



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

Sacred Heart

Catholic Primary School

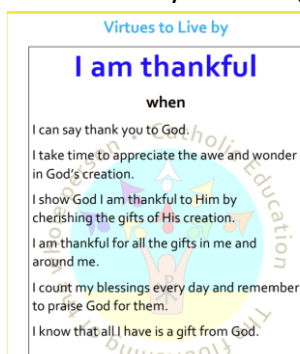
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NEWSLETTER: 16th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us of the importance of prayer and perseverance. He tells the story of a woman who never gave up asking for help, and through her persistence, her prayers were answered. Jesus teaches us that God always listens, even when we have to wait for His answer.

At Sacred Heart, we can link this message to our virtue of thankfulness. When we pray, we not only ask God for help, but we also take time to thank Him for the many blessings in our lives: our families, friends and school community. Let's remember this week to speak to God each day with thankful hearts, trusting that He is always listening.



YEAR 4 VISIT TO LEEDS CATHEDRAL

Our Year 4 children attended a special celebration at Leeds Cathedral marking the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays devotion. They took part reverently in the Rosary for world peace, Mass, and a beautiful procession.

Their behaviour and respect were outstanding, and we were truly touched by the number of members of the public who praised their manners and reverence. We are so proud of how they represented Sacred Heart – living out our mission, “Together We Learn and Grow in Love.”

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Our Confirmation preparation sessions began last Tuesday for the children in Year 6. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

Sessions will take place each week, led by Anne Jones.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday 25th November — further information will be shared nearer the time.

KEY DATES

Friday 17th October – Times Table Rockstars Assembly – **2.15pm**

Wednesday 22nd October – Parent/carer consultation evening – 3.30-6.00

Thursday 23rd October – Black History Month assembly. 9.00. **Parents/carers welcome.**

Thursday 23rd October – Parent/carer consultation evening – 3.45-6.15

Friday 24th October – School closed for a staff training day. October half term begins. School reopens Monday 3rd November.

SAFEGUARDING

Keeping our children safe is always our highest priority. This term, we continue to focus on key safeguarding themes



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highlighted in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025, including online safety, mental health, and the use of AI and social media.

Please remind your child never to share personal information or images online and to speak to a trusted adult if anything worries them.

As always, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Nichol (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or a member of our Safeguarding Team. Together, we keep every child safe, valued and supported.

RECIPE STATION

We're delighted to be welcoming Sacred Heart Recipe Station in partnership with Barca Leeds and Better Together.

Every Tuesday from 3:00–3:30pm, families can collect a FREE bag of ingredients along with a simple, healthy recipe to make a nutritious meal at home. It's a fantastic way to try new dishes, eat well on a budget, and cook together as a family!

When: Tuesdays, 3:00–3:30pm

Where: In the playground (term time only)

Dates: 4th November – 9th December 2025

Come along, collect your bag and get cooking!



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For more info email us at:
bettertogetherwest@barca-leeds.org

Healthy food doesn't have to be boring or expensive!
All our recipes are delicious yet cheap and
simple to re-create.

To join our community Facebook page where you can share
creations and chat to other chefs in your area,
search for "West Leeds Recipe Station".

PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

Primary Admissions open on 1st November 2024. We will be holding open days in school on the 4th and 5th November. If you wish to attend a school tour, please contact the school office. Please share this information with potential families who wish to join our school family next year. All the open day information is also available on the school website

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

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The admission round for high schools is now open so please make sure you have applied before October 31st 2025. Please ensure you have selected five preferences and handed Supplementary Information Forms into any Catholic schools you may have selected.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be no after school clubs next week as it is the final week of the half term.

A huge thank you to all of our staff who have led clubs this half term. Your time, effort and enthusiasm are very much appreciated and make a real difference to our children's experiences.

Clubs for Autumn Term 2 will go live during the first week back after half term, and full information will be emailed out to parents/carers in advance.

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

Our first TTRS competition of the year kicks off this Friday at 2:15pm!

Who will be crowned champion and progress to the summer term final?

Parents and carers are warmly welcome to join us—it's set to be very exciting!

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION EVENING

Our Parent/Carer consultations will be held on Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 23rd October. 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.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Our school dinners are fresh, tasty and nutritious, providing children with a balanced meal to fuel their learning each day. We're very lucky to have a dedicated catering team who go above and beyond to make sure every meal is enjoyed - I can personally vouch for how lovely they are!

Children don't have to have a school dinner every day - you can mix and match with packed lunches if you wish. Current menus are available on our school website.

We'll also be offering taster samples during Parents/Carers Consultation Evening, where you can try some of the dishes and ask any questions about the menu or dietary needs. A reminder that all children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to universal free school meals. If you have any questions, please speak to the school office.

OUTSTANDING KITCHEN TEAM

Our school kitchen is regularly monitored to assess and evaluate cleanliness, food standards, health and safety regulations, customer service and how well dietary requirements are met. The monitoring is divided into three key sections and we're delighted to share that our team scored 100% across all areas!

An amazing achievement and a true reflection of the care, dedication, and high

standards shown every single day. Well done to our wonderful catering team - we are so proud of you!

OUTDOOR LEARNING CLUB

Mrs Duffy, Miss Ishaq and the outdoor learning club have been enjoying creating artwork using nature as inspiration. They looked at colour charts, matching up items from nature, then created picture frames out of sticks. Inside the frames they then created pictures of trees, landscapes and other scenes. As always, the sessions ended by learning about fire safety and making hot chocolate on the cooking stove.

ROCKSTEADY

On Tuesday 14th October, we were treated to a special assembly by Rocksteady. Tim gave us a fun and interactive show, demonstrating the instruments and teaching the children about beat, rhythm and pitch through the use of our favourite rock songs. The children were immersed in the music and some of them got to become a rock band themselves, trying out the instruments and being superstar performers. Rocksteady will begin their lessons after half term.



FOOTBALL NEWS

Two victories in our first two football fixtures! Both 2-0 score lines against Christ the King and Holy Family! Good goalkeeping

and defensive performances in both games and some good team goals scored also. More fixtures to be arranged after half term!

HALF-TERM BREAK

Just a reminder that school will close for half term on Thursday 23rd October. We have a staff training day on Friday 24th October, so school will be closed to pupils. We will reopen on Monday 3rd November. We wish all our children and families a happy and restful half term break.

ATTENDANCE THIS HALF-TERM

Reception: 99%

Year 1: 84%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 98%

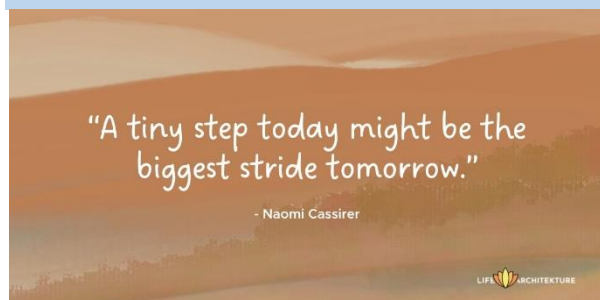
Overall: 96%

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97%

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

God bless
Mrs Nichol