

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School



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Head's News...

A Very Special Visitor to Sacred Heart

On Monday, our children had the very special experience of welcoming a relic of St Carlo Acutis into Sacred Heart. The relic contained strands of St Carlo's hair, giving our children a tangible connection with this remarkable young saint whom they had been learning about in school.

It was a beautiful opportunity for our school family to come together in prayer and reflection and to think about Carlo's example of using his gifts and talents to serve God and others. We are incredibly grateful to Father Seelan for arranging this very special experience for our children and bringing the relic to Sacred Heart.

Parents' Evening

A huge thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. It is always a privilege to share your child's learning journey with you, to celebrate their successes and to talk together about their next steps. The partnership between home and school makes such an important difference to our children.

After School Club

Our new After School Club is now up and running and spaces are available. We would love to see more families making use of this provision. For the club to continue longer term, we do need sufficient regular take-up, so please consider using it if after-school care would be helpful for your family. Places can be booked through the school office.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **96.4%** our target is a minimum of **97.5%** - please do send children in for every learning opportunity.

Attendance W/C 28 th September 2026			
EYFS	99.3%	Holy Family	60%
Year One	96.7%	Year Four	96.3%
Year Two	98%	Year Five	94.7%
Year Three	97.1%	Year Six	98.6%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Laura
Year 2: David
Year 3: Isabel
Year 4: Ivy & Maya
Year 5: Zlata
Year 6: Sofia

Believe in yourself

Every School Day Matters

Thank you to our families for supporting good attendance. Every day in school gives children opportunities to learn, build friendships, grow in confidence and be part of our Sacred Heart family.

Being here really does make a difference!

House Points

St Patrick: 318

St Andrew: 365

St David: 376

St George: 332

This Week's Gospel – Matthew 22: 1-10

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of a king who prepares a wonderful wedding feast. When those first invited choose not to come, the king sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. The feast is open to all.

Jesus uses this story to teach us about God's Kingdom and His generous love. God invites each one of us to know Him, to follow Him and to share in His love. His invitation is not just for a chosen few; everyone is welcome and everyone has a place.

This reminds us to be Compassionate and Loving, making sure that others feel welcomed, valued and included. God has given us a beautiful world to share, and we are called to care for it together, remembering that its gifts are for everyone.

Our message this week: God welcomes everyone to His table. May we open our hearts to His invitation and make sure that others know there is a place for them too.



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:

Safyra, Adria, Ava, Deborah and Anita



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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Our Learning this week.....	
EYFS	EYFS have been super this week! We have been focussing on our story telling skills by retelling our literacy focus text ‘Monkey Puzzle’. In maths, we have been doing lots of work with the numicon to help us with our understanding of numbers to 5. In theme, we have been talking about our 5 senses and we went on a sense walk around the school to see what we could find! In RE, we have been looking at Baptism. We have been acting out a Baptism in our class and learning about how important it is.
Year One	This week in Year One, the children have started to explore our new class text ‘Astro Girl’. The children have really enjoyed learning about space and what it is like to be an astronaut. In maths, the children have started to write their own number sentences for addition. During geography, year 1 have been learning about the capital cities of the UK and they were able to locate these on a map. In RE this week, they have explored how and why we can pray. The children then began to write their own prayers which they shared with each other.
Year Two	This week in Year 2 the children have started a new writing unit based on the story ‘Wolves’ by Emily Gravett. They have learnt facts about wolves and written questions that they would like to find out – punctuated with a question mark, of course! In RE, we have been building on our prior knowledge to learn more about the sacrament of Baptism. The children should be able to tell you all about a baptism service and different symbols you would see. In Science we have been thinking about what animals, including humans, need to survive. The children really enjoyed planning their own desert island and thought about what they would need to survive!
Year Three	Year 3 have had another busy week. In Science, the children enjoyed looking at food labels to look at the nutritional information. They compared it and decided which food was the most balanced. Within Theme, the children were looking at human and physical features over the East of England. They looked at maps of the region and identified the human and physical features. In RE the focus was how the children are like God, they started with drawing self-portraits and then thinking about how they were special and unique. Then then looked at what God was like and reflected how they were similar to God. The children also started a new unit in English, this is based on the book ‘The seed of doubt’. The children started with thinking about their dreams ad aspirations and then they made an amazing tree which reflects this. 
Year Four	In Year Four we have been grappling with rounding of four digit numbers in Maths. The children have found this a challenge so we will be doing lots of extra practise of this skill. In English the class have finished writing their stories based on the book Cinderella of the Nile. I have been really impressed with all their writing. In topic we have been thinking about why the Nile river was so important to the Ancient Egyptians. In RE we have heard the rest of the story of Abraham and considered how it shows love, faith and hope for God.

