



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2025

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 11th December

Nativity – Letters have gone out

Friday 12th December

Year 4 Worship Assembly – All parents/carers of Year 4 children are invited to attend the assembly and stay for tea/coffee afterwards

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day

Ukulele Concert – Information to follow

Friday 19th December

Christmas Party Day

End of term – School closes at 3.15pm. Children return Tuesday 6th January

Year 6 South America Day

16th December

To celebrate the end of our Geography topic – South America, Year 6 are going to have a South American themed day on Tuesday 16th December.

They will be tasting traditional foods, making headdresses and taking part in samba dance. They will also be doing project-based research and there might even be time for an Argentina V Brazil football match! School uniform does not have to be worn, just something brightly coloured but please do not go to any expense of buying anything new.

Nativity

This year's Nativity productions will be held on Thursday 11th December. There will be two performances, the children will perform the Nativity at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

If you have not already returned the letter to state which tickets you would like please can we kindly ask you to return this on Monday so the last remaining tickets can be allocated.

Bee Promises



This week we received 17 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 – Skyla (Year 4)

Bee Respectful – Celina (Year 3)

Bee Kind – Christopher (Year 1)



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.

Family Feast Fridays

Each Friday we will be sharing a recipe idea for the week ahead to help us all with new ideas for meals each week! We would love to hear if you have tried them out- please send us pictures!! And if you have any recipes you would like to share with us, please send them to bursar@sacredheart.lancs.sch.uk. This week we wanted to share:

Recipe: Snowman Christmas Biscuits – BBC Food



Ingredients

200g/7oz self-raising flour
100g/3½oz caster sugar
100g/3½oz butter, plus extra for greasing
1 large free-range egg, lightly beaten
1 tsp vanilla extract
For the decorations
white and blue fondant icing
white and black writing icing
sprinkles
48 small chocolate balls
Makes 24 cookies

Method

1. Pre heat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.
2. Mix the flour and sugar together in a bowl, then rub in the butter with your fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
3. Add the egg and vanilla essence and mix to form a soft dough.
4. Roll out onto a well-floured work surface and cut into rounds. Place on greased baking sheets and bake for 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown.
5. Cool on a wire rack. When completely cool decorate.
6. Roll out the white fondant icing and cut out circles the same size as the biscuits, brush the backs of the circles with a little cooled boiled water and stick them to the biscuits, smoothing down the icing as you stick it on.
7. Roll out the blue icing and cut out more circles, then cut these in half and using a little more water and stick on top of the white icing for the hats.
8. Brush the hats with water in places where you want the sprinkles to stick and then sprinkle!
9. Pipe decorations on the hat with the white writing icing, then pipe a small blob for the hat bobble and another for the nose – stick on the chocolate balls. Pipe black eyes and mouth then leave to set.

Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	96%	96%	94%	96%	97%	96%	99%
Punctuality	3 Late	2 Late	2 Late	2 Late	3 Late	2 Late	2 Late

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



Funded Swimming Lessons for Preston Children receiving Free School Meals

You may be aware of a series of measures that Preston City Council have recently approved to help Preston residents with the ongoing cost of living.

We are delighted that funding is being provided for Free Swimming, with a number of schemes available. Full information on the wider Funded Swimming offer will be shared soon.

Funded Swimming Lessons for FSM Children

- 6 months of free-swimming lessons at Fulwood or West View Leisure Centre on our Better Swim School
- Must register by 31st March 2026

What do we need your help with?

In short, identifying which Preston children and families will most benefit from this offer

- Eligible for the scheme by being both a Preston resident and in receipt of Free School Meals
- Will engage with the program and likely to have good attendance (serial non-attenders will lose their place, to be given to another child)

If this is something you are eligible for and would like to express an interest for your child, please call the school office on 01772 726937.

Charity Fun Run
at Chorley Fire Station
Sunday 14 December

Race Schedule

10:00am: 1 km children's race
(up to 14 years)
11:00am: 5 km adult race

Prizes for first place and best dressed!

Book your tickets:
www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/christmas-gallop

H A F
Holiday Activity and Food
Benefits-related Free School Meals

08:30am - 04:30pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School
Poulton Street, Preston PR2 2SA

To book a place use your Code and choose
Community Futures for more help email
julianne@communityfutures.org.uk

Monday 22nd December 2025
Tuesday 23rd December 2025
Monday 29th December 2025
Tuesday 30th December 2025

Come and Join Our HAF!
★ FREE Meals ★
Arts & Crafts
Games & Activities

Every session is packed with fun and creativity
Don't miss out on a fun day of excitement!

"I love making new friends!"
"I enjoyed the craft activities"
"I had so much fun baking!"
"I liked playing with all the outside toys!"

Community Futures

Preston City Council

Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 Residential to Winmarleigh Hall on Tuesday 24th March is available to pay either by cash at the school office or on ParentPay.

Payments can be made at any time and of any amount, we just ask for the visit to have been paid in full by the time your child leaves Sacred Heart in July 2026.



Poppy Appeal 2025

As a school we raised an incredible £233.17 for this year's Poppy Appeal! Thank you all for the continued support for such a good cause!

Food Parcels

This year we have been fortunate enough to again receive food parcels donated by the wonderful Cupboard Love team.

If you would like to receive a food parcel we will have these available for the families of our Infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) on the day of the Nativity- please call into the school office on your way out.

For the parents of our Junior children we will have the food parcels available at the end of the day on the Friday 12th December.

Please feel free to call the school office if you would like one put aside in advance.

CHRISTMAS Lunch.

Festive Roast (Chicken)
With Chipolata Sausage
&
Yorkshire Pudding
Or
Quorn Festive Roast

Roast Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
&
Seasonal Vegetables
-
Sweet Christmas
Treat Dessert

Lancashire
County Council

Christmas Lunch



If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have our special 'Christmas Lunch' on Thursday the 18th December, please complete the form which should have come home in your child's bag and return to school.

If your child is entitled to free school meals or is in the Infants, no payment is required. For all other payments please do this via ParentPay.

The cost of the lunch is £2.70 per child.