



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 4th December

Photograph Day

Friday 5th December

Christmas Fair

Thursday 11th December

Nativity – Letters have gone out

Friday 12th December

Year 4 Class Assembly – All parents/carers welcome

Thursday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day

Ukulele Concert – Information to follow

Friday 19th December

Christmas Party Day

Nativity

This year's Nativity productions will be held on Thursday 11th December. There will be two performances, the children will perform the Nativity at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

Letters have gone out this week to allocate each family with 2 tickets. Unfortunately, we are unable to allocate anymore to each family due to hall restraints.

Please can we ask for all letters to come back as soon as possible.

Bee Promises



This week we received 52 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 – Evelyn (Year 4)

Bee Respectful – Jack (Year 2)

Bee Kind – Ovelle (Year 6)

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2026

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026.

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.



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.

Family Feast Fridays

Each Friday we will be sharing a recipe idea for the week ahead to help us all with new ideas for meals each week! We would love to hear if you have tried them out- please send us pictures!! And if you have any recipes you would like to share with us, please send them to bursar@sacredheart.lancs.sch.uk. This week we wanted to share:

Recipe: Fish Pie with a Golden Potato and Broccoli Top – Jamie Oliver

INGREDIENTS

1kg potatoes

1 large head of broccoli (480g)

optional: 3 large free-range eggs

3 leeks (480g)

olive oil

2 heaped tablespoons plain flour

2 teaspoons of your favourite mustard

600ml semi-skimmed milk

800g mixed frozen fish chunks, from sustainable sources

75g Cheddar cheese

1 bunch of chives (20g)

1 lemon

METHOD

- 1 Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4. Peel the potatoes, halving any larger ones, then cook in a pan of boiling salted water for 20 minutes, or until tender. Trim, finely chop and reserve the broccoli stalk. Chop the head into florets and add to the pan with the eggs, if using, for the last 7 minutes. Cool the eggs under cold running water. Drain the potatoes and broccoli, and steam dry.
- 2 Meanwhile, trim the leeks, halve lengthways, then wash and finely slice. Place in a large shallow casserole pan on a medium heat with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and the chopped broccoli stalk. Cook for 10 minutes, or until soft, stirring regularly. Stir in the flour and mustard, then gradually stir in the milk. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, then season to perfection.
- 3 Add the fish chunks and simmer for another 5 minutes, then grate in most of the cheese. Finely chop the chives and fold in most of them. Peel, halve and dot in the eggs, if using, and finely grate over the lemon zest.
- 4 Mash the potato and broccoli – rustic or smooth, the choice is yours. Season to perfection, then spoon over the dish, fork up the top for added texture, grate over the last bit of cheese and spritz with oil. Bake for 35 minutes, or until golden and bubbling. Rest for 5 minutes, sprinkle over the remaining chives, and serve with lemon wedges.

Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	84%	94%	98%	92%	94%	94%	85%
Punctuality	2 Late	1 Late	1 Late	4 Late	3 Late	1 Late	0 Late

'Elf behaving Badly' Lunch

If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to have our special 'Elf Behaving Badly' Lunch on Monday the 1st of December, please complete the form which should have come home in your child's bag and return to school.

If your child is entitled to free school meals or is in the Infants, no payment is required. For all other payments please do this via ParentPay. The cost of the lunch is £2.70 per child.



Year 6 South America Day

16th December

To celebrate the end of our Geography topic-South America, Year 6 are going to have a South American themed day on Tuesday 16th December. They will be tasting traditional foods, making headdresses and taking part in samba dance. They will also be doing project-based research and there might even be time for an Argentina V Brazil football match!

School uniform does not have to be worn, just something brightly coloured but please do not go to any expense of buying anything new.

Funded Swimming Lessons for Preston Children receiving Free School Meals

You may be aware of a series of measures that Preston City Council have recently approved to help Preston residents with the ongoing cost of living.

We are delighted that funding is being provided for Free Swimming, with a number of schemes available. Full information on the wider Funded Swimming offer will be shared soon.

Funded Swimming Lessons for FSM Children

- 6 months of free-swimming lessons at Fulwood or West View Leisure Centre on our Better Swim School
- Must register by 31st March 2026

What do we need your help with?

In short, identifying which Preston children and families will most benefit from this offer

- Eligible for the scheme by being both a Preston resident and in receipt of Free School Meals
- Will engage with the program and likely to have good attendance (serial non- attenders will lose their place, to be given to another child)

If this is something you are eligible for and would like to express an interest for your child, please call the school office on 01772 726937.

A poster for HAF (Holiday Activity and Food) featuring a light blue background with snowflakes. It includes the HAF logo, the text 'Holiday Activity and Food', and 'Benefits-related Free School Meals'. It lists the time (08:30am - 04:30pm) and location (Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Poulton Street, Preston PR2 2SA). It provides contact information for booking (julianne@communityfutures.org.uk) and dates (Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Monday 29th, and Tuesday 30th December 2025). It features a group of children in winter clothes and several speech bubbles with quotes like 'I love making new friends', 'I enjoyed the craft activities', 'I had so much fun baking', and 'I Liked playing with all the outside toys'. It lists activities: FREE Meals, Arts & Crafts, and Games & Activities. It concludes with 'Every session is packed with fun and creativity. Don't miss out on a fun day of excitement!' and logos for Community Futures and Preston City Council.

Christmas Fair – Friday 5th December



The Christmas Fair will take place on 5.12.25 between 1:20-3:00 for the children and between 3:15-4:00 for the parents. For £1, the children will be able to participate in:

- Guess how many sweets are in the jar
- Guess the name of the teddy
- Raffle for a crochet snowman advent calendar
- Ring toss over an inflatable Christmas tree
- Chocolate tombola
- Pin the nose on Rudolph

For 20p or 50p a stall, the parents and children will be able to do the above but with the added addition of these stalls:

- Decorate a Christmas tree decoration
- Cake stall
- Reindeer hot chocolate cones
- Reindeer dust
- Take photographs with our Christmas themed selfie frame
- Popcorn cones
- Tea/Coffee/Juice
- All money raised will go towards the enrichment activities for the children. It will be lovely to see you there!

Contact Details

In order for us to keep our records accurate and up-to-date, if there have been any recent changes to your contact details such as home address, telephone number or email address, please can we kindly ask you to contact the school office to advise of any changes.

Charity Fun Run
at Chorley Fire Station
Sunday 14 December

Race Schedule
10:00am: 1 km children's race (up to 14 years)
11:00am: 5 km adult race

Prizes for first place and best dressed!

Book your tickets:
www.lancsfireandrescue.org.uk/christmas-gallop

Text communication



Following a recent update completed by the company we use for text communication to our parents/carers, Teachers2Parents, we have been advised some parents/carers do not seem to be receiving text messages since the update.

If any parents/carers feel they are not receiving texts please contact the school office. We have been informed that by downloading the Teachers2Parents app this may resolve the issue.

If anyone is unsure and would like us to run a test, please also contact the school office where we will be happy to help.