



# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Dates to Remember

- 13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 Worship Assembly and coffee morning for parents
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for the half term holiday at 3.15pm (one week)
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening, face to face in school
- 12<sup>th</sup> March - Parents evening – telephone appointments
- 12<sup>th</sup> March - 'Little Zoo to You' (EYFS, Year1, Year2)
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Worship Assembly and coffee morning for parents
- 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Residential to Winmarleigh Hall
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for the Easter holidays at 3.15pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

### Year 6 Residential



The Year 6 Residential to Winmarleigh Hall on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March is available to pay either by cash at the school office or on ParentPay.

We recommend making small regular payments to chip away at the full cost of the trip as this must be paid in full by the time your child leaves Sacred Heart in July 2026.

If you do not have access to ParentPay or have any concerns, please call the school office on 01772 726937 where we will be happy to help.

### Bee Promises



This week we received 25 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 – Awesome (Year2)

Bee Respectful – Teddy (Year 5)

Bee Kind – Melanie (Year 6)



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](mailto:bursar@sacredheart.lancs.sch.uk). This week we wanted to share: Slow-cooker chicken casserole – Tesco Real Food



### **Ingredients**

600g skinless, boneless chicken thigh fillets

2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

1 tbsp smoked sweet paprika

225g pack Spanish chorizo ring, sliced into rounds

2 red onions, finely chopped

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

1 tbsp plain flour

pinch saffron (optional)

2 chicken stock cubes, made up to 600ml

70g tomato purée

250g baby plum tomatoes

3 celery sticks, cut into 3cm pieces

2 x 400g tins butterbeans, rinsed and drained

large handful flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped

### **Method**

1. Set your slow-cooker to medium. Coat the chicken in 1 tbsp olive oil and paprika. Season with salt and pepper and then set aside.
2. Heat the remaining oil in a large frying pan on a medium-high heat and add the chorizo, cook for 3-4 mins. Turn the heat down to medium, add the onions and cook for a further 3-4 mins or until soft. Add the garlic and flour, cook for 1 min, then remove from the pan and set aside.
3. Put the saffron (if using) in a small glass and pour over 2 tbsp boiling water to infuse.
4. Heat the same frying pan used to cook the chorizo and onions on a medium-high heat. Add the chicken to the pan and brown on each side for 1 min or until golden.
5. Add the chicken, chorizo and onions to the slow-cooker. Pour over the stock and tomato puree. Add the baby plum tomatoes, celery and saffron-infused water (if using). Stir well to combine, cover with the lid and cook for 2.5-3 hrs or until the chicken is very tender.
6. Add the butter beans, cover and cook for 15 mins. Divide the casserole into bowls and top with chopped parsley. Serve with grains such as couscous or quinoa, or crusty bread to dip.

## FSM Supermarket vouchers

Benefits eligible free school meal children will be issued supermarket vouchers for half term. These will be issued at £15 for the week.

The vouchers will be issued again for the Easter holidays; however, we have been informed that this will be the last time these vouchers are issued. The Household Support Fund will end on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 and be replaced by the Crisis and Resilience Fund. Holiday time free school meal vouchers will no longer be allocated to eligible pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

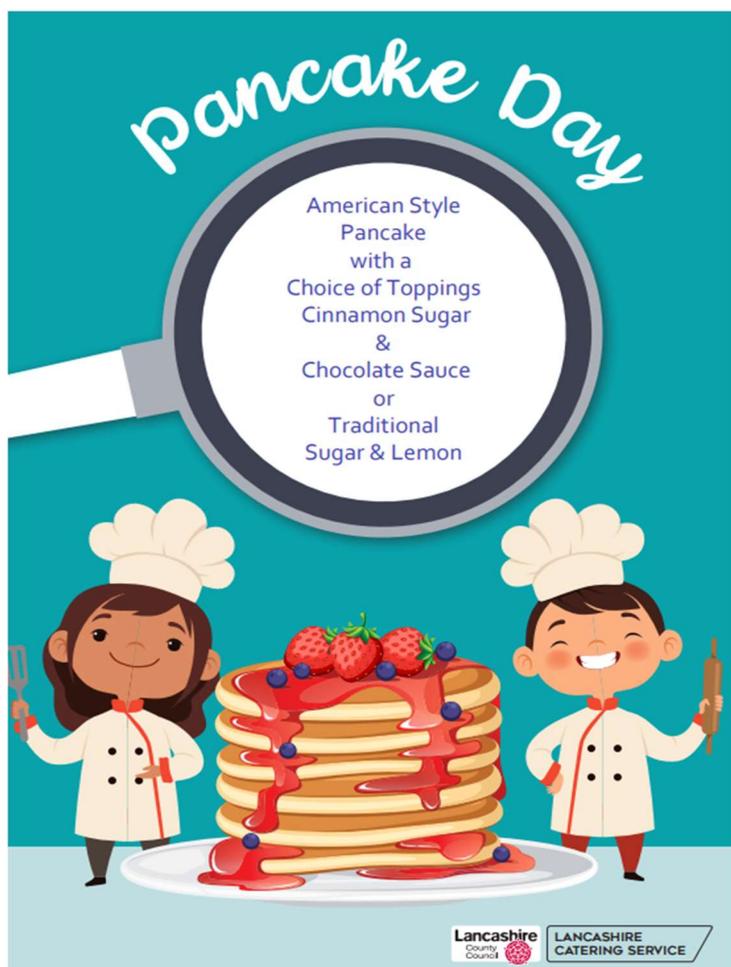
If you do have any previous vouchers waiting to be redeemed it is recommended that this is done as soon as possible.



We are excited to announce that we will be moving our MIS system to Arbor. Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system.

Arbor has many great features, including allowing you to directly make any personal changes to circumstances such as contact details or medical information, view report cards, make parents evening appointments and receive emails and texts from us all in one place.

In the next couple of weeks an email invitation will be sent to all parents/carers to join Arbor. Please look out for this and follow the instructions included. If anyone has any questions or would like to update their email address before we start the Arbor journey, please call the school office.



## Pancake Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Pancake day order forms have gone out to all children who normally bring a packed lunch. If your child would like to take part in the pancake day lunch please make payment of £2.70 on ParentPay under school meals. Children will receive a normal Friday lunch of fish fingers, pizza or a jacket potato which they will pick on the day, children will then have a pancake and a choice of topping for dessert.

If your child is in Infants or receives free school meals, no payment is needed.

If your child normally has a school meal, no action is needed as they will automatically receive the pancake day lunch.

## Attendance and Punctuality

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Attendance</b>	94.25%	89.33%	94.07%	95.56%	98.32%	96.67%	98.62%
<b>Punctuality</b>	4 Late	1 Late	1 Late	2 Late	0 Late	0 Late	1 Late