



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

Sacred Heart
Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER: 29th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

LIVING THE GOSPEL – BEING FISHERS OF PEOPLE

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls his disciples to become "fishers of people." During our Celebration of the Word this week, the children reflected on what this means for us today. We talked about how we can all be fishers of people by the choices we make each day – choosing kindness, forgiveness and honesty, and by looking out for others. Through our words and actions, we can help to show God's Kingdom here on earth and live out our faith in simple but powerful ways.

MULTI-FAITH WEEK ASSEMBLY

To celebrate our Multi-Faith Week learning, children will share their work in a special assembly on **Friday 30th January at 2:15pm**. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.

RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Reconciliation preparation sessions continue weekly with Mrs Myers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 – 2.15pm. Parents/carers welcome.

10.02.26 – Year 5 Internet Safety Assembly. Parents/carers welcome: 9.00am

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

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping children safe, we kindly remind parents and carers of the importance of monitoring children's use of mobile phones, tablets and online platforms. Being aware of who children are communicating with online, the apps they are using and the content they can access is essential in helping to keep them safe. Regular conversations at home about online behaviour, privacy and reporting anything that makes them feel uncomfortable can make a real difference. Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure our children stay safe both in and out of school.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in school on Tuesday 10th February, focusing on how children can use the internet safely, respectfully and responsibly. The day will begin with a whole-school assembly led by



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our Year 5 pupils, who will share key messages about staying safe online and making positive choices when using technology.

Throughout the day, children will take part in age-appropriate activities and discussions linked to online safety, helping them to understand how to keep themselves safe and what to do if something online makes them feel unsure or uncomfortable. Safer Internet Day is an important opportunity to reinforce our safeguarding messages and to continue working in partnership with families to keep children safe online.

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.

SATS SUPPORT

Our SATs booster sessions are now underway, providing children with additional support to practise and consolidate key skills in reading, grammar and maths. Some children are attending booster sessions, while others are receiving targeted support during the school day, with all support carefully matched to individual needs. Children attending boosters are working incredibly hard, and these sessions play an important role in building confidence and helping pupils feel well prepared. If your child has been invited to attend a booster session, please make every effort to ensure they attend regularly, as consistency really makes

a real difference. Thank you for your continued support.

LUNCHTIME LINK

We are pleased to have launched *Lunchtime Link* this week, led by **Mrs Nichol**. Lunchtime Link offers children the option of choosing a calm lunchtime indoors, where they can take part in a range of relaxed activities such as games, drawing and chatting with friends, with adult support. The sessions have got off to a great start, with children really enjoying the activities and the opportunity to spend time together in a calm, supportive environment.



NSPCC NUMBER DAY

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 6th February 2026. Everything the NSPCC does

protects children today and prevents about tomorrow The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that’s always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds

Making maths meaningful, Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, ‘can-do’ attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils can wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, netball shirt, stick numbers to clothing or any other creative ways). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. **If you would like to donate to this cause, please bring £1 into school on the day.**

The day will end with the next round of our Times Table Rockstars battle in assembly. We will be starting assembly at 2:15pm and the battles will be at the end. We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate.

BASKETBALL SESSIONS

Children in **Years 2–6** will be taking part in an exciting basketball session this **Friday**, delivered by **City of Leeds Basketball Club**. The session will give pupils the opportunity to develop their basketball skills, work as part of a team and enjoy being active, with activities led by experienced coaches. We’re really looking forward to welcoming the club into school and giving children the chance to try something new and build their confidence through sport.

BIRDWATCH WEEK

We have been celebrating **Birdwatch Week** in school as part of the **RSPB Big Schools’ Birdwatch**. Miss Morrisroe led a wonderful assembly to launch the week, where children shared the names of different birds in their own languages – a real celebration of diversity and learning together. Throughout the week, children have been busy birdwatching, spotting different species and keeping tallies of what they have seen. There has been lots of excitement, curiosity and fantastic engagement from the children.

OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES – CHANNEL 4’S THE DOG HOUSE

Channel 4’s BAFTA-nominated series *The Dog House* is looking for kind-hearted families who may be interested in offering a loving home to a rescue dog and sharing their story on the programme. The show highlights themes of compassion, responsibility and empathy. If you’d like to find out more, visit c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk or email thedoghouset@fivemilefilms.co.uk



FOSH

FOSH will be hosting a Movie Night on Thursday 5th February, open to all children in school. Two age-appropriate films will be shown in different spaces to provide both a lively and a calmer viewing option. Tickets cost £3, including a goodie bag, and can be

purchased via School Money. All funds raised will support future FOSH events for the children.

FOSH COFFEE MORNING & AGM

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the Friends of Sacred Heart (FOSH) Coffee Morning and Annual General Meeting on **Friday 20th March at 9.00am**. The AGM will be followed by tea, coffee and cake in the school hall. This is a great opportunity to hear how funds raised by FOSH have supported the children, celebrate recent events, and find out how you can get involved. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNING

Parents and carers are warmly invited to our coffee morning on **Friday 13th February**, with a focus on **Online Safety and Screen Time**. The session will offer support and advice on helping children stay safe online and develop a healthy balance with screen use. We hope you can join us.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance since we returned to school on Monday 6th January.

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 87%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 95%

Year 6: 98%

Overall: 96%

Government Target: 95%

School Target 97.5%

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



**“WE ALL CAN FALL,
THE IMPORTANT THING
IS TO NOT LOSE HOPE”**

-POPE FRANCIS

Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support.

God bless
Mrs Nichol