



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

Sacred Heart
Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER: 20th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, our children have reflected on Sunday's Gospel from John, where Jesus helped a blind man to see again. This reminds us that while we can see the many wonderful things God has created, we also need to open our eyes to when things go wrong and think about how we can make them right.

This links closely to our Virtue to Live By this half term: **Forgiveness**. Sometimes, when we truly see a situation clearly, we recognise when we have made mistakes or when others may have hurt us. Forgiveness helps us to respond with kindness, to say sorry, and to give others a chance to start again.

Our challenge this week has been to open our eyes and hearts to Jesus, to let our faith shine, and to live out forgiveness in our words and actions each day.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to all of our children who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. It was a beautiful and prayerful occasion, and we are incredibly proud of how reverently the children approached this important step in their faith journey.

A special thank you to Mrs Myers for preparing the children so thoughtfully and supporting them so well throughout this important time.

We are now looking ahead to our First Holy Communion programme.

The initial parent meeting will take place on Monday 30th March at 3:30pm in school.

If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion this year, it is essential that you inform the school office and attend the parent meeting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mrs Myers.

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.

MINI VINNIES – FAITH IN ACTION

Our Mini Vinnies recently visited the St Vincent de Paul warehouse on York Road, where they had a fantastic and inspiring experience.

The children were given a tour of the warehouse and learned more about the important work being done to support those in need within our community. They also had the opportunity to get involved by helping to prepare food hampers for families.

It was wonderful to see our children living out their faith through service, showing kindness, compassion and a real understanding of helping others. A truly meaningful example of faith in action.



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EID MUBARAK

We would like to wish all of our families celebrating Eid a very happy and peaceful Eid Mubarak.

May this special time be filled with joy, reflection and time spent with loved ones. We are proud to celebrate the rich diversity of our Sacred Heart community and the many traditions that make our school so special.

RESURRECTION ROCK ASSEMBLY

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our upcoming Resurrection Rock Assembly, led by our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.

The children will be sharing the Easter story through a combination of songs and a short narrative, celebrating this important time in the Church calendar on Wed 1st April at 9.30am.

We would love for you to join us for what promises to be a joyful and meaningful celebration.

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

For this year's Catholic Care Good Shepherd Appeal 2026, we will be raising money by selling raffle tickets for children to try and win an easter egg in our big easter egg raffle at the end of the term. **Tickets are on sale now on School Money and are 50p a ticket. Children can buy a maximum of 10 tickers.**

The Easter Egg collection is definitely growing and thank you for the eggs that have been donated. If you would like to donate any easter eggs to go into the raffle, donations would be greatly appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22.03.26 – Family Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church – 8.45am

24.03.26 – Year 2 trip to Ponderosa Zoo

26.03.26 – Year 5 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

27.03.26 – RockSteady concert 9.30am

29.03.26 – Start of Holy Week and Palm Sunday

30.03.26 – Palm Sunday liturgy in school

31.03.26 – Donkey Visit and Stations of the Cross

01.04.26 – Year 3 and 4 – Resurrection Rock 9.30am. Parents/carers welcome.

01.04.26 – Mini Easter Fayre 3.30pm. Non-uniform day.

02.04.26 – Maundy Thursday

03.04.26 – Good Friday. School closed. Reopens on Monday 13th April.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

We were pleased to welcome a safeguarding audit in school this week, which provided an opportunity to review and reflect on our safeguarding systems and practice.

The audit was extremely positive, with reviewers commenting on the strong culture of safeguarding across the school and the clear commitment of staff to keeping children safe. They recognised the robust systems we have in place, including effective record keeping, timely actions and the strong relationships we build with children and families.

We are very proud of this outcome, which reflects the dedication and vigilance of our whole staff team. As always, safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we will continue to review and strengthen our practice to ensure the very best support for all of our children.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE - YOUTUBE

YouTube and YouTube Kids can be a great source of learning and entertainment, but they are not risk-free. Even with filters, children may still come across unsuitable content, particularly through autoplay, searching, or adverts.

