



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026

Bee Promises



This week we received 36 nominations of children displaying behaviours linked to our Bee Promises of Bee Responsible, Bee Respectful and Bee Kind.

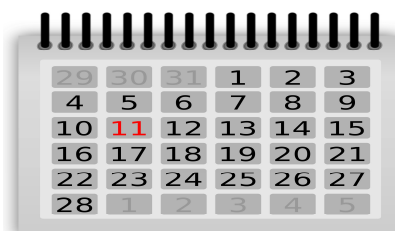
Well done to all children nominated and congratulations to the winners of each Bee Promise Award!

Bee Responsible – Anna (Year 4)

Bee Respectful – Jeneesa (Year 4)

Bee Kind – Saliou (Year 5)

Dates to Remember



- Friday 12th June – Break the Rules Day
- Friday 12th June – Feast of Sacred Heart
- Thursday 18th June – Summer Fair
3:30pm – 4:30pm

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BREAK the RULES DAY

Rules to be broken include:

- Wear your own clothes
- Tasty snacks for snacktime
- Juice in water bottle
- Crazy hairstyles
- Bring soft toys to school
- Temporary tattoos
- Nail varnish
- Wear football kits

Here's how it works:

Choose a rule breaker from above and break it for the day!

In return, please bring in a donation of sweets for the summer fair.

Friday 12th June

Donation: Sweets for the summer fair

HRSE Policy

The schools **HRSE policy** is out for consultation with all parent/carers for implementation in September 2026. The policy is on the schools website under 'curriculum policies'. If you have any feedback or comments please email these to support@sacredheart.mecmat.org



This is just a polite reminder that we are a **nut free** school.

Please do not send your child to school with any snack/packed lunch items that contain nuts.

Appointments in School Time



Due to an unmanageable increase in children being collected within the school day for routine appointments, we would like to inform parents/carers that routine medical appointments will no longer be authorised unless medical evidence is provided to confirm that the appointment is urgent and cannot be arranged outside of school hours.

Routine appointments include, but are not limited to:

- Non-urgent GP or doctor appointments
- Routine dental check-ups
- Standard eye tests, or the fitting/collection of glasses

Where possible, we ask that these appointments are scheduled outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's learning.

If an appointment is urgent and must take place during the school day, appropriate medical evidence must be provided when reporting the absence.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain high levels of attendance and ensuring all students can make the most of their education.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Year 6 Residential

Thank you to all Year 6 Parents/Carers who have made payments towards their child's residential trip so far.

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that the payment item for the residential will continue to remain open on ParentPay and we kindly ask you to continue to make payments to ensure the balance of the trip is clear by the time your child leaves Sacred Heart in July.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies



If you have not already ordered a hoodie for your child and would like to do so, please be aware orders can be taken up to 12th June for free delivery to school on approx. 26th June. Orders received after this point will be subject to a postage charge and delivered to your chosen address.

Please note any orders after the 12th June cannot be guaranteed to arrive before your child leaves Sacred Heart.

You can place your order on the below link

<https://personalised.clothing/sacredheartprimaryschool>

23 MAY - 31 AUGUST 2026

THE WORLD OF MARTIN BROWN
HORRIBLE HISTORIES AND OTHER DAZZLING DRAWINGS

The HARRIS

The Harris, Market Square,
Preston, PR1 2PP
theharris.org.uk

seven stories
The National Centre for Children's Stories

Department for Education
ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

Lancashire
County Council

Preston
City Council

Summer Fair

We are delighted to announce that our School Summer Fair will take place on Thursday 18th June from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun and community spirit.

We would love support from our parents and carers— whether you would like to be involved in the planning or can spare some time to help run a stall on the day, please contact the school office.

If you know of any local businesses that may be willing to support us with prizes or activity ideas, we would be extremely grateful for any contributions.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

We are now collecting teddies for our summer fair for a teddy tombola.

Please send in any donations into school with your child.

Any size, colour or theme are welcome! We just ask that they are in good, second-hand condition.



Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	95.4%	87.61%	92.72%	92.22%	96.53%	96.3%	95.96%
Punctuality	0 Late	0 Late	0 Late	1 Late	0 Late	0 Late	1 Late

Water safety – Important message for parents and schools

Following recent tragic incidents involving water, this is an important reminder of how quickly situations can change. As the weather gets warmer, more children and young people are spending time around rivers, lakes and the coast, increasing the risk of harm.

Even on hot days, open water can be dangerously cold, and conditions are often unpredictable.

