



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

**Sacred Heart**  
**Catholic Primary School**  
A Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **CROWNING OF MARY PROCESSION**

We were very proud to host our Crowning of Mary Procession yesterday. We journeyed with Mary, singing beautifully and praying as one. Thank you so much to our parents/carers for bringing in so many flowers for Mary. It was a beautiful, prayerful morning and the children were outstanding.



### **MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY**

May is the month where we think especially of Mary, the mother of Jesus. During this month, it would be lovely to make a special effort to say Mary's special prayer, the Hail Mary. Younger children may add this prayer to their prayers each night before bed, whilst older children may be able to say a decade of the rosary in their prayer time or a time of reflection. We remember Mary as a very special mother, who cared for her son.

### **SCHOOL FEAST DAY – 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

We will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a special whole school Mass in the morning, followed by a picnic lunch, games, and a special ice lolly treat in the afternoon. Children are invited to wear red-themed own clothes for the day.



### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

The children who have been preparing to make their First Holy Communion will do so on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. We continue to keep the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in our prayers.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD CELEBRATION**

Today, our Mini Vinnies attended the Good Shepherd Celebration Mass with schools from across the Diocese. During the celebration, they proudly presented our fundraising total of £110 to Bishop Marcus, raised through our Easter Egg Raffle in support of the Good Shepherd Appeal.

Thank you to all families for your generosity and support. Your contributions help support the vital work of Catholic Care and make a real difference to others in need.



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## SAFEGUARDING

### Helping Children Navigate Online Influences

In recent years, schools across the UK have seen a rise in children repeating sexist language, stereotypes and harmful attitudes, sometimes without fully understanding what they mean. Platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, Snapchat, Roblox, Fortnite and WhatsApp can expose children to harmful stereotypes or inappropriate content.

In school, this can sometimes appear through:

- Repeating phrases heard online
- Unkind comments based on gender
- Teasing or exclusion
- Disrespectful language towards others

We encourage families to support children by:

- Knowing which apps, games and videos they are accessing
- Keeping devices in shared family spaces where possible
- Using parental controls and safety settings
- Having calm, open conversations about kindness, fairness and respect

Small, regular conversations at home can make a big difference in helping children develop positive and respectful attitudes towards others.

**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**

## ASSESSMENTS

Our Year 6 class have now completed their SATs tests. The children and staff have worked so hard and I am so proud of all of the children for trying their best and the staff for all their hard work. I know every single child has given everything they could and I am beyond proud of each of our pupils.

After half term, our Year 1 class and some of our year 2 pupils are completing their Phonics Screening. Our Year 4 class are also completing their Multiplication Tables Check. They have

worked so hard and given their best. Well done to all our superstars, we are very proud of you.

Each child means so much more to us than any result. At Sacred Heart, we are blessed to focus upon the whole child and their development.

## SPORTS DAY ADVANCE NOTICE

Just an advance notice that the date for Sports Day is the 8<sup>th</sup> July. There are 2 backup dates in case of bad weather – the 9<sup>th</sup> July and the 16<sup>th</sup> July. Reception and KS1 will be in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Further information will be shared nearer the time.

## TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

A huge well done to all our children who took part in the Summer 1 Times Table Rockstars competition. As ever, the participants were outstanding with some super quick times table fact recalling! **A huge congratulations to Zainab from Year 5 who was our overall winner and goes through to the Grand Final competition in July! It's going to be exciting!**

## READING CAFÉ

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Reading Café. It was wonderful to see so many families there and to share the importance of reading together.

The event was very well attended and the children thoroughly enjoyed spending time reading alongside their families. Thank you for your continued support in helping to foster a love of reading at home and at school.

A special thank you to Mrs Digby for organising such a lovely event.



## ENERGY HEROES ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOP

Children in Years 2–6 took part in an exciting whole-school assembly led by Clare McVeigh and the company, Energy Heroes. The assembly helped children learn more about energy use, sustainability and how we can all make small changes to help protect our environment.

Following the assembly, Year 5 also enjoyed a workshop exploring energy use in more detail, before a small group of children took part in an energy audit as part of developing our new Eco Council.

The children were fully engaged throughout the sessions and loved learning about how they can become 'Energy Heroes' both at school and at home.

A huge thank you to Clare McVeigh, one of our school parents, for all of her support in providing these fantastic opportunities for our children.

## NEWLY HATCHED CHICKS

Reception and Year 1 have been very excited to welcome some newly hatched chicks into school this week! The children have loved observing the chicks closely, learning about life cycles and watching how they grow and develop.

It has been a wonderful hands-on learning experience and has created lots of excitement, curiosity and conversation.



## FOSH

You may have noticed our new picnic tables on the grass bank above the KS2 playground. We hope the children enjoy using them during the warmer weather and after half-term.

The tables are made from recycled plastic bottles and form part of our ongoing work to improve our outdoor environment and develop biodiversity around school.

A huge thank you to FOSH for purchasing the tables through their fundraising support.



FOSH will also be holding a Father's Day Sale in school on Friday 19th June. Children can purchase a special gift for Father's Day for £2 via the Arbor Parent App.

To purchase:

- Open the Arbor Parent App
- Go to School Shop
- Select Father's Day Gift

A maximum of 3 gifts per child can be purchased. Sales close at 3.15pm on 18th June.

### CHILDREN'S BOOKER PRIZE

Could your child be a judge for the first-ever Children's Booker Prize?

The prestigious Booker Prizes have launched a nationwide search for three young judges aged 8–12 to help choose the winner of the inaugural Children's Booker Prize 2027!

The chosen judges will join an adult panel featuring Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce to read, debate, and pick the ultimate winning book.

What the young judges win:

- All 8 shortlisted books to read and keep.
- An official judges' medal.
- A VIP trip to London to choose the winner.
- A custom portrait by a Beano illustrator.
- A red-carpet invitation to the awards ceremony at the Young V&A.

Are they eligible?

- Must be aged 8–12.
- Must live in the UK.
- Passionate about stories and sharing their opinions.

Deadline: Tuesday, 2 June 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Parents, carers and teachers can apply on behalf of a child. Head to the link in our bio to submit your entry form via the Booker Prizes Child Judge Competition Page!

<https://thebookerprizes.com/the-childrens-booker-prize>

### A PERSONAL GOODBYE

As many of you know, this Friday marks my final day at Sacred Heart. It has been an absolute privilege to serve this wonderful school community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for your

kindness, support and partnership over my time here.

Sacred Heart is a truly special place, rooted in faith, compassion and a genuine sense of family. I feel incredibly proud of all that the children, staff and wider community achieve together each day. Watching our children grow in confidence, faith and character has been the greatest joy.

I am deeply grateful for the support and encouragement you have shown me throughout my time at Sacred Heart. Your trust, care and commitment to the school have meant so much.

Although it is difficult to say goodbye, I leave with many wonderful memories and with every confidence that Sacred Heart will continue to flourish. The school community will always hold a very special place in my heart and prayers.

Thank you once again for everything.

With warmest wishes and God bless,  
Mrs Nichol

