



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026

Bee Promises



This week we received 19 nominations of children displaying behaviours linked to our Bee Promises of Bee Responsible, Bee Respectful and Bee Kind.

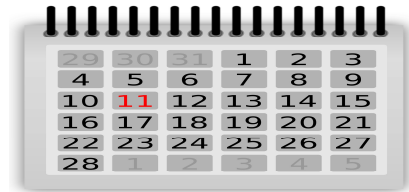
Well done to all children nominated and congratulations to the winners of each Bee Promise Award!

Bee Responsible – Harry (Year 5)

Bee Respectful – Eloise (Year 4)

Bee Kind – Harper (Year 1)

Dates to Remember



- Monday 18th May – Sacred Heart's Got Talent – Class Auditions
- Monday 18th May – Thursday 21st May – Year 6 Bikeability
- Friday 22nd May – Year 1 Worship Assembly and coffee morning for parents
- Friday 22nd May – Half term – School closes at 3.15pm
- Monday 1st June – Children return to school

DO YOU HAVE THE
**COURAGE TO BE
EXTRAORDINARY?**

AUDITIONS
☆ FOR ☆
YEAR 5
& YEAR 6

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL

☆ **AUDITIONS!** ☆

☆ AUDITION DATE ☆
FRIDAY 22ND MAY

A Huge Well Done to Year 6!



A massive congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who completed their Key Stage 2 SATs this week.

Every single child gave their best effort and we are very proud of you all!

Have a wonderful, restful weekend, Year 6 – you have earned it!

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 absences 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.

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



Polite reminder – If you pay for your child to have toast every week, this needs to be paid on ParentPay by Monday morning at 09:30am. After this time, they will go on next week's list.

The cost of toast is £1 per week.

Sacred Heart's Got Talent

We are excited to announce that auditions for our upcoming Sacred Heart's Got Talent show will be taking place soon! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their skills, whether that's singing, dancing, comedy, magic, or any other special talent they would like to share.

The auditions will be on the following dates:

Class Audition: Monday 18th May

Semi Final Audition: Tuesday 19th May

Final: Thursday 21st May

If your child would like to take part, please encourage them to prepare a short performance. All acts should be appropriate for a school audience.

We look forward to seeing the amazing talents of our children!



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 Leavers Hoodies



Letters have gone out to our Year 6 pupils with details of how to order your child's Year 6 Leavers Hoodie.

If you have not received a letter and would like to purchase a hoodie for your child, this can be done on the below link.

<https://personalised.clothing/sacredheartprimaryschool>

If you have any questions or queries or require any more information, please get in touch with the school office on 01772 726937



Breakfast club

Due to an increase in children turning up for breakfast club on the morning without a booking, we are now unfortunately unable to accommodate any on the day requests. All breakfast club places must be booked in advance with office staff at least 24 hours before. This is to ensure we can safely staff the provision. There will unfortunately be no exceptions to this.

Upcoming Trips

If your child's class has an upcoming trip, this is available for payment on ParentPay or by cash in the school office.

We would really appreciate your support with school trip payments so we can ensure the trips go ahead.

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.

Uifsm - 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.

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.

School Drop Off/Pickup

Please can we ask all Parents/Carers not to stop in the middle of the road when dropping off in the morning or picking your child up at the end of the day.

We understand it is not always easy to park outside school, but we kindly ask you to ensure you have safely parked your car in one of the many surrounding streets before drop off and collection.

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.

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	99.62%	88.84%	99.62%	96.67%	97.22%	97.78%	98.32%
Punctuality	0 Late	2 Late	0 Late	1 Late	2 Late	2 Late	1 Late