



NEWSLETTER NO. 3 AUTUMN TERM – 19 SEP 2025

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MISSION IN ACTION AWARDS

WOWS for FOUNDATION STAGE		Nursery: Robyn, Hebe, Nora and Rosie. Reception: Jett and Lucia.
BUSY BEES STAR OF THE DAY		MON: Hebe (N) TUE: Sophie (Y5) & Teddy (Y5) WED: Rosie (R) THU: Nora (N)
RECEPTION	Bella	LOVE: For being a kind friend and a great helper in the classroom.
	Edie	LEARN: For always having a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning!
YEAR 1	Elizabeth	GROW: For settling into Year One beautifully and for her amazing effort with reading.
	Lana	LOVE: For being a wonderful, welcoming friend to our special visitor on her taster day this week.
	Clementine	
YEAR 2	Annie	WORSHIP: For her brilliant acting out of a "sin", "sorry" and "forgiveness" scene.
	Saena	LEARN: For her exciting story about a naughty unicorn who lived in the cupboard under her stairs!
YEAR 3	Tai	LEARN: For paying close attention to instructions in art. She has made a great start to her piece.
	Nansi	LOVE: For being such a lovely partner to work with. She always offers a helping hand or support to her friends.
	Eddie	LEARN & GROW: For his lovely contributions in class. He has worked hard to put his hand up and wait patiently to answer which has not gone unnoticed!
YEAR 4	Kamila	LEARN & GROW: For confidently presenting her Roman shields and swords in History.
	Tessa	LEARN: For writing an engaging acrostic poem about a shipwreck.
YEAR 5	Penelope	LEARN: For writing an excellent story ending to our class text.
	Alex	LEARN: For being engaged in class lessons and making excellent contributions.
YEAR 6	Charlie	LEARN & GROW: For a great start to Year 6 and for working so hard especially in Maths with rounding.
	Tabitha	LOVE: For a great start to Year 6 and for always being so kind, helpful and cheerful.
MUSIC	Eddie (Y3)	For good progress and learning to play chords in both hands on the piano. Well done!
	Mason (Y4)	For superb independent learning and progress on the piano. Keep it up!
	Hattie (Y6)	For fantastic progress and hard work on her new piano exam pieces. Well done!
	Neddy (Y1)	For his huge enthusiasm for violin and for learning his open strings. Keep it up!
PE	Otilie (Y6)	For outstanding play in hockey matches.





CONGRATULATIONS:

- **Ylva (Y2)** – For achieving a Merit in her Primary Modern Dance Exam.
- **Charlie (Y1)** – For completing his Duckling Level Swim England award.
- **Sophie-Ann (Y5)** – For passing her ABRSM Grade 4 Violin exam with Distinction.
- **Megan (Y3)** – For passing her ABRSM Grade 1 Violin exam.
- **Billy (Y2)** – For being made a Lodge Leader for the Rhino Troop at Beavers.
- **Lana (Y1)** – For her participation in the Cygnet & Swans 'Time to Rewild' dance show.
- **Millie M (Y5)** – For her horse riding awards at the National finals competition. 'The Sunshine Tour', hosted at Hickstead. Millie competed in Showing, Dressage and Showjumping and came away with many ribbons and placings but most impressively, two 1st places in her dressage!



NURSERY



We have had an excellent couple of weeks in Little Hearts, finding out about 'Ourselves' and 'Our Families'. Children in Nursery have sung songs to name body parts, played rhythm name games and learnt new friends' names. Each child has spent time naming features of their faces and looking closely in mirrors to create self-portraits, which are proudly displayed on the wall. They even made puzzles from their photos! Every child also created a 'name cloud', carefully forming and ordering the letters of their name.

When the sun came out, we enjoyed lots of time exploring our outdoor area and the MUGA, throwing, kicking, catching and rolling the balls - great for our gross motor skills!

What a fantastic start back to the school year!



WW1 DAY – Year 5 & Year 6

On Thursday 18th September Years 5 and Year 6 took part in an amazing World War I activity day! Mike was our guide for the day, and he arrived in full uniform. He began by explaining to the children the build-up to WWI, helping them to understand events leading up to the war and the countries involved. This was followed by a quiz where children used information boards to collect facts about the war and conditions in the war. Next, children were really excited to be able to handle WWI army artefacts, trying on army uniforms and handling (with supervision) a rifle, a pistol, grenades, a machine gun and bullets! All of the artefacts are decommissioned – obviously!

