stage.

If you need further support, please follow this route:

Class Teacher → Phase Leader → Assistant Headteacher → Headteacher

EYFS/KS1: Mrs Longden, **KS2:** Miss Fletcher, **Assistant Headteacher:** Mrs Matsutani, **Head:** Mrs Collier
For SEN enquiries, please also speak to the class teacher first. If further support is needed, please then contact Mrs Randall, SENCO. Following this route helps us make sure that your query reaches the right person and is dealt with as quickly and effectively as possible.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **94.5%** our target is a minimum of **97.5%** - please do send children in for every learning opportunity.

Attendance to 11 th September 2026			
EYFS	93.7%	Holy Family	68%
Year One	94.1%	Year Four	98.6%
Year Two	93.5%	Year Five	95.3%
Year Three	97.5%	Year Six	95.7%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Joanna
Year 2: Freya
Year 3: Johanna
Year 4: Dann
Year 5: Alayna
Year 6: Ryan

Believe in yourself

Wrap Around Care – After School Club

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent Wrap Around Care survey. We will review the responses next week and aim to offer firm After School Club places by Monday 21st September.

If you are interested in a place, please speak to Miss Smith or Ms Torrington in the school office as soon as possible. We are really pleased to be developing this provision for our families.

House Points

St Patrick:

St Andrew:

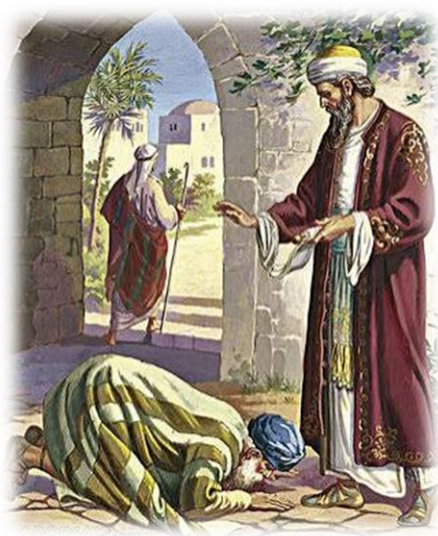
St David:

St George:

This Week's Gospel – Matthew 18:21–35

In this week's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who has hurt him. Peter thinks that forgiving someone seven times would be generous, but Jesus tells him, "not seven times, but seventy times seven." Jesus is teaching us that there should be no limit to our willingness to forgive. Jesus then tells the story of a servant who is shown enormous mercy when his debt is forgiven, but who refuses to show that same mercy to someone else. It reminds us that God's love and forgiveness are gifts that we are called to share with others.

This Gospel links beautifully with our value and virtue of being Compassionate and Loving. Forgiveness is not always easy, especially when we have been hurt or upset, but Jesus asks us to respond with compassion rather than anger and to give others the opportunity to begin again. This week, we can ask ourselves: Can I show the same forgiveness and compassion to others that I hope they will show to me?



Birthdays

An important message about birthdays!!!

Children can come into school in non-uniform on their birthday. This is so wonderful as everybody within our school community who sees them will know that it is their special day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, on PE day or within a school holiday the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

This week we celebrate:

Elsa, Harold, Jake, Axel Ben, Adria, Aaliyah, Thresya and Maya B.



Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 01733 864170.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01733 262449 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL (Maureen Collier): schooloffice@sacredheart.Peterborough.sch.uk

