



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

Sacred Heart
Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

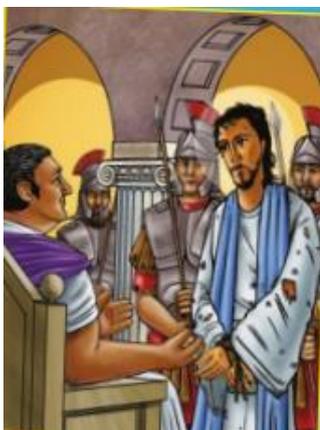
NEWSLETTER: 21st November 2025

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast presents a golden opportunity for us to make a new start with Jesus – the Universal King. It is a celebration to which all are warmly invited.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' kingship is not one of political power, crowns and splendour, but one of peace and truth. He is not an earthly king – his kingdom is heaven. Jesus stands up for God's true values of love and forgiveness and leads us into the truth. He also reveals to us the truth about ourselves.

Enjoy a very special time together this week, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this week's special word, which is LEADER.

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others, leading us on our journey towards eternal life." Pope Francis



KEY DATES

Fri 21st Nov – Anti-bullying week assembly. Parents/carers welcome to attend. 2:15pm.

Tues 25th Nov – Sacrament of Confirmation. St Mary's Horsforth, arrive from 6.30pm.

Thurs 27th Nov – Pupil Parliament Assembly – 2.15pm. Parents carers welcome to attend.

Fri 28th Nov – Advent Day in school

Mon 1st Dec – Medicine and drugs awareness sessions

Tues 2nd and Wed 3rd Dec – Advent Prayer Stations in school

Thursday 4th Dec – Whole School Advent Mass. Parents/carers welcome. 1.30pm.

Tues 9th Dec – Christmas Pantomime in school (am)

Tues 9th Dec – KS2 Singing Performance with Miss Leather. Parents/carers welcome to attend. 2.30pm.

Wed 10th Dec – Human Rights Assembly led by Year 6. Parents/carers welcomes to attend. 9am.

Thurs 11th Dec – Year 2 Christingle Service. Parents/carers welcome. 2:00pm.

Fri 12th Dec – FOSH Christmas Fayre. NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY.

Tues 16th Dec – Advent Reconciliation Service. 2.15pm. Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wed 17th Dec – R/Y1 Nativity Performance. 2.15pm

Thurs 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 19th Dec – Carol Service. Parents/carers welcome to attend. 2:30pm.



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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

We continue to keep our Year 6 children in our prayers as they journey in faith and engage fully with catechesis each week. Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 7pm at St Mary's Church led by Bishop Marcus. God bless all our candidates as they grow in faith.



YEAR 4 AND 6 CLASS MASS

Yesterday, our Year 4 and Year 6 children came together to lead a beautiful Class Mass in school. The children were reverent, reflective and fully engaged throughout, demonstrating a real understanding of the readings and responses.

Our readers spoke clearly and confidently, and the singing created a lovely sense of community and calm. It was wonderful to see the older pupils supporting the younger ones, modelling our Sacred Heart virtues so naturally.

A huge thank you to Fr. Chris for celebrating with us, and to all staff who helped prepare the children. We are incredibly proud of them all for the respectful and thoughtful way they took part.

ADVENT

On Friday 28th November, it would be fantastic if families could donate any greenery (evergreen leaves, conifer, holly etc) as we will be making Advent wreaths for our classes. Please bring this to school on

Friday 28th November in the morning. Thank you so much.



SAFEGUARDING – ONLINE SAFETY

We are increasingly aware that some children are using social media, messaging apps and group chats outside of school hours, often late in the evening. A number of pupils have shared that these conversations can sometimes become unkind, overwhelming or difficult to manage, which can lead to upset and impact their wellbeing.

As a gentle reminder, most social media platforms have age restrictions (usually 13+), and younger children can find it hard to navigate these spaces safely. We kindly ask parents and carers to monitor their child's phone and online activity closely, check privacy settings, and ensure devices are switched off at an appropriate time each night.

Please continue to speak openly with your child about staying safe online: being kind, knowing when to leave a chat, and telling a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right.

To support with this in school too, this week, children in Years 2–6 took part in online safety sessions delivered by Dave from d:side, our trusted external organisation who support schools with safeguarding and health education.

The sessions helped children to:

- Understand how to stay safe online

- Recognise unsafe or worrying online behaviour
- Know what to do if something doesn't feel right
- Build good habits around gaming, social media and online communication

The children engaged brilliantly and showed a strong awareness of how to protect themselves in the digital world.

We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home.

Staying safe online is very much a partnership between school and families.

If you would like any further online safety resources, please just let us know.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week, we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week across school with the theme "Power for Good." Children have taken part in discussions and activities focused on how each of us can use our words and actions to make a positive difference.

Across the week, pupils explored what bullying is, how it makes others feel, and, most importantly, how they can use their "power for good" to stand up for kindness, include others, and speak out if something doesn't feel right. Classes also revisited our school values and restorative approach, thinking carefully about how we build a safe, respectful community together.

We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful conversations and mature responses from all year groups. Thank you for continuing to reinforce these important messages at home.

PARLIAMENT WEEK

Next week we'll be celebrating Parliament Week across the whole school. Children from Reception to Year 6 will learn about democracy, leadership and how their voices can shape our school community. They will explore what Parliament is, create class manifesto pledges and hear from our Year 6 pupils who are standing for School Prime Minister.

On Thursday, all children will take part in a full voting day using real ballot papers and ballot boxes. We will then announce our new School Prime Minister and Pupil Parliament representatives in a celebration assembly at 2:15pm. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for the assembly. We're looking forward to a brilliant week of learning and pupil voice!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are currently in the process of updating and adding to the school website. We have recently updated lots of information including curriculum information to make it easier for you to see what your child is learning. Please do check the website for updated information about what is going on in school

<https://www.sacredheartleeds.org.uk/>



SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 4 had a wonderful day at Leeds City Varieties taking part in an Ancient Greek workshop and also going behind the scenes in the theatre. The children had great fun whilst learning and couldn't wait to share their learning with us when they came back. Thank you to the Y4 staff team for organising such a wonderful trip.

FOSH

The Christmas Fayre this year will be on Friday 12th December. This will also be a non-uniform day. Thank you to FOSH for all your hard work organising the wonderful events in school.



ATTENDANCE THIS HALF TERM

Reception: 93%

Year 1: 85%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 99%

Overall: 96%

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97%

Congratulations to YEAR 6 who are our ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS so far this half term.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support.

God bless
Mrs Nichol