

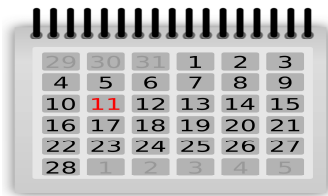


Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Dates to Remember



Thursday 8th October – Flu Immunisation Day

Thursday 22nd 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

This Week's Awards



History Certificate

Year 1 – Araiya

Year 2 – Divine

Year 3 – Ivana

Year 4 – Janie

Year 5 – Eloise

Year 6 - Dorcas

Handwriting Certificate

Year 1 – Grateful

Year 2 – Natalia

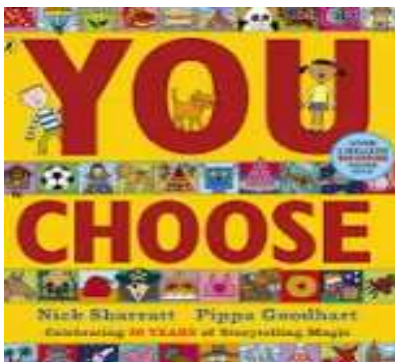
Year 3 – Awesome

Year 4 – Vimashee

Year 5 – Charlie

Year 6 - Athena

Book of the Week



This week's book recommendation is the wonderfully imaginative *You Choose* by Pippa Goodhart, illustrated by Nick Sharratt.

What makes *You Choose* so special is that there isn't just one story – the reader gets to make the choices! Children can decide where they would like to go, who they would like to meet and what they would like to do. With colourful, funny illustrations packed with things to spot and talk about, every reading can be different.

Flu Immunisation Day

Flu Immunisation Day will take place in school on
Thursday 8th October.

Parents/carers should have received an email from the NHS with information and a link to give permission for their child to receive the flu vaccination, or to decline.

If you have not received the NHS email, or if you have any questions about the flu immunisation, please contact the school office.



Space Day Lunch – Thursday 1st October

We are excited to be serving a special 'Space Day' lunch on Thursday 1st October! Please see the menu pictured alongside this newsletter item.

An order form has been sent home this week with all pupils who usually bring a packed lunch. If your child would like to enjoy the special Space Day lunch, please complete and return the form.

Payment:

- Children entitled to Free School Meals do not need to make a payment, but please still complete and return the order form.
- Infant children do not need to make a payment, but please still complete and return the form.
- For all other children, please return the completed form and make payment, if applicable, via ParentPay.



**MOOR PARK
HIGH SCHOOL**

Parents who are putting Moor Park High School down as either a 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice should book a fair banding assessment. Students who do not sit an assessment will only have their application considered after those who have sat an assessment.

The booking form for current Y6 students to register for a fair banding assessment is now open. The booking form is on the Moor Park High School website in the fair banding section. The deadline for the fair banding assessment booking form is Monday 28th September 2026. Fair banding assessments will take place on Sunday 11th October and Monday 12th October.

Our Open Evening is Tuesday 15th September 6pm-8pm. Here, parents can tour the school, learn more about fair banding and we will support parents in registering for an assessment.

The assessment is not a pass or fail assessment and we will have a balanced intake of students from across the ability spectrum. More details on the new admission policy are available at [Fair Banding Admissions – Moor Park High School & Sixth Form in Preston, Lancashire](#)

School Trips

We know how much our children enjoy school trips and the wonderful experiences they provide. However, we also recognise that the rising cost of living can make additional expenses difficult for families.

With this in mind, this year we are going to trial a slightly different approach to school trips. We will be offering trips for children in Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6.

Our Year 1 children will also be visiting the zoo this year, but this is an additional opportunity as we were very fortunate to win tickets for the visit!

We are very conscious that reducing the number of trips should not mean reducing the richness of our children's experiences. Therefore, we will be placing a much greater emphasis on high-quality enrichment opportunities within school and through the curriculum.

Our aim is to ensure that every child continues to experience, explore and discover new things, while being mindful of the financial pressures facing families.

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.

**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.

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.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

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County Council

**OUR LADY'S
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026
6PM UNTIL 8.30PM

Headteacher Talk at 6pm | 7pm | 7.45pm

COME AND FIND OUT WHAT IT MEANS
TO BE
One of Ours

OPEN DAY
Friday 9 October at 10am
Friday 9 October at 11.15am

To book an Open Day appointment please use the QR Code or click here

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**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.

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CLOSING DATE
31 October 2026

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Lancashire
County Council

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.

Attendance and Punctuality							
	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94.69%	97.39%	96.89%	98.15%	98.15%	98.61%	98.51%
Punctuality	4 Late	1 Late	0 Late	1 Late	1 Late	3 Late	2 Late