



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 19th 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.

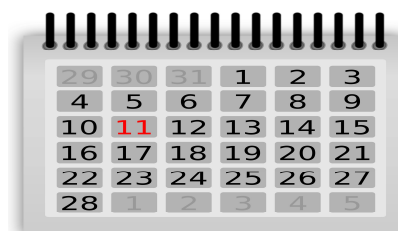
Well done to all children nominated and congratulations to the winners of each Bee Promise Award!

Bee Responsible – Jessie (Year 5)

Bee Respectful – Bradley (Year 4)

Bee Kind – Sonya (Year 4)

Dates to Remember



- Tuesday 7th July – Year 3 trip to the Harris Museum.
- Tuesday 7th July 5pm – Year 5/6 show – Matilda. Two tickets per child.
- Wednesday 15th July 4.30pm – 5.30pm – Year 6 Leavers' Party.
- Thursday 16th July 9am – Leavers' Assembly in the School Hall – All parents/carers are welcome to join us.
- Friday 17th July – End of term – School closes at 3.15pm.
- Wednesday 2nd September – Children return to school.

ParentPay

We would like to remind all parents and carers to regularly check their child's ParentPay account and ensure that any outstanding balances are cleared promptly.

Charges for services such as school meals, Breakfast Club and other school activities should be paid in advance wherever possible. Keeping accounts in credit helps us to manage these services effectively and ensures that your child can continue to access them without interruption.

We recommend making a weekly payment to your ParentPay account, as this is a simple and effective way to stay on top of balances and avoid any unexpected arrears.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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 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.

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.

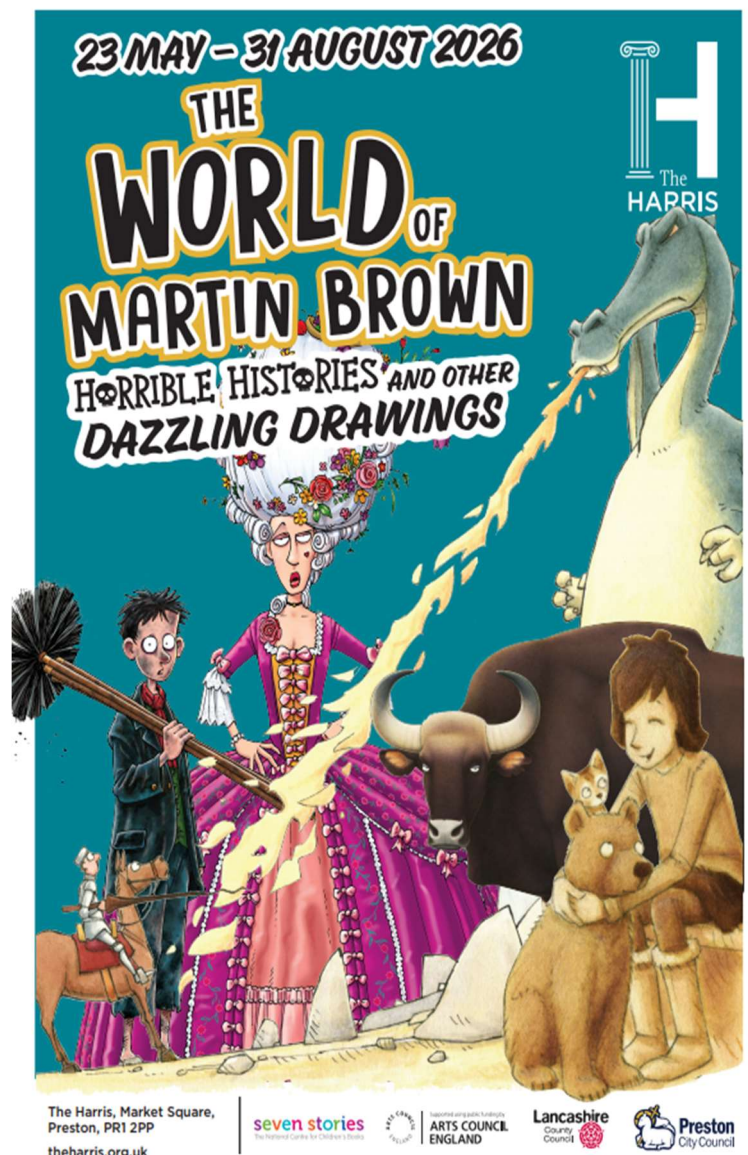
Year 6 Leavers Hoodies



For any orders of leavers hoodies that were placed on or before the 12th June, delivery to school will be on approx. 26th June. Orders can still be made but will be subject to a postage charge and delivered to your chosen address. These orders cannot be guaranteed to arrive before your child leaves Sacred Heart.

You can place your order on the below link

<https://personalised.clothing/sacredheartprimaryschool>



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.

Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94.64%	90.56%	98.85%	97.04%	93.06%	97.41%	96.97%
Punctuality	2 Late	0 Late	0 Late	1 Late	3 Late	0 Late	2 Late