Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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

What a lovely week we have had at Sacred Heart as we begin to look forward to the wonderful season of Advent and all the excitement that Christmas brings!

This week, our Year Two children enjoyed a visit to the library, continuing to develop their love of books and reading. Opportunities such as these are so important in helping children discover the joy of reading and encouraging them to become enthusiastic, lifelong readers.

It was also wonderful to welcome so many parents to our First Holy Communion meeting this week. Thank you to everyone who attended and for the commitment you are making to support your children on this very special journey of faith. Our First Holy Communion preparation classes will begin on Tuesday 12th January 2027, straight after school, and we look forward to accompanying the children as they prepare to receive this beautiful Sacrament.

The sound of Christmas is already filling our school! Our Reception, Year One and Year Two children have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity performances, and I have to say they sound like little angels! Meanwhile, our Key Stage Two children have begun practising for their Christmas Carol Concert, and their singing is equally beautiful. There is something truly special about hearing children sing at this time of year, reminding us of the joy, hope and wonder that Christmas brings.

Next Thursday, 26th November, we will come together as a school community to celebrate Mass before welcoming parents and grandparents to our Advent Art Morning. This is always such a lovely occasion, bringing our families together to help prepare our school for the season of Advent. We look forward to seeing lots of you joining us as we fill Sacred Heart with beautiful artwork and begin our preparations for the birth of Jesus.

As we approach Advent, let us remember that this special season is about more than decorations, concerts and celebrations. It is a time to prepare our hearts, to show love and kindness to others and to make room for Jesus in our lives.

Attendance W/C 16th November 2026			
EYFS	94.7%	Holy Family	63.9%
Year One	96%	Year Four	96.1%
Year Two	96.8%	Year Five	96.3%
Year Three	97.2%	Year Six	97.1%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Leo
Year 2: Julia
Year 3: Muna
Year 4: Tymek
Year 5: Sofia & Tessa
Year 6: Jady
Hear of Gold: Anita

Believe in yourself

🥶 ❄ Winter and after school clubs ❄ 🥶

As the evenings are getting darker, please remember that children who normally walk home independently must be collected by a parent or authorised adult if they attend an after-school club. This is to ensure that all children get home safely, and we thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

House Points

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

Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 - The Feast of Christ the King

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that when He comes as King, He will look at how we have treated others. He explains that whenever we feed someone who is hungry, welcome someone who feels alone, care for someone who is sick or help someone in need, we are showing love to Him. Jesus reminds us that true greatness is not about power, wealth or importance, but about the love, kindness and compassion we show to one another.

What is Jesus teaching us? On the Feast of Christ the King, we remember that Jesus is a King who leads through love and service. He teaches us that every person is precious and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. When we notice someone who needs our help and choose to act with kindness, we are following Jesus' example and helping to build His Kingdom here on earth.

Our mission this week: Jesus tells us, *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* How can you show Jesus' love this week through a simple act of kindness, compassion or generosity?



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:

