



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

Sacred Heart

Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER: 6th November 2025

November begins with the two feasts, All Saints followed by All Souls which is a time when we remember, pray for and pray with our dearly departed loved ones. In our whole school Celebration of the Word, we will be looking at a short prayer based on these words of comfort shared by St. Paul in a letter to the Thessalonians:

We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus. God will bring them with him. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Following our whole school Celebration of the Word, the children will be invited to take a paper cross and write the name of any family members or friends who have died and place it on our 'In November We Remember' display board. This serves as a symbol of how our loved ones shaped who we are today. We will pray for them all every day in November. May they rest in peace, Amen.



Our Virtue to Live By for the first part of this half-term is Hope.

Hope reminds us to keep trusting that God has a plan for each of us, even when life feels difficult. It helps us to stay positive, look forward, and believe that things can always get better.

As Isaiah tells us, *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles."*

At Sacred Heart, we will be helping children to dream of a better world, to believe in their own potential and to see how God works through them each day.

Virtues to Live by

I am hopeful

when

I believe and trust that God will not give up on me.

I am positive about the future.

I don't give up on myself.

I have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world.

I pray to God placing my life in his hands.

I know God has a plan for me.

KEY DATES

Thurs 6th Nov – Sacred Heart Futures. Edwin Parker – NHS Clinical Coder

Wed 12th Nov – Year 4 and 6 Class Mass in the school hall. Parents/carers all welcome to attend. 9.15am.

Fri 14th Nov – Coffee Morning 8.45am. All parents/carers welcome.

Mon 17th Nov – Online Safety session in school



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Tues 18th Nov – Year 5 leading Celebration of the Word 9am. Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Fri 21st Nov – Anti-bullying week assembly. Parents/carers welcome to attend. 2:15pm.

Tues 25th Nov – Sacrament of Confirmation. Time and venue TBC

Fri 28th Nov – Advent Day in school

Mon 1st Dec – Medicine and drugs awareness sessions

Tues 2nd and Wed 3rd Dec – Advent Prayer Stations in school

Thursday 4th Dec – Whole School Advent Mass. Parents/carers welcome. 1.30pm.

Tues 9th Dec – Christmas Pantomime in school (am)

Tues 9th Dec – KS2 Singing Performance with Miss Leather. Parents/carers welcome to attend. 2.30pm.

Wed 10th Dec – Human Rights Assembly led by Year 6. Parents/carers welcome to attend. 9am.

Thurs 11th Dec – Year 2 Christingle Service. Parents/carers welcome. 2:00pm.

Fri 12th Dec – FOSH Christmas Fayre

Tues 16th Dec – Advent Reconciliation Service. 2.15pm. Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wed 17th Dec – R/Y1 Nativity Performance. 2.15pm

Thurs 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 19th Dec – Carol Service. Parents/carers welcome to attend. 2:30pm.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SESSIONS

Preparation sessions for children making the Sacrament of Confirmation have now started in school. If your child is preparing for Confirmation, Mass attendance is essential. If you are not currently attending Mass, you are invited to do so. Bishop Marcus will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 25th November and more information will be sent out nearer the time. We keep all the children preparing for Confirmation in our prayers as they prepare for this special moment in their faith journey.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Admissions to Reception class for September 2025: Applications are now welcome from any prospective parents whose children are eligible to join our school in September 2026. Applications need to be made in two forms: completing the online form on the Leeds City Council website, and additionally completing the school's SIF (Supplementary Information Form) and handing this to Miss Hill or alternatively you can email it or complete it online on the school website. The closing date is January 15th 2026.

Please pass on this information to any parents who may have pupils who wish to attend next school year.

If any parents would like to look round our school before applying, please just ring the school office and book an appointment and I will be happy to show you around.



SAFEGUARDING – ONLINE SAFETY AND AI

Keeping Children Safe in Education has placed new emphasis on how children might encounter risks through AI, disinformation and manipulated content online.