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EYFS	EYFS have had an amazing first week at school! All the children should be very proud of themselves! They have all settled into school routines and have been making lots of new friends! In Maths, we have been sorting and matching objects and singing lots of number songs together. In English, we have been writing our names and started to do some mark making in our new books. In theme, we created our class charter and decided what rules we all want to follow in our classroom. The most important is to be kind to each other. In RE, we have been learning about our class Saint – Saint Francis. We have been thinking about our favourite animals and how we can look after animals and the environment.
Year One	Year One have had a fantastic week! We have been really impressed with how all the children have settled into Year One. We have been busy continuing our phonics work, beginning to form capital letters and counting objects to 10. In RE, we have begun to learn about the Creation Story. The children have enjoyed exploring God’s world and thinking about how we can look after it. 
Year Two	Year Two have had a great first week back and have been working so hard to meet the Year Two expectations. In English, we have enjoyed using the book 'Here We Are' as a prompt for sentence writing including questions and commands. During our Maths lessons we have been focusing on place value and representing numbers in different ways. The children were also excited to begin our new theme, learning about our world. In RE this week, we discussed stories found in the old and new testaments and talked about the children’s favourite. The children sorted Bible stories into their testament and wrote 'I wonder questions'.
Year Three	We have had an amazing start to the year. The children have really enjoyed Science this week. They were learning about the skeleton, they found out the names of the bones and then created their own skeleton. In English, the children enjoyed reading the book 'Here we are' and used this to inspire writing accurate sentence with adjectives, powerful verbs and conjunctions. Within RE our focus has been the creation story. The children read the creation story and identified what God created on eat day. They then looked at art work which shows the creation story and then used them to inspire their own art work. 
Year Four	Year Four had a fun Science lesson making models of their mouths using mini marshmallows. In English they have been practising writing extended sentences and have produced some fantastic work. In Maths we have been battling time again! Our theme has been the beginning of the Ancient Egyptians and putting it into historical context. In RE we have started to investigate the Old testament and the events leading up to Abraham. 

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Year Five	Year Five have begun this new year celebrating God's creation. In our English lessons, the children used the book 'Here We Are' to inspire sentences celebrating creation, using adjectives, powerful verbs and adverbs and relative clauses. In Art, the Year Five children took part in a Catholic art competition creating artwork centred on the presence and importance of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We were overjoyed by the reverence and care seen in the children's designs. In our main RE sessions, the children explored the story of Moses, exploring artwork of Moses and the burning bush, and learning about his covenant with God. 
Year Six	Year 6 have had a brilliant first full week! We have been blown away with the maturity they've shown and how ready to learn they are. In English, we spent the week reminding ourselves of the foundations of writing so that we can continue to build on that this year. The children were also so excited to start our history unit all about WWII. They did some incredible historical thinking when exploring the suitcase of an evacuee child. In RE, we spent some time learning about the Adoremus which takes place in London next month before exploring and creating artwork that demonstrates adoration and procession which we will enter into a national competition. We also began our first unit around 'Creation and Covenant' by exploring the second account of Creation.
Holy Family	We have had a very busy and happy first week, settling back into our routines and catching up with each other. We have talked about what we are looking forward to in our new school year, as well as some of the things we might be worried about. We have also launched our exciting new topic, 'Pharaohs to Mo', exploring both Ancient and modern Egypt. We had great fun sorting pictures and objects into 'Ancient Egypt' and 'Modern Egypt'. After lots of discussion — and despite a few commentators suggesting he may be past his best — we placed Mo Salah firmly in the 'Modern Egypt' column! In RE, we visited Dorothy's Chapel and enjoyed exploring some of its special features, including the altar and the tabernacle, where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. We then created our own artwork for a special Catholic schools' competition, celebrating the joy of Jesus being with us in the Holy Eucharist.

Value and Virtue: Compassionate and Loving

This half term, our Jesuit Value and Virtue is Compassionate and Loving. We are encouraging the children to follow the example of Jesus by noticing when others need our help, showing kindness and care, and treating everyone with dignity and respect.

Compassion means more than simply feeling sorry for someone – it means allowing ourselves to be moved to action. We want our children to understand that small acts of love, kindness and forgiveness can make a real difference to others.



Catholic Social Teaching: Care for Creation

Our Catholic Social Teaching principle this half term is Care for Creation. We are reminding the children that our world is a precious gift from God and that we all have a responsibility to care for it. This includes looking after the environment, respecting animals and nature, reducing waste and thinking carefully about how our choices affect other people and our common home. Through our actions, however small, we can show gratitude for God's creation and help protect it for future generations.

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<u>Key Dates</u>	
Wednesday 23 rd September	Tapestry and Little Wandle workshop for EYFS parents – details tbc
Friday 25 th September	Year 6 Trip to Norwich Cathedral – see letter sent home
Thursday 1 st October	School Census Day – special menu details tbc
Wednesday 7 th October	Parents Evening Consultations – see email sent for booking details
Wednesday 14 th October	Individual and Sibling school photographs – details tbc
Thursday 22 nd October	End of Term – children finish school at 3.15pm
Friday 23 rd October	No School for children – INSET day
Monday 2 nd November	Term Begins at 8.55am