



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025



### Nativity Performance

A huge well done to all of the children in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes who took part in the Nativity yesterday. They all performed and sang beautifully through both performances. Thank you to all of the parents/carers who came to watch and for all of your help on learning lines and providing costumes!

### Dates for your Diary



#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day.
- Ukulele Concert – 9am in the school hall

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Party Day.
- End of term – School closes at 3.15pm. Children return Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### Parking

Please could we kindly ask for all parents/carers to park considerately when dropping children off. We are unfortunately seeing cars stopping in the middle of the road and cars being parked across pavements or dangerously across spaces. Whilst we appreciate Poulton Street is a difficult place to access, the safety of our community must come first!



### Ukulele Concert

We would like to invite all Parents/Carers of Year 4 children and any Parents/Carers of children currently taking Ukulele lessons, to come and watch the children perform a small concert on Thursday the 18th December at 9am in the school hall.

## 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](mailto:bursar@sacredheart.lancs.sch.uk). This week we wanted to share:

Creamy Christmas Pasta: BBC Food



### Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil  
200g/7oz raw Brussels sprouts, finely shredded  
150g/5½ oz chestnuts, cooked, peeled and roughly chopped  
200ml/7fl oz double cream  
½ nutmeg, freshly grated (or ½ tsp ground nutmeg)  
50g/1¾oz Parmesan, finely grated (or a similar vegetarian hard cheese)  
200g/7oz fusilli pasta  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

### Method

1. Place a large frying pan on a medium heat and add the olive oil, shredded Brussels sprouts and chestnuts. Season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring often, for about 10 minutes, or until the sprouts have softened. Add a splash of water if the pan begins to look dry. Once softened, add the cream, most of the nutmeg and 40g/1½oz of the Parmesan. Stir well, bring to a simmer, then turn off the heat. Check the seasoning.
2. Meanwhile, bring a large pan of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta as per packet instructions for al dente, then drain.
3. Stir the cooked pasta into the creamy sauce. Leave to rest for one minute before stirring again. Finish the dish with a dusting of nutmeg and the rest of the Parmesan. Serve.

## Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	99%	95%	96%	97%	94%	97%	95%
Punctuality	1 Late	1 Late	2 Late	2 Late	2 Late	1 Late	1 Late



**SCHOOL  
ADMISSIONS  
PRIMARY**

**APPLY NOW!**  
at [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://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](https://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/christmas-gallop](https://www.lancsfireandrescue.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](mailto:julianne@communityfutures.org.uk)**

 **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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"*

## Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 Residential to Winmarleigh Hall on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Important*

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.

## Year 6 South America Day

To celebrate the end of our Geography topic- South America, Year 6 are going to have a South American themed day on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Christmas Lunch



If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have our special 'Christmas Lunch' on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.