Questions to ask your child:

"Which apps do you use? Who else can see what you post or share?"

"Have you seen something online that made you feel uncomfortable or puzzled?"

"Do you know where to go or who to talk to if you see something you're unsure about?"

At school we are reviewing our filtering and monitoring systems, teaching age-appropriate sessions around safe, respectful online behaviour, and ensuring staff know how to respond to online concerns.

RECIPE STATION

We're excited to launch our brand-new Recipe Station in partnership with Barca Leeds and Better Together – starting next Tuesday, 11th November, from 3:00–3:30pm in the playground.

Each week, families can collect a FREE bag of ingredients and a simple recipe to make a tasty, healthy meal at home.

Every Tuesday until 16th December

In the playground (term time only)

Come along, pick up your bag and try something new together!



EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFER

Clubs are back this half term and we have a huge array of clubs on offer. They will start as normal again next week. A letter will be emailed with all the club details on so please do sign your child/ren up for a club if they wish to take part. Thank you to all the staff too who run a club for the children – the children really love the activities.

MINDFULNESS MONDAY

Yesterday, all classes took part in our first Mindfulness Monday: a calm and purposeful start to the week.

Children spent time thinking about their feelings and what helps them to feel calm and ready for learning. Some classes used the Zones of Regulation, others created 'Three Houses' reflections, and many enjoyed sharing ideas

about how to manage worries and support one another.

This dedicated time each half term helps children develop self-awareness, resilience and emotional regulation, supporting our whole-school focus on wellbeing.



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

From Monday 17th November to Friday 21st November, we'll be engaging in various activities designed to raise awareness about this important issue and promote kindness within our school community. The theme this year is Change Starts with Us.

To culminate these activities, we will be holding a celebration assembly on Friday 21st November at 2:15pm where pupils will share what they have learnt over the week. It's a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to showcase their learning. We warmly invite all parents and carers to join us in this special assembly as we come together to stand against bullying and celebrate our achievements.



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

Returning again this year are our LIVE Times Table Battles! Our first showdown took place at the end of last half term and it was tense! Every class cheered on their representatives as they went head-to-head in lightning-fast rounds of times table questions.

After a nail-biting finish, Itunu emerged as our first champion and will go through to the Grand Final in the summer term!

Who will be next to join him? Keep practising your tables and look out for the next battle coming soon...



COFFEE MORNING

Join us on **Friday 14th November at 8:45am for our next Coffee Morning, focusing on Children's Mental Health and Resilience.**

We'll be talking about how to spot early signs of worry, boost confidence, and build coping skills to help children manage life's ups and downs. It's a great opportunity to chat with other parents, share ideas, and pick up practical tips to support wellbeing at home and in school. Everyone is welcome.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year, as a school we would like to support the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This is to support Leeds children living in poverty.

If you would like to support this appeal, please wrap a shoebox up in festive paper and fill it with anything that could be used to support children in need. This may be toiletries, toys or school supplies such as coloured pencils or a notepad.

Please do not include toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items (e.g. toy guns, model soldiers, military vehicles etc.); seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, knives, sharp or fragile items.

Please also mark if your gift is for a boy or a girl and select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

Thank you so much in advance, your donations will make a really special difference to someone in Leeds this Christmas.

FOSH

We're delighted to share that all children will be enjoying a Pantomime performance in school on Tuesday 9th December, fully funded by our wonderful Friends of Sacred Heart (FOSH)! A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our FOSH events so far this year as this support helps to fund these fantastic treats and experiences for our children.

Hot Chocolate Sales:

There will be hot chocolate sales on Friday 7th November and Friday 21st November – just 50p per cup. Further information has been sent out today.



Save the Date – Christmas Fayre:

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 12th December after school. More details to follow soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of FOSH – it truly makes a difference to what we can offer our children.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Thank you, as always, for your fantastic support.

God bless
Mrs Nichol