



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

Sacred Heart
Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER: 14th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year! Welcome back to our Spring Term and may I wish you all the very best wishes for 2026 for you and your families.

As we close our Christmas season, we reflect upon on the feast of the Epiphany. As we reflect on the bright star that led the wise men as they journeyed, we can wonder what this means to us all. The message that I take from this is that God wishes us all to continue to be beacons of our faith, supporting each other, leading each other forwards and being a true example of our faith in all we do. I ask each child to let their light shine brightly. May each let their gifts be used to the full both for themselves and for others. May we all strive to be stars of hope and excellence.

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us Jesus as a gift. We give our hearts to you. Even when our journeys feel difficult, help us to know the joy of being friends with Jesus.

Amen

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Reconciliation preparation sessions will begin w/c 26th January for children in Year 3 who are baptised Catholic.

There will be a parent/carer information session on Monday 19th January at 3:30pm

in the school library. Please come through the main office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19.01.26 – Year 1 Hearing Screen

19.01.26 – Reconciliation Parent Meeting
3.30pm

20.01.26 – Year 4 assembly – Learning about Faiths 2.30pm Parents/carers welcome

30.01.26 – National Child Measuring Programme and Vision Check – R and Y6

30.01.26 – City of Leeds Basketball Sessions in school

30.01.26 – Multi-Faith Week assembly.
2.15pm. All parents/carers welcome.

05.02.26 – FOSH Movie Night after school

06.02.26 – NSPCC Number Day

06.02.26 – Times Table Rock Stars Competition – 2.30pm. Parents/carers welcome.

10.02.26 – Year 5 Internet Safety Assembly.
Parents/carers welcome: 2.30pm

11.02.26 – Parent/carer consultation evening
3.30pm-6.00pm

12.02.26 - Parent/carer consultation evening
3.45pm-6.15pm

13.02.26 – School closes at 3:30pm for half term.

SAFEGUARDING

Our Safeguarding Team is Mrs Nichol, (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Duffy, Mrs Hall, Elaine (Mrs Hughes), Miss Morrisroe and Mr MacFarlane. Please come and see us if you have any safeguarding concerns.



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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE – “BRAINROT” GAMES ON ROBLOX

We are aware of the increasing popularity of so-called “brainrot” games on Roblox. These are fast-paced, brightly coloured games inspired by internet memes. While some children find them entertaining, they can be overwhelming and may not always be suitable.

Parents and carers should be aware that:

- These games can be very fast and noisy, which some children may find overstimulating or upsetting.
- They often encourage in-game spending (Robux), which can lead to frustration if children lose money or progress.
- As with many online games, children may interact with people they don’t know, so privacy and safety settings are important.
- Games can change quickly, and what starts as fun can sometimes lead to emotional upset, particularly if children lose items or fall out with others.

We encourage families to:

- Talk to children about the games they are playing and how they make them feel
- Use parental controls and privacy settings on Roblox
- Set clear boundaries around screen time and in-game purchases
- Encourage a healthy balance of online and offline activities

Thank you for continuing to work with us to keep children safe online.

YEAR 6 SATS

All our Year 6 children will be sitting national tests this May. Please note test week will be Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May. All Year 6 pupils must be in school to sit their

SATs during this week. Revision classes for some of our Year 6 pupils has also started. Thank you to all our Year 6 families for your ongoing support to our school and your children.

YEAR 1 NATIONAL PHONIC TESTS

These take place in June 2025 for all our Year 1 pupils. Keep practicing your phonics skills Year 1. The class teams are all supporting your children to be prepared for this screening, but daily reading is essential to success. School follows the Little Wandle Phonic Scheme with fidelity to prepare all children.

YEAR 4 NATIONAL MULTIPLICATION TEST

This takes place in June for all our Year 4 pupils. Keep working on your times tables Year 4 (and Year 3 in preparation)!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Clubs are back this half term and we have a huge array of clubs on offer. We have had a huge uptake for the clubs which is fantastic. Just a reminder that there are no clubs in the last week.

Day	Club name	Teacher(s)	Year group(s)
Monday	Board Games	Mr Prowse	Years 3–6
Monday	Book Club	Mrs Digby	Invite only
Monday	Multi Skills	Mr Kilner (Beyond the Physical)	Years 1–2
Tuesday	Build a Story and Lego	Mrs Bateson	Years 1–3
Tuesday	Football	Mr Cairns	Invite only
Tuesday	Music and Movement	Miss Morrisroe	Years 1–3
Tuesday	Maths Booster	Mrs Nichol	Invite only

Wednesday	Morning Circuits	Mrs Nichol	Years 5–6
Thursday	Reading Booster	Mrs Nichol	Invite only
Thursday	Lunchtime Netball	Mrs Nichol & Miss Hill	Years 5–6

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION EVENING

Our Parent/Carer consultations will be held on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February. You will have received an email regarding booking an appointment for your child/children using our online booking system.

Please ensure you book an appointment if you haven't already.

We look forward to seeing you all.

MULTI-FAITH WEEK

From next week, we will be celebrating Multi-Faith Week across school for two weeks. Each class will be learning about a different world religion, with a particular focus on religious texts and what they teach us about faith, values and beliefs.

To celebrate the children's learning, pupils will be presenting their work in a special assembly on Friday 30th January at 2:15pm. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

FOSH

Friends of Sacred Heart (FOSH) are organising a Movie Night on **Thursday 5th February** for children in Reception to Year 6.

More information, including timings and ticket details, will be shared soon.

YORKSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET IN SCHOOL

We are delighted to welcome Yorkshire County Cricket Club into school every week this half term. Their specialist coaches will be working with children in Years 2–6, delivering

high-quality cricket sessions that focus on skill development, teamwork and enjoyment.

These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop confidence, coordination and a love of sport, while also learning about resilience and fair play. We are really pleased to be able to offer this enrichment opportunity as part of our commitment to providing a broad and engaging curriculum.

We look forward to seeing the children's skills and enthusiasm grow over the half term! Thank you to Mr Cairns for organising this for our pupils.

SPECIAL THEMED SCHOOL DINNER – CENSUS DAY

To celebrate Census Day tomorrow, our kitchen will be serving a special "Taste of Europe" themed menu, giving children the chance to enjoy flavours from across Europe.

Children can choose from a range of delicious options, including Greek-style dishes, Spanish paella, baguettes, and a choice of sides and desserts – or fresh fruit.

We would love as many children as possible to join in and enjoy a school dinner tomorrow. As well as being a fun experience for the children, taking a school meal on Census Day helps the school to secure important funding that supports resources and opportunities for all pupils.

If your child doesn't usually have a school dinner but would like to try one tomorrow, they are very welcome to do so.

Thank you for your support!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance since Tuesday 6th January.

Reception: 93%

Year 1: 85%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 95%

Year 4: 93%

Year 5: 93%

Year 6: 99%

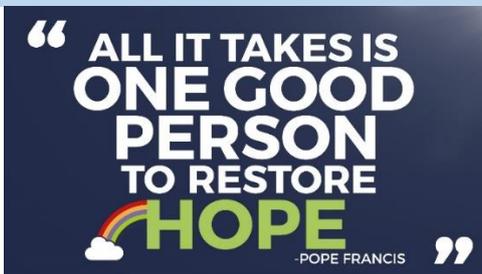
Overall: 94%

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97.5%

Congratulations to Year 6 who are our attendance champions this week.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support.

God bless, Mrs Nichol