To help keep children safe, we recommend:

- Using YouTube Kids or setting up child-specific profiles
- Turning on Restricted Mode and switching off autoplay
- Supervising what children are watching and checking content regularly

- Keeping devices in shared family spaces
- Encouraging children to talk to you if they see anything that worries them

It's also important to talk openly with your child about online safety, helping them understand what to do if something doesn't feel right.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Medium term plans for all classes are available on our school website. These provide an overview of what your child will be learning this half term across the curriculum.

We encourage families to take a look to support conversations about learning at home.

SCIENCE WEEK – CURIOSITY: WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION?

Last week, our school was buzzing with curiosity as we celebrated our eagerly anticipated Science Week. It was fantastic to

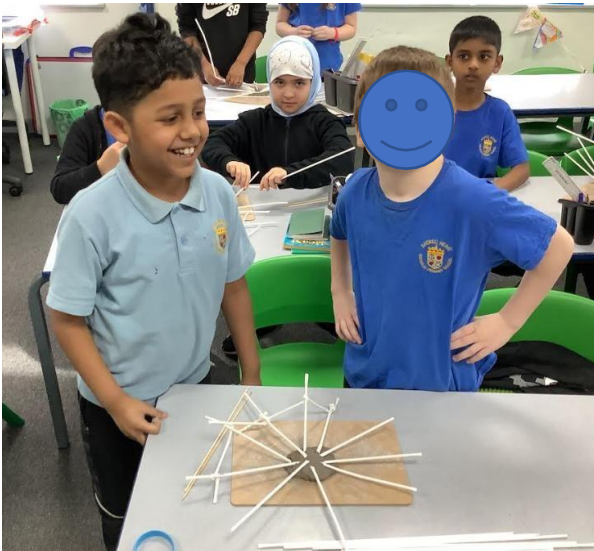
see so many of our children fully engaged in hands-on investigations, asking thoughtful questions and embracing their inner scientists.

A big thank you to Mr Prowse, who launched the week with an exciting and inspiring assembly, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm across the school.

Throughout the week, classrooms were filled with practical experiments, exploration and discussion. It has been a real highlight hearing the children talk so confidently and enthusiastically about their learning, sharing what they have discovered and the questions they are still curious to explore.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and scientific thinking shown by all of our pupils.





YOUTH SUMMIT VISIT

Eleven pupils from across KS2 were nominated by staff to represent the school at the South West Youth Summit last Friday. During the day, they spoke with local councillors, took part in a range of activities focused on making positive changes for Leeds, and participated in a Q&A session with the Lord Mayor. The children also had the opportunity to meet and work with pupils from other schools across the city, sharing ideas and discussing issues that matter to young people. It was a very successful day, and our pupils returned to Sacred Heart with

some fantastic ideas to help improve our community.



MINDMATE AMBASSADORS – SUPPORTING WELLBEING

Our MindMate Ambassadors recently led a fantastic assembly focused on supporting children's social, emotional and mental health (SEMH).

They confidently shared a range of helpful strategies, tips and information with their peers, helping everyone to better understand how to manage their feelings and support one another.

This is just the beginning of their work, and we are excited that they will be continuing to develop this further in school, including setting up groups and initiatives to support wellbeing.

We are incredibly proud of the leadership, confidence and care shown by our MindMate Ambassadors.

JESS CLARKE VISIT & ACTIVKIDS EVENT

We were delighted to welcome Jess Clarke into school as part of our ActivKids event. Every class took part in a fun and energetic circuits session, and the children were

inspired by Jess's story, determination and sporting achievements during her talk. A huge thank you to Mr Cairns for organising such a fantastic opportunity for our children. We are also incredibly proud to share that, through the generosity of our school community, we raised an amazing £574.50, with £167.70 coming back into school to support future opportunities for our children.

