Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Together we live and learn; we play and pray

Newsletter: Issue 7

Friday 13th November 2026

Head's News… Another Wonderful Week at Sacred Heart!

Last week was filled with excitement, adventure and new experiences for our children, with both Year Four and Year Six enjoying their residential visits. Our Year Four children travelled to Grafham Water, where they had a wonderful time taking part in a range of activities, developing their confidence and enjoying the opportunity to spend time together outside the classroom .Meanwhile, Year Six enjoyed their residential at Caythorpe, and it was an absolute delight to receive photographs of the children fully immersed in the activities, embracing new challenges and making the most of every opportunity. Residential visits are such an important part of our children's education. They provide experiences that cannot always be replicated in the classroom, encouraging independence, resilience, teamwork and problem-solving. For some children, these visits involve stepping well outside their comfort zones, whether that means trying something new, overcoming a fear or simply spending time away from home. These are the moments that help children grow in confidence, discover strengths they did not know they had and create memories that will stay with them for many years. I am incredibly proud of all the children for the enthusiasm, courage and determination they demonstrated. My sincere thanks also go to the staff who accompanied both residentials, giving their time, energy and care to ensure that our children had such memorable experiences.

Project Abundance – Growing Together

Our exciting Project Abundance initiative is now in its second week, and it has been wonderful to see our children getting involved in bringing our growing spaces to life. This week, Year Three have been busy planting garlic and broad beans learning first-hand about where our food comes from and the patience, care and responsibility involved in growing it. This project is about so much more than planting seeds and vegetables. It is an opportunity for our children to develop a deeper understanding of the natural world, the importance of sustainability and our shared responsibility to care for God's creation in for every learning opportunity.

Attendance W/C 9th November 2026			
EYFS	94.9%	Holy Family	63%
Year One	96.4%	Year Four	96.4%
Year Two	96.8%	Year Five	96.2%
Year Three	97.4%	Year Six	96.9%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Musa
Year 2: Oliver
Year 3: Johan
Year 4: Sebbie
Year 5: Alfie
Year 6: Whole Class
Hear of Gold: Anthony

Believe in yourself

🥶❄️ Weather ❄️🥶

As the weather is now turning distinctly colder please ensure that the children wear appropriate coats to school. We want to ensure that children have every available opportunity to be outside as they need to run around and breathe in some fresh air.
Please also send in a spare pair of named shoes or boots so that the children can play on the field all year round.
We would urge you to name all of your children's belongings so that we can ensure anything that is lost can be reunited.

House Points

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

Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 25:14–15, 19–21

The Parable of the Talents

Jesus tells a story about a master who goes on a journey and entrusts his servants with different amounts of money, called talents, according to their abilities. When the master returns, one servant shows him that he has used what he was given wisely and has doubled it. The master is delighted and praises him for being faithful and responsible.

What is Jesus teaching us?

Jesus reminds us that God has given each of us special gifts and talents. We are all different, but every one of us is precious and has something wonderful to offer. God wants us to use our gifts to help others, make a difference and share His love. When we use our talents with faith and courage, we show that we are Faith-filled and Hopeful, recognising the Dignity of every Person and the unique gifts God has given them.

Our mission this week:

What special gift or talent has God given you, and how can you use it this week to bring joy 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:

