



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

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

**NEWSLETTER:** 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Yesterday we were delighted to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – a particularly special occasion for us as this is the feast day of our own parish church.

This day marks the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette in Lourdes in 1858. It is a day closely associated with prayer, healing and hope, and reminds us of Mary's message of faith, humility and trust in God. It is also recognised as a World Day of Prayer for the Sick, giving us a special opportunity to hold in our prayers those who are unwell or in need of comfort.

We were very pleased to welcome Fr Chris, who led us in a beautiful and reflective liturgy. It was wonderful to gather together in prayer and to be joined by members of our parish community, strengthening the close links between school and church.

It was a joyful and prayerful celebration, reminding us of Mary's example of faith, compassion and service.

A truly special day for our Sacred Heart family.

*Our Lady of Lourdes,  
help us to trust in God as you did.  
Bring comfort to those who are sick  
and guide us to grow in love each day.  
Amen.*

### **RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SESSIONS**

Reconciliation preparation sessions continue in school with Mrs Myers.



### **CLASS LED CELEBRATION OF THE WORD**

A huge thank you to our Year 4 pupils who led a beautiful Celebration of the Word for the whole school, focusing on the Presentation of the Lord. It was a heart-warming celebration, and sharing the Gospel together truly uplifted our spirits. It was a wonderful moment of prayer and reflection for our whole school family.

Looking ahead, our next class-led Celebration of the Word will be on 17th March, led by Year 3 and will focus on St Patrick. Join us at 9 am; parents and carers are always welcome!

### **FAMILY MASS – ALL WELCOME**

You are warmly invited to join us for our Family Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday 22nd March at 8:45am.

It is always a lovely opportunity to come together in faith as a school and parish community. All families are very welcome – we hope to see you there.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13.02.26** – School closes at 3:15pm for half term.
- 23.06.26** – School reopens – Spring 2
- 03.03.26** – Sacred Heart Futures – Burley Banksy
- 05.03.26** – World Book Day
- 09.03.26** – Discovering Science Assembly Led by Year 4
- 11.03.26** – Ash Bond Author Visit – Years 4-6
- 12.03.26** – Jess Clarke Athlete Visit
- 12.03.26** – Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes – 4.30pm
- 13.03.26** – Parent/carer coffee morning 8.40am
- 13.03.26** – Solar for Schools Whole School Assembly

## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE ONLINE SAFETY

This week we are marking Safer Internet Day, with this year's theme:

“AI Aware: Safe, Smart, and in Control.”

Across school, children are learning about Artificial Intelligence (AI), how it is used online, and how to stay safe, think critically and make smart choices in an increasingly digital world. We are helping pupils to understand both the exciting opportunities AI brings and the importance of staying in control of their online activity.

Our Year 5 pupils led a fantastic assembly to launch the week, encouraging everyone to reflect on safe and respectful behaviour online. Classes will continue exploring this theme through age-appropriate lessons and discussions throughout the week.

We ask parents and carers to please remain vigilant about online use at home, particularly around gaming, social media, group chats and emerging AI tools.

**We are holding a Coffee Morning tomorrow at 8:40am in the top hall, focusing on online safety, and would love to see as many parents and carers there.**

## HALF-TERM

School closes for half term this Friday. School reopens on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Have a lovely break together.

## LEEDS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

The Leeds Storytelling Festival starts on 14<sup>th</sup> February. It is a family festival in which you can expect three weeks filled with the magic of storytelling. Activities include family theatre, author readings and costume making workshops. Click the link for more information on the different events available <https://leedsinspired.co.uk/collection/leeds-storytelling-festival>



## NUMBER DAY

Last Friday, we celebrated Number Day. The children took part in Dress Up for Digits and took part in lots of number challenges throughout the day. In assembly, we finished with the next round of our TTRS live battle where Salem from Year 5 was victorious and will go through to the finals at the end of the year. A brilliant day was had by all as well as lots of brilliant maths learning. Thank you to



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance since we returned to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Reception: 93%

Year 1: 86%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 96%

**Year 6: 98%**

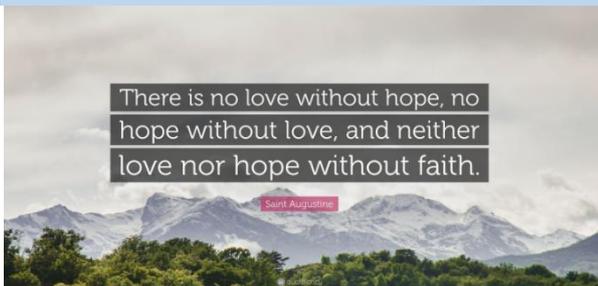
**Overall: 95%**

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97.5%

**Congratulations to Year 6 who are our attendance champions this half term.**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support.

God bless  
Mrs Nichol