# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Together we live and learn; we play and pray

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Head's News...

🎉💗**A very warm welcome back, it's A busy and exciting half-term ahead!**

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families! I hope that you enjoyed a restful half-term break and had the opportunity to spend some special time together. We have returned to school with renewed energy and enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to see the children settling back into their learning, sharing their holiday news and enjoying being together again, although the school has been quiet with our Year Four and Year Six children away on residentials.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the survey as part of our recent Catholic Schools Inspection. Your feedback and continued support mean a great deal to us. We have not yet received the final inspection report, but as soon as it is available, we will share it with our whole school community.

As we begin this second half of the autumn term, we have a wonderfully busy few weeks ahead, filled with opportunities for learning, prayer, celebration and coming together as a school family. With so much happening between now and Christmas, please do take a few moments to check the important dates in this newsletter so that you don't miss any of the special events taking place.

As always, thank you for the kindness, encouragement and support you show our school. It is through our partnership with you that we continue to bring our mission to life: 'Together we live and learn; we play and pray.' I look forward to sharing another happy and purposeful half-term with you all.

**Attendance**

Our overall attendance this week as a school is 96.1% our target is a minimum of 97.5% - please do send children in for every learning opportunity.

| Attendance W/C 28th September 2026 | | | |
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| EYFS | 98.3% | Holy Family | 70% |
| Year One | 95% | Year Four | 94.5% |
| Year Two | 96.7% | Year Five | 97.3% |
| Year Three | 96.1% | Year Six | 99.7% |

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Uriel
Year 2: Evania
Year 3: Elisha
Year 4: Whole Class
Year 5: Nathaniel
Hear of Gold: Beau

Believe in yourself

## 🙏First Holy Communion🙏

Father Seelan will meet with parents and children who are making their First Holy Communion on:

Wednesday 18th November 2026
at 3.30 pm
in school

to discuss preparation and arrangements for First Holy Communion. Attendance is required for all participating families.

## House Points

St Patrick: 318
St Andrew: 365
St David: 376
St George: 332

## Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13

### The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Jesus tells a story about ten bridesmaids waiting for a bridegroom to arrive at a wedding. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were not prepared.

When the bridegroom finally arrived, only those who had brought enough oil were ready to welcome him and join the celebration.

**What is Jesus teaching us?**

Jesus reminds us to be ready to welcome Him into our lives. We do this by living with faith, showing kindness, helping others and making good choices every day. Just as the bridesmaids kept their lamps burning, we are called to keep the light of God's love shining in our hearts.

**Our mission this week**:

How can you keep your light shining by showing God's love to someone else?



# 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:**

Mason, Aron, Tessa, Reggie, Oghosa, Anna, Aiden, Reneslyn, Lyam, Somtonna, Netonna, Hamid, Anaya, Alayna, Anliya, Johan, Martina, Raelyn



