



Together, We Learn and Grow in God's Love

Sacred Heart

Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

NEWSLETTER: 19th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Sunday's Gospel (John 3:13-17) reminded us of God's great love for every one of us. It tells us that Jesus was "lifted up" (on the Cross) so that everyone who believes in Him may have life.

In our school, this means we are invited to believe not just in what we can see, but in what we can grow into, through kindness, courage, service.

When things are hard: tests, friendships, mistakes, we remember that we do not face them alone. Jesus' sacrifice shows that even in suffering, there is hope, forgiveness, and new life. Let us encourage each other to show kindness, to forgive, to support one another, and to believe that every small act of love matters.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 17th September – Year 6 Residential

Monday 22nd September - 3.20pm - Year 3

Welcome Meeting for parents/carers

Thursday 25th September – Whole School Mass

2:00pm. **Parents/carers welcome**

Wednesday 8th October – School photos

Friday 10th October – Harvest Assembly 2.00.

Parents/carers welcome

Tuesday 13th October - Year 6 leading Whole School Celebration of the Word 9.00am.

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CHANGE OF DATE

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.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

We will be celebrating our Whole School Mass on Thursday 25th September at 2:00pm in the school hall to mark the start of the new school year. The Mass will be led by Father Chris, and all families are warmly welcome to join us.

SAFEGUARDING

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

Steps to take to help your child stay safe online
Have an ongoing conversation: Continue to talk about the apps, games and sites they like to use, and what they like and don't like and any concerns about being online. Discuss with them when to unfollow, block or report. For help starting this conversation, follow the link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/having-an-open-and-honest-conversation-about-online-safety-5-questions-for-parents>

Make sure they know where to go for support: Remind your child they can always speak to you or an adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried or upset. Remind them that they won't be in trouble at that you are there to help. For a breakdown of report services, visit:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/report-issue/>

Useful online safety website for parents:



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Internet Matters – wide range of online safety advice for parents to keep their children safe on - line.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

HARVEST COLLECTION

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Friday 10th October at 2.00pm, during our usual celebration assembly. This year, our theme is linked to CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day, reminding us to give thanks for the food we enjoy and to share what we have with others around the world. Families are warmly invited to join us as we bring forward harvest gifts, sing together, and pray for those in need.

To amplify the spirit of giving, we kindly ask each family to donate a piece of non-perishable food. Whether it's a tin of soup, pasta, or cereal, every donation makes a difference. Your contributions will support local families in need and enhance our school community.

We look forward to celebrating harvest together and showcasing the generosity that makes our community special!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As part of Black History Month, our whole school has been learning under this year's theme "Standing Firm in Power and Pride." Each class has explored a different story, book, or figure that celebrates identity, resilience, and pride. We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for a special assembly on **Thursday 23rd October at 9:00am**, where each class will share a short presentation of their learning through art, drama, music, or performance. It promises to be a joyful celebration of creativity and community.

SACRED HEART FUTURES

You may remember from our recent letter that we have launched our Sacred Heart Futures project for Key Stage 2 children. The aim is to inspire pupils by hearing from a range of people about their jobs, careers, and life journeys.

We are planning to welcome a different speaker each month, and we would love your help to make this happen. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to come into school and give a short talk about their work and experiences, please get in touch with Mrs Nichol or contact the school office.

It doesn't need to be a unique or unusual career – we want the children to see the wide variety of opportunities that are open to them if they work hard and make positive choices.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Curriculum newsletters, now set out as Medium Term Plans (MTPs), were emailed to all year groups last week. These provide a clear overview of what your child will be learning this term across subjects. A reminder that Relationships and Health Education will begin in Summer 2, with more detailed information to follow during Summer 1. Year group and subject Long Term Plans are also available on the school website for you to view at any time. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

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/>

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We're delighted to offer 8 fantastic extra-curricular clubs this term. Please note: no clubs will run in the final week of this half term. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

LONDON'S BURNING

Year 2 took part in a fantastic *London's Burning* workshop this week as part of their Great Fire of London topic. The children explored what life was like in 1666, discovered how the fire started and spread, and learnt about the important changes that followed. Through drama, role play and hands-on activities, they brought their history learning to life in an exciting and memorable way. The workshop really helped the children to deepen their understanding of this key event and link it to their classroom learning.



TRIP TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Our recent London trip was a fantastic experience for the children. They visited Parliament, exploring both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and took part in an engaging workshop that gave them a deeper understanding of how our democracy works. The day continued with a visit to the Natural History Museum, where the children enjoyed exploring the fascinating exhibits.

It was a long day — with over 18,000 steps walked! — but the children were absolutely brilliant throughout. It was such an inspiring and memorable opportunity for everyone involved. A huge thank you to Mr Macfarlane for all his organisation, and to Mrs Myers and Miss Ishaq for their support on the trip. It was a pleasure to be part of such a special day for the children.



FOSH

A reminder that our Autumn Disco will take place on Wednesday 16th October. Tickets are £3 and payment is via School Money.

A letter with full details went out earlier this week-please check for this if you haven't already.

This event is organised by FOSH, who do fantastic work raising funds and supporting our school. Please support them by joining in and helping to make the disco a great success!

MUSIC PROVISION

I am pleased to share that our music provision has started once again. We are delighted to welcome Jane Roe from Artforms, who is teaching all of Year 3 how to play the ukulele as well as supporting music across the school. Our singing provision is also going from strength to strength: Miss Leather is leading KS2 singing, while Miss Morrisroe is working with KS1.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance this half term:

Reception: 90%

Year 1: 82%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 94%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 92%

Year 6: 99%

Overall: 94%

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

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**You don't have to see the
whole staircase,
just take the first step.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

God bless
Mrs Nichol