



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### Bee Promises



This week we received 95 nominations of children displaying behaviours linked to our Bee Promises of Bee Responsible, Bee Respectful and Bee Kind.

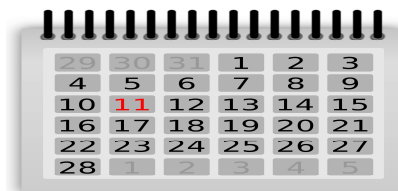
Well done to all children nominated and congratulations to the winners of each Bee Promise Award!

Bee Responsible – Stanton (Year 2)

Bee Respectful – Harry (Year 5)

Bee Kind – Tommy (Year 3)

### Dates to Remember



- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Half term – School closes today at 3.15pm
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Children return to school
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Year 6 Bikeability
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 1 Trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June – TT Rockstar Day



We wish Mrs Nixon well as she begins her maternity leave today. We look forward to hearing the news of baby number three's arrival very soon!

We will miss Mrs Nixon of course but, please be assured that her responsibilities will be covered during her absence. Mrs Scanlon will be the first point of contact for any SEND queries.

### 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](mailto: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.



## 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.

## 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

## 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.

## 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
<b>Attendance</b>	94.48%	91.03%	95.86%	97.04%	98.75%	96.33%	98.18%
<b>Punctuality</b>	1 Late	1 Late	0 Late	1 Late	0 Late	1 Late	0 Late

Better value, delivered.

YPO

# Little Learners

Ideas and inspiration to help early years settings flourish

(FREE)

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## Express yourself!

Inspiring learning through music, stories, crafts and creative play

see page 25

**WIN**  
an arts and crafts bundle worth **£648!**  
See back cover for details

see page 10



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## Reception Class

We were thrilled to see some of our wonderful Reception children featured in this month's YPO magazine!

Our Reception teacher (Mrs Jenkins) recently reviewed the Trundle Wheelie Painters, and staff were so excited to spot our children taking part in the photoshoot.

It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the creativity, enthusiasm and enjoyment of learning that our Reception class brings every day.

Well done to all involved!

## Reviewed by YOU!



Sacred Heart  
Catholic Primary School

When it comes to choosing the right resources, nothing beats hearing from the people who use them every day. That's why we asked Mrs Jenkins, Reception Teacher at Sacred Heart Primary School to put the Trundle Wheelie Painters from our TTS range to the test. These trundles are perfect for creating colourful patterns and artwork outdoors, but, as Mrs Jenkins proved, they work brilliantly indoors too, supporting a wide range of learning activities. Here's what she thought:

### 1 Did the children enjoy using the product?

The children absolutely LOVED the Trundle Wheelie Painters. As soon as they gripped the handles and trundled the wheelies across the playground, their faces lit up as patterns emerged. They explored speed and direction independently, developing gross motor skills and enjoying cooperative play as they compared prints and swapped painters. Robust, simple to use and perfect for outdoor creative sessions, they quickly became a favourite with my reception class.

### 2 How did the children use the product?

The children independently explored ways to use the Trundle Wheelie Painters, rolling them across different surfaces such as tarmac, stone and grass to discover how textures changed the prints. They raced side by side, comparing tracks and predicting which patterns would appear. During adult-led sessions, the painters became a rich curriculum tool. We explored repeating patterns, experimented with colour mixing, and measured and compared the length of the marks they made. These hands-on tools supported so many areas of the curriculum, from physical development to maths to expressive arts and design.

### 3 Do you think the product offered good value for money?

They are very good value for money! The set is competitively priced and the quality is evident from first use. The sturdy handles, robust wheels and durable materials enable it to withstand frequent, energetic outdoor play. They have coped brilliantly with daily use on a range of surfaces without any signs of wear. Their versatility further enhances their value, as they can be used creatively across the curriculum, from art and pattern work to maths and physical development activities. We would happily purchase them again.

### 4 Would you recommend the product to other nurseries?

I would highly recommend the Trundle Wheelie Painters to other EYFS settings. With ever-increasing budget restraints, we prioritise resources that are durable, long-lasting and versatile enough to support a wide range of activities, and this product certainly delivers. It promotes physical development through gross motor movement, expressive arts and design through pattern and colour exploration, and mathematics through measuring and repeating sequences. Its adaptability for both independent outdoor play and focused adult-led sessions makes it a valuable, curriculum-enhancing investment for any early years setting.

### 5 What would you mark the product out of 10?

A very strong 10!

Robust, simple to use and perfect for outdoor creative sessions, they quickly became a favourite with my reception class.

TTS Trundle Wheelie Painters - 4 Pack  
309530 - £88.99



SCAN and SHOP



See all the products featured in Issue 22

## 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](http://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.