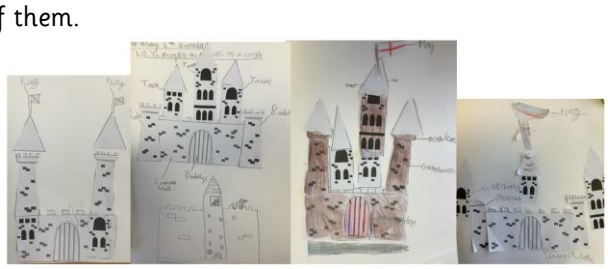

## Safeguarding

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..... | |
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| EYFS | EYFS have had a lovely first week back at school! We have started reading our new story 'Colins Castle' and have been busy in our castle role play in the classroom. In Maths, we have been looking at the composition of numbers 1-5. In RE, we have been sharing the story of Angel Gabriel visiting Mary to tell her that she has been chosen as Jesus' mother. We have also been doing lots of activities about Bonfire night! |
| Year One | Year One have settled back into school well. They have thoroughly enjoyed our new book 'Dragon Post'. In the classroom, the children have been busy writing letters and posting them in our post box. In maths, the children have begun to subtract using a number line. In science this week, the children enjoyed exploring magnets and investigating which materials were magnetic. In RE, the children explored The Bible. We discussed why it was special and what their favourite Bible story is. |
| Year Two | This week we have started our new book 'The Bear and the Piano.' We have been writing sentences using different conjunctions, such as 'and', 'but' and 'because'.<br>In Maths, we have been finding ten more and ten less than a number and adding tens. We are moving on to adding two 2-digit numbers using Dienes to support us practically.<br>In Science we have been thinking about a balanced diet and children have identified the different food groups that make up a healthy diet.<br>In RE we have been learning about the annunciation of John the Baptist. The children wrote their own diary entry as though they were Zechariah. |
| Year Three | We have had a busy first week back after half term in year three. The children have been finishing their motivational leaflets, encouraging people to think about their dreams and goals. Within RE the children have been focussing on the church and Mass. They looked at some objects from the church and why they are important. They then discussed why people go to mass. In Science this week the children started the new unit 'Forces and magnets' they started with looking at different types of forces and labelling them. Within D and T the children started a new unit on castles, they looked at why castles are used and the parts of them.<br> |
| Year Four | Year Four have had a very exciting and tiring week. Most of the class went off to Grafham and had an amazing time. They built bridges using barrels, poles and rope, learnt archery, went orienteering in the dark, climbed on the low ropes and everyone had a go on the high ropes. I was amazed at how brave they all were! The behaviour was awesome and they were a joy to take.<br>The few children who didn't go to Grafham also had a great time. They did gardening, cooking and they built model eco-towns. They also told me they had an amazing time and the staff who worked with them were very impressed.<br>Well done Year Four you are all FANTASTIC! |

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| Our Learning this week..... | |
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| Year Five | This week in Year Five, the children completed their fantastic Beowulf chapters and shared them with Year Four. Our next English topic is to design and write an explanation for a new Mars rover, using the book 'Curiosity' by Markus Motum to support! In Maths, we started our new topic of addition and subtraction, using numbers with more than four digits. In Science, the children learnt about the different planets of our solar system, using fruit to show the relative sizes of the planets and they each drew a 'to scale' solar system diagram. In Theme, we explored the seven kingdoms of the Anglo Saxons.<br>In our first RE session, we started to look at the Book of Samuel, exploring why the book was written and who it was written for. In our second session, we discussed the story of David, identifying the three main characters: Samuel, Saul and David. The children then created a blurb for the Book of Samuel, to summarise and encourage others to read the story. |
| Holy Family | We have continued our work on Ancient Egypt by looking into Egyptian Art. We produced our own papyrus-looking scrolls and tried to recreate the styles and patterns we had explored. In RE we listened to Isaiah's ideas about how the world was dark and that one day, lightness would come. This light was Jesus. We made our own darkness and light artwork and learnt the Glory Be prayer.<br> |

## 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 | |
|---|---|
| Tuesday 3rd – Wednesday 4th November | Year 4 Grafham Water Residential Trip |
| Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th November | Year 6 Caythorpe Residential Trip |
| Thursday 12th November | Year 5 Peterborough Cathedral Trip - see letter/email sent |
| Friday 13th November | Year 6 Singing Day at The Cresset – see letter/email sent |
| Wednesday 25th November | Flu Vaccination team in school – consent details will be emailed directly from the NHS team |
| Thursday 26th November | Advent Art Morning – see email sent |
| Tuesday 8th December | Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – details to follow |
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| Thursday 10th December | Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 2pm – details to follow |
| Tuesday 15th December | Rock Steady Concert – details will be sent directly from Rock Steady |
| Wednesday 16th December | Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow |
| Wednesday 16th December | Whole School Christmas Lunch – pre-booking required – see email sent |
| Wednesday 16th December | Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – details to follow |
| Thursday 17th December | Whole School Pantomime Trip – Wisepay payment required – see letter/email sent |
| Friday 18th December | Christmas Pyjama Day – details to follow |
| Friday 18th December | Breakfast with Santa – details to follow |
| Friday 18th December | End of Term – children finish school at 3.15pm |
| Monday 4th January | No School for children – INSET day |
| Tuesday 5th January | Term Begins at 8.55am |

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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!