

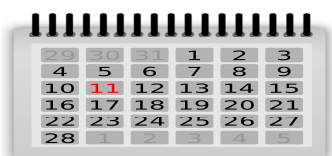


Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Dates to Remember



Tuesday 20th October – Autumn Disco

Friday 23rd October – Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 23rd October – Half term – School closes 3.15pm

Tuesday 3rd November – Children return to school

Sacred Heart's AUTUMN DISCO

£3 a ticket
Children will get a drink and a snack!

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may come to school in party clothes.

KS2
Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday October 20th

EYFS & KS1 3:30pm - 4:30pm | KS2 4:45pm - 5:45pm

Any funds raised will go towards enrichment opportunities for the children.

School PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Thursday 3rd December

School photographs will be taken on Thursday 3rd December.

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.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY

APPLY NOW!

at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child is in their last year of primary school (year 6) from September 2026.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school.

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.

CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

lancashire.gov.uk

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.

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This Week's Awards



History Certificate

Year 1 – Ruth

Year 2 – Praise

Year 3 – David

Year 4 – Minnie

Year 5 – Thejas

Year 6 - Emmanuel

Handwriting Certificate

Year 1 – Daisy

Year 2 – Harper

Year 3 – Ellie

Year 4 – Ayeyi

Year 5 – Shonelle

Year 6 - Deborah

Can You Solve It?

A teacher has a bag of **24 sweets** to share equally between some children.

- Each child must receive at least one sweet.
- Every child must receive the same number of sweets.
- There must be **more than 2 children but fewer than 10 children**.
- There must be **no sweets left over**.

🧐 Can you find three different ways the teacher could share the sweets?

Bonus challenge ★ Can you find the way that gives each child the most sweets?

The answers you've all been waiting for.....

- 3 children get 8 sweets each.
- 4 children get 6 sweets each.
- 6 children get 4 sweets each.
- 8 children get 3 sweets each.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

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.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

lancashire.gov.uk

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NERF GUN WAR

GAME RULES

St Bernards first Childrens Nerf Gun War. Bring your own gun and we will provide everything else.

£ 3

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27TH
<https://buytickets.at/stbernardslarchess>
avickcommunityhub/2392294

More Information
We have 3 different times and ages.
Please book on the correct one.
10 - 11am (5 - 10yrs)
11.30 - 12.30pm (5 - 10yrs)
2 - 3pm (10 - 15yrs)

Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	92.27%	100%	98.67%	96.3%	92.96%	97.57%	96.67%
Punctuality	1 Late	1 Late	2 Late	0 Late	1 Late	1 Late	0 Late



Weekend Challenge: Little Chefs, Big Flavours!

This weekend, we're challenging you to become little chefs! 🍳

Can you help a parent or carer prepare a meal for your family? It could be breakfast, lunch, dinner or even a tasty snack. You could help mix, measure, stir or choose the ingredients.

Your challenge: Work together as a family to make something delicious, have fun along the way and give your creation a special name! Will it be *Superhero Spaghetti*, *Fantastic Family Pizza* or something completely original? Let your imagination run wild!

📷 We'd love to see what you create! Ask your parent or carer to take a picture of your finished dish and email it to the office at lbarnsley@sacredheart.mecmat.org

Don't forget to tell us what you've made and the name you've given your dish!

We can't wait to see your culinary creations. Happy cooking, everyone! ❤️

Remember to ask a grown-up to help you in the kitchen, especially when using sharp utensils or handling hot food.



Please see below for a promotion code should any families wish to attend the upcoming Preston North End v Sheffield United fixture on Tuesday 3rd November 2026, with a 7.45pm kick-off.

Promotion code: **SACREDHEART50**

Please see the terms and conditions below, which must be followed when using the codes:

Terms and Conditions -

- The promotion is valid for Preston North End v Sheffield United on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 (7.45pm kick-off).
- At least one adult and one junior ticket must be included in the basket.
- A minimum basket spend of £35 is required before the discount can be applied.
- The promotion offers 50% off stand tickets, up to a maximum discount of £100 per transaction.
- Promotion code applied at checkout when ordering online at <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/pne>
- Standard match ticket terms and conditions still apply.
- Failure to meet these terms and conditions will result in the booking being cancelled.

Reminder: If any parents/carers think they may be entitled to free school meals, please complete the application online or come and see us in the school office.

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.

Reception Places Available

We are pleased to let families know that we still have places available in our Reception cohort.

If you know of any families who are looking for a school place for their child in Reception, or families who may be moving or relocating to the area, we would be very grateful if you could spread the word and let them know that places are still available at our school in our Reception class.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us share the wonderful opportunities our school has to offer. We really appreciate your help in reaching families who may be looking for the right school for their child.

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.

Subject: Important Information Regarding Secondary School Applications and Transport Eligibility

Dear Parents and Kinship Carers of Current Year 6 Pupils,

We are writing to provide important guidance regarding your child's upcoming secondary school application, with particular emphasis on home-to-school transport considerations.

Before submitting your application, it is essential to carefully consider how your child will travel to and from your preferred secondary schools. Free travel assistance is only available to pupils who meet the criteria outlined in Lancashire County Council's **Home to School Transport Policy**.

When selecting your school preferences, please ensure you have read and understood the information available on the Lancashire County Council website regarding **school admissions and travel assistance**.

Please note:

- For transport purposes, the *nearest suitable school* is defined as the school closest to the family home. In some cases, this may be a school located within another local authority area.
- If you choose a school that is not considered the nearest suitable school, there is **no entitlement** to free transport. In such cases, you will need to make your own travel arrangements.
- Most children will attend their local school, which is typically within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent or carer.
- If transport costs are a concern, we strongly encourage you to contact your **Area Education Office** before submitting your application.

NORTH AREA	SOUTH AREA	EAST AREA
Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley	Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us. The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.