Children and young people may not always recognise these risks, so it's vital that key safety messages are shared.

Key water safety messages

Please help reinforce the following advice with children and young people:

- **Stop and Think:** Check for hidden hazards such as deep water, currents and cold temperatures
- **Stay Together:** Never go into or near water alone; choose areas with lifeguards where possible
- **Call 999 in an emergency:** Ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue if you are inland
- **Float** – If you fall in, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing



Lancashire County Council
PO Box 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD

Cold water shock

Many recent incidents have involved cold water. Even strong swimmers can be affected. Sudden immersion can cause panic, loss of breathing control and reduced ability to swim.

If you fall into water:

- Try to stay calm: The effects of cold water shock usually pass within the first minute
- Float on your back to regain control of your breathing
- Once calm, call for help or swim to safety if possible

A Life-saving skill: Float to Live

Teaching children how to float could save a life:

- Tilt your head back with ears in the water
- Relax and breathe slowly
- Move hands and feet gently to stay afloat

In an emergency:



Governor vacancies

Sacred Heart has Foundation Governor vacancies on our Board. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese and need to be practising Catholics. Foundation governors play an important part in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our school.

The governing board plans the strategic direction of a school, makes sure public money is well spent, and holds school leadership to account. Whatever your professional background, your skills could transform a school. Governors work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved. Being a Governor is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector.

If you would be interested in joining our Governing board as a Foundation Governor please contact the school office and we will be happy to give you more information.

Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT UPDATES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

Starting 1 September 2026

EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FROM SEPT 2026

The Government is expanding FSM eligibility. All children from households receiving Universal Credit are now eligible, regardless of earnings.

FROM 1/9/26,
Free school meals
available to pupils or
parents receiving:
✓ Universal Credit
✓ support under Part
VI of the Immigration
and Asylum Act 1999

Households may also be
entitled if they receive:
• income-related
Employment and
Support Allowance OR
• guarantee element of
Pension Credit OR
• meet criteria for
families with no
recourse to public
funds.

NEW FSM CATEGORIES:

TARGETED FSM (tFSM)

If your household receives
Universal Credit AND earns
£7,400 a year or less

Your child gets a
FREE SCHOOL MEAL

The school receives **ADDITIONAL
FUNDING** for extra support,
resources and opportunities.

EXPANDED FSM (eFSM)

✓ If your household receives
Universal Credit AND earns
MORE THAN £7,400 a year

✓ Your child gets a
FREE SCHOOL MEAL

✓ The school will **NOT** receive
additional funding for this
category.

UFSM - UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **AUTOMATICALLY**
receive a free school meal.
Applies to all children, regardless of family income or benefits.

APPLYING FOR FSM & ANNUAL CHECKS

If circumstances change, you might be eligible!

APPLY FROM 1 JUNE 2026

via the Lancashire County Council website:
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

ANNUAL ELIGIBILITY CHECKS:
From 1 June 2026,
Lancashire County Council
(LCC) will carry out
annual checks.
Each year, some children may
become eligible, while
others may no longer qualify.

PLEASE COMPLETE OUR SHORT FORM!

We will soon send out a form to help us prepare for these changes
(school kitchen, staffing, and resources).

We would very much appreciate your support in completing and returning this.
Strong encouragement for all families who think they may be eligible to apply
to ensure their child receives the support they are entitled to.

Crisis and Resilience Fund

If your family is going through a hard time or facing an unexpected crisis, your local district council may be able to help.

From 1 April, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) introduced the **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)** to support local welfare services.

The fund will run until 31 March 2029 and is paid for by the UK Government.

The CRF replaces the Household Support Fund (HSF), which ran from October 2021 until 31 March 2026. Because of this change, free school meal vouchers will no longer be available during school holidays.

How your district council can help

District councils can help with urgent needs such as food, essential household items and other practical support

You may want to contact your district council if you are dealing with things like:

- sudden money problems
- a family emergency that makes it hard to cover basic needs
- trouble getting food or essential household items
- a change at home that leaves you without immediate support
- extra pressure on your household budget, for example during the school holidays

Each district has a team that can talk to you about your situation and explain what help is available in your area. This support may come directly from the council or through local community organisations.

To get help, visit your district council's website or contact them by phone.

If you are not sure which district council covers your area, you can check by entering your postcode at www.lancashire.gov.uk/district-council.

If you are already getting support from a professional, for example through a Family Hub, school, health visitor or Early Years practitioner, then they can help you to contact your district council.