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Year Five	This week, Year Five have been busy completing their personnel files on the Hidden Figures of NASA. We can't wait to share these with the rest of the school when we add them to the library bus. In Maths, we finished our topic of negative numbers and we'll be moving onto rounding. In Science, we looked at reversible and irreversible changes and the children created posters with labelled diagrams of examples. In Theme, the children wrote diary entries from the point of view of an Anglo-Saxon, including information on why they left their homeland and why they chose to move to Britain. In their exciting DT lesson, Year Five completed their spaghetti truss bridges and tested them using weights. In our RE sessions this week, we looked at Matthew 22:36-40 and Jesus' summary of law and how it links to the ten commandments. 
Year Six	A jam-packed week in Year 6 this week! The children worked hard to create a fantastic plan for their own historical narrative based on WW2 evacuation which helped them to begin drafting their opening. We can't wait to read their finished pieces! In maths, we are coming to the end of our four operations unit, and this week has focused on the different methods for division. In science, the children have built on their initial learning to find out more about the importance of the heart as part of the circulatory system. In RE, we have continued our focus on Creation and spent one lesson thinking about how Saint Francis of Assisi can be seen as a model of praising God for Creation. We used 'Canticle of the Creatures' as a starting point for planning our own Celebration of the Word that we could deliver.
Holy Family	This week some of us continued our work on Julia Donaldson's The Troll. We designed a new menu for the Troll who is sick of eating fish and wants to eat goat. We decided pirate biscuits might be better (inspired by the Hank Chief and his pirate mates in the story) and we baked hardtack pirate biscuits. We now know why pirates used to call them 'teeth breakers'! We have started to learn about the Ancient Egyptians as part of our Pharaohs to Mo topic. We sorted ancient and non-ancient things and people. Again, Ronaldo is getting older but not quite ancient just yet! In RE we have really enjoyed learning the Hail Mary and learning all about Mary as October is Mary's month! We have decorated our prayer table for Mary – we are just waiting for beautiful flowers from it. 

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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Key Dates

Monday 12 th October	Year 3 Book Look – 2.45pm - see email sent
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 5 Book Look – 2.45pm - see email sent
Wednesday 14 th October	Individual and Sibling school photographs – see email sent
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 5 Library visit – see email sent
Monday 19 th October	Year 6 Book Look – 2.45pm - see email sent
Wednesday 21 st October	Reception & Year 6 Welcome Ceremony – see letter/email sent
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 1 Book Look – 2.30pm - see email sent
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
Tuesday 3 rd – Wednesday 4 th November	Year 4 Grafham Water Residential Trip
Wednesday 4 th – Friday 6 th November	Year 6 Caythorpe Residential Trip
Thursday 12 th November	Year 5 Peterborough Cathedral Trip - see letter/email sent
Friday 13 th November	Year 6 Singing Day at The Cresset – see letter/email sent
Wednesday 25 th November	Flu Vaccination team in school – consent details will be emailed directly from the NHS team
Thursday 26 th November	Advent Art Morning – details to follow
Tuesday 8 th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – details to follow
Wednesday 8 th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – details to follow
Thursday 10 th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 2pm – details to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch – details to follow
Wednesday 16 th December	Key stage 2 Carol Concert – details to follow
Thursday 17 th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip – details to follow
Friday 18 th December	Breakfast with Santa – details to follow



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

A safe, friendly and fun place for our children to relax, play and be together after school.



When?
3.15pm –
5.00pm



Cost
£8.00
per session



Who for?
All children
at Sacred Heart

What's on offer?



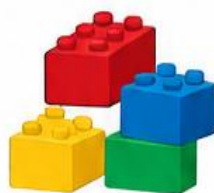
Creative
activities



Games
and sports



Quiet time
and reading



Construction
and problem
solving



Fun with
friends



A time to relax, learn, play and grow!