A special well done to the following children who raised the most sponsorship:

- Daniel C (Year 4) – Gold medal and 1:1 photo
- Isaac (Year 5) – Gold medal and 1:1 photo
- Adrian (Year 3) – Gold medal and 1:1 photo
- Alex (Year 5) – Signed poster
- Charlie (Year 2) – Signed poster

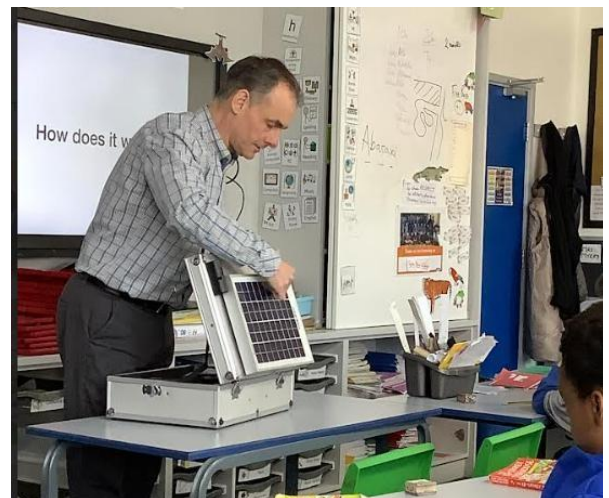
Thank you again to everyone who supported this event. It made a real difference and created a memorable experience for our children.



SOLAR FOR SCHOOLS – YEAR 4 WORKSHOP

Last week, our Year 4 pupils took part in an engaging Solar for Schools workshop, where they learned all about renewable energy and how solar power can be used to generate electricity.

The session was interactive and thought-provoking, helping children to understand the importance of sustainability and looking after our environment. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and curiosity as they explored how energy is created and used.



EXCITING FILMING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN

We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity from Daisybeck Studios in Leeds, who are producing a new Channel 5 children's programme: Milkshake! Monkey's Morning at the Museum.

They are looking for children aged 7–8 to take part in this fun and educational series, where children will explore museums, take part in activities and help prepare exhibits.

Filming will take place between 6th April and 8th May (some dates fall in the school holidays). Selected children may need to miss one day of school, and a parent/carer must attend as a chaperone. All necessary performance licences will be arranged. To apply, parents will need to complete an online form and submit a short video clip (max 2 minutes) of their child.

If you are interested, please follow the link <https://www.cognitofrms.com/DaisybeckStudios/MilkshakeMonkeysMorningAtTheMuseumApplicationForm2>.

FOSH

FOSH Mini Easter Fayre will be on Wednesday 1st April from 3:30–5:00pm. **This will also be a non-uniform day for all children.** We hope lots of families will be able to join us and thank you, as always, for supporting FOSH and helping raise funds for our school. Please note – this event will be cash only.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance since we returned to school on Monday 23rd February.

Reception: 92%

Year 1: 87%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 97%

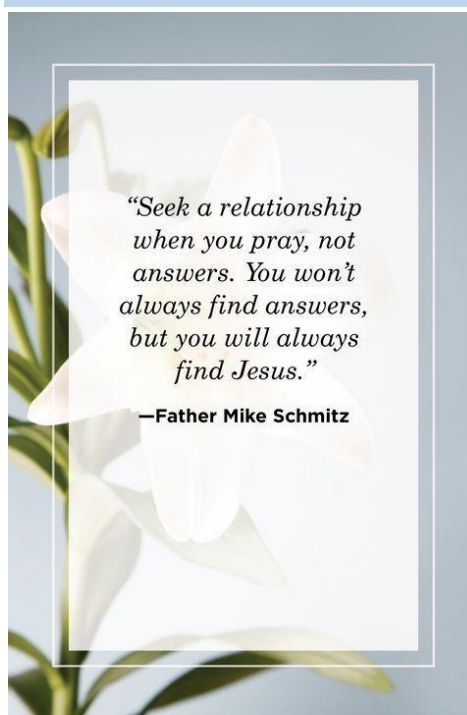
Overall: 95%

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97.5%

Congratulations to Years 2, 5 AND 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