Isabel, Dorian, Artur and Juwan



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 had a wonderful week this week! On Remembrance Day, we joined in with our first whole school assembly. The children did an amazing job! Thy sat wonderfully and respectfully and all joined in. In English, we have been enjoying our story 'Colin's castle' and we have been acting out the story. In maths, we have been thinking about positional language. In RE, we have continued looking at the Nativity story and have been looking at the special journey Mary and Joseph made to get to Bethlehem.
Year One	Year 1 have had another busy and exciting week! In Maths, we have enjoyed exploring and identifying different 2D shapes, developing our understanding of their properties. In English, we have worked incredibly hard writing letters to Alex about his dragon. We have been practising our writing skills and thinking carefully about what we wanted to say. In RE, we learned about the Annunciation of Mary.
Year Two	This week we have been adding two 2-digit numbers using a variety of methods. We have partitioned the numbers and added the ones and then the tens, we have also used and drawn Diennes to help us. In English we have continued our unit on The Bear and the Piano and have begun to write some information sentences about other animals in preparation for our final writing. In RE we continued learning about the annunciation of John the Baptist. We learnt what a prophet is. In Science we have designed our own healthy, balanced meals. In Geography we have been looking at the different symbols on maps.
Year Three	This week year 2 have started a new book in English. They have been reading the BFG and enjoyed creating compound words to describe a giant. Our RE focus for the week has been roles within the church. The children found out about different roles you can do within the church and then wrote a letter to persuade someone to take on that role. They really enjoyed Science this week. The focus was friction and the children were investigating friction using cars and timing how quick they went down ramps of different materials. 
Year Four	Year Four have settled back to work after their exciting week last week. In Maths they have continued to learn the different times tables in detail. This week we looked at the 3,6,9 and 7 times table! In English they have been writing a sequel to the Frindleswylde book they read in class. In topic everyone learnt about mummification and had a go at it on and orange! In RE the children have been focussing on the prophet Elijah and learning about how he encouraged the Israelites to behave and keep their covenant with God.

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Year Five	The highlight of Year Five's week was our trip to Peterborough Cathedral to explore the history of the site and its connection to the Saxons. The children used quills and made their own ink to create a book together. In English, we've been exploring the mars rover, Curiosity. We looked at its features and created an explanation about its launch. In Science, the children studied the revolution and rotation of the Earth. In Theme, the children discussed how the Anglo-Saxons went from paganism to Christianity. In our first RE session, we read and discussed scripture on the story of David and created a guide on the qualities people should and shouldn't look for in a leader. In our second session, we looked at David's qualities as a shepherd and discussed how that made him a great leader. The children made storyboards of their own stories of David as a shepherd, displaying some of the qualities we discussed.
Year Six	Year Six have had a great two weeks back at school feeling refreshed after the half-term break. Last week, we saw fantastic teamwork, resilience and effort from the children who visited Caythorpe for their residential. The children represented our school fantastically and we could not be prouder. This week the children have got stuck straight back into their learning. We are continuing our focus on WW2 and have begun our new writing unit based on 'Resist' by Tom Palmer. The children have created some wonderful posters and have learnt more about what life was like in the Netherlands during WW2. In maths, they have persevered with their tricky fractions learning and in science, they looked at how to ensure we kept our bodies healthy. In RE, we have discussed the importance of the historical context when reading the Old Testament and thought about what life was like, particularly for women, in Ancient Israel. This week they have been assigned a specific woman from the Old Testament to find out more about their story and what we can learn from them today.
Holy Family	This week Holy Family have been learning about Egyptian Gods & Goddesses. We learned about the Sun God, Ra, and then made colourful headdresses. We have also spent some time learning about our feelings, identifying them and thinking about the situations that cause us to feel these things. We also enjoyed a fun session of Basketball outside during PE.

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	
Friday 13th November	Year 6 Singing Day at The Cresset – see letter/email sent
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week – see email sent
Thursday 19th November	Year 2 Library visit – see 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
Thursday 3rd December	Choir at St John Fisher for Schools Advent Service – see letter sent
Tuesday 8th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – see booking details sent by email
Wednesday 8th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – see booking details sent by email
Thursday 10th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 2pm – see booking details sent by email
Tuesday 15th December	Rock Steady Concert – details will be sent directly from Rock Steady
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day – see email sent with Just Giving link for donations
Wednesday 16th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch – pre-booking required – see email sent
Wednesday 16th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – – see letter/email sent
Thursday 17th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip – Wisepay payment required – see letter/email sent
Friday 18th December	Christmas Pyjama Day – see email sent
Friday 18th December	Breakfast with Santa – see email sent, pre-booking required on Wisepay
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!