Emily, Nel, Patrick,Evania, Adrian, Sebrina, Rozalia and Serah



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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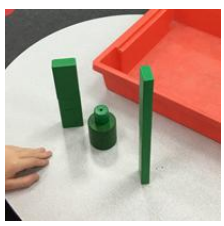
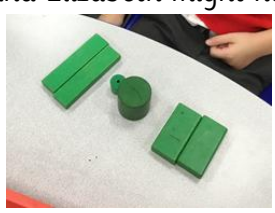
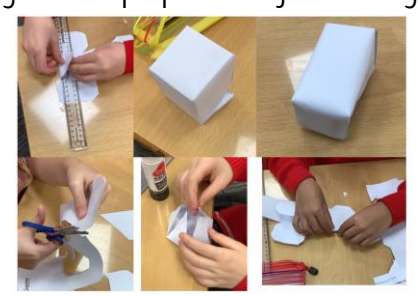
EYFS	EYFS have had a super week! In English, we have been writing advice notes for the characters in our story. We have also really enjoyed pretending to be the characters and acting out the story. In Maths, we have been looking at the numbers 6,7 and 8. We have been using numicon to find all the different ways to make 6. We have been thinking about how to be a good friend in our theme lessons linked to odd socks day on Monday. In RE, we have been sharing the next part of the Christmas Story and learnt that Jesus was born in a stable.
Year One	This week in maths, Year One have enjoyed exploring 3d shapes. In English, the children have created their own dragon guide. They have focused on how to feed the dragon, how to keep it safe and where to fly the dragon. In RE, the children have explored the Visitation and how Mary and Elizabeth might have been feeling.   
Year Two	This week Year 2 have worked incredibly hard in Maths! We have been subtracting two 2-digit numbers, using Diennes for support. This has included exchanging one ten for ten ones. See if your child can explain this to you! In English we have been adding the suffix -ed to the end of words to create verbs in the past tense. We are starting to plan our own story. In RE, we have revisited our prior learning about the annunciation of Jesus. In Science we have been discussing personal hygiene and how we can keep ourselves clean and healthy.
Year Three	We have had another busy week in year 3. In Maths, the children have been working hard on multiplying 2 digit by 1 digit numbers and have made lots of progress with it. In Science this week the focus was objects that are magnetic. The children enjoyed exploring objects around the school and deciding if they were magnetic or not. Our focus in RE this week was Mass. The children looked at each part of Mass, discussed what happens in it and why it was important. They then looked at the Liturgy of the Word and why that was important. Within D and T, the children continued to work on castles. They started with designing a castle and then explored making nets in preparation for making their own model castle. 
Year Four	Year Four have begun a new book in their English work. It is about a little girl who lives on a landfill site and has a crown made of rubbish. The theme of the book is looking after creation. We had a great first lesson making crowns to send to her as hers wasn't very nice. In Maths we are continuing to practise our times tables with a focus on the 11 times and 12 times this week. In RE we have learnt about John the Baptist by examining the gospel of Mark and Matthew. 

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Year Five	This week, Year Five have been busy preparing for their final piece of writing in English – an explanation text about a new Mars rover. In Maths, the children have been practising adding and subtracting decimals, focusing on the importance of aligning decimal points correctly to ensure accurate calculations. In DT, Year Five completed their bridges, taking great pride in their finished creations and feeling a real sense of accomplishment. In Science, we explored the challenges astronauts face when living and working in space, considering different aspects of their daily lives. This helped prepare the children for an exciting live webinar with real-life astronaut Dr Mike Barratt, who shared his experiences of life in space. In RE, we explored David's life as king, focusing on the leadership qualities he demonstrated through his actions and decisions. We also learnt about God's covenant with David, discussing the promises made by both God and David and their significance. 
Year 6	This week Year 6 have completed some excellent work! They've started their next unit on fractions and have already secured their understanding of multiplying and dividing fractions as well as practising their long multiplication skills in arithmetic. In English, we've used our consistent focus on abstract nouns to develop our descriptions of characters. We've also completed a science investigation to understand the effects of exercise on our heartbeat, learnt about the Blitz, and started our dance unit in PE. In RE, we've continued our focus on women in the Old Testament and what we can learn from them and explored Miriam's story further.

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	
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
Friday 27th November	Year 3 Library Trip – see email sent
Thursday 3rd December	Choir at St John Fisher for Catholic Schools carol servie – see letter sent
Tuesday 8th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – see email sent for booking details
Wednesday 8th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 10am – see email sent for booking details
Thursday 10th December	Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Nativity to parents 2pm see email sent for booking details
Friday 11th December	Choir at the Cavell Centre carol singing – see letter/email sent
Tuesday 15th December	Rock Steady Concert – details will be sent directly from Rock Steady
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Jumper Day – see email sent
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
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!