They experienced the of smell mustard gas (not the poisonous variety!) and some of them tried to get their gas masks on before the 7 second deadline when the deadly gas would kill you! Before gas masks were invented, they learnt that soldiers would wee onto their handkerchiefs, as the ammonia in the wee would protect them from the deadly gas! Most children thought this was fairly gross, but agreed it was better than dying!

In the afternoon they took part in army drills. They used hockey sticks, just as soldiers had at the time, as all the real guns were being used in fighting. They had to listen carefully to the instructions from the sergeant major. Then, children had a chance to do a timed stretcher race which was such fun! Finally, Mike recreated "No Man's Land" with imitation barbed wire and everyone had a chance to try to get to the other side without making a noise, which was very tricky. It was such an exciting, interesting and interactive day and a fantastic way to understand more about the experiences of soldiers in WW1.





Key policies are available via the school website or on request from the school.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Wednesday, 17th September 2025

U11/10 Girls Hockey v Claremont (Away)

TEAM 1: Otilie, Annemieke, Isla, Hattie, Tabitha H, Alexandra, Marni, Sophie-Ann, Poppy, Sophia, Alice, Sienna and Pippin

RESULT: Drew: 1-1; Lost: 0-1; Won: 1-0; Drew: 1-1

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Otilie

TEAM 2: Isla, Emilia, Millie M, Jemima, Tabitha D, Eva, Florence, Sophie, Emily, Edie and Millie T

RESULT: Won: 1-0; Drew: 1-1; Drew: 0-0; Drew: 0-0

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH: Millie M



U11/10 Boys Football v Beechwood (Home)

TEAM 1: Liam, Matty, APP, Rowland, Teddy B and Teddy J

RESULT: Won 11-0

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Teddy B

TEAM 2: James, Oscar D, Arthur, Charlie, Evan, Oscar M and Alex

RESULT: Lost 5-0

DIARY DATES

WEEK 4		
Mon 22 nd September	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
Wed 24 th September	Whole School Mass	09:00
	U11/10 Girls Hockey v Beechwood (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U11/10 Boys Football v Battle Abbey (Home)	14:15 – 15:45
Thu 25 th September	U9/8 Boys Football v Beechwood (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U9/8 Girls – No Fixture – Team Training (Home)	
Fri 26 th September	Awards Assembly	09:00
	Neurodiversity Parent Coffee Morning	08:45
	Drama Workshop – Castles, Knights & Princesses (R, Y1, Y2, Y3)	
	ISA 5 a Side Boys Football (Away)	TBC
WEEK 5		
Mon 29 th September	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
	Grandparents Lunch	12:30 – 13:30
Tue 30 th September	Grandparents Lunch	12:30 – 13:30
Wed 1 st October	U11/10 Girls Hockey v St Ronan's (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U11/10 Boys Football v Wadhurst (Away)	14:00 – 15:30
Thu 2 nd October	National Poetry Day	
	U9/8 Girls Netball v St Ronan's (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U9/8 Boys Football v Rose Hill & Beechwood (Home)	14:15 – 15:45
Fri 3 rd October	Macmillan Coffee Morning	08:30
	Open Morning	09:30 & 11:00
	Parent & Toddler Session – Nursery	09:00 – 10:30
	Awards Assembly	
WEEK 6		
Mon 6 th October	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
Tue 7 th October	Open Classrooms FS (Nursery & Reception)	08:30 – 08:45
Wed 8 th October	Open Classrooms KS1 (Y1 & Y2)	08:30 – 08:45
	Year 4 Roman Workshop	
	U11/10 Boys – No Fixture – Team Training	
	U11/10 Girls – No Fixture – Team Training	
Thu 9 th October	Open Classrooms LKS2 (Y3 & Y4)	08:30 – 08:45
	FS & KS1 Trip to The Gruffalo – Assembly Hall Theatre	13:00 – 15:30
	U9/8 Boys Football v Vinehall (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U9/8 Girls Hockey v Beechwood (Home)	14:15 – 15:45
Fri 10 th October	Open Classrooms UK22 (Y5 & Y6)	08:30 – 08:45
	Awards Assembly	09:00
	PTA Film Night	15:45 – tbc

WEEK 7		
Mon 13 th October	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
	Rainforest Animals Workshops – FS, KS1 & Y3	13:30 – 15:30
Wed 15 th October	U11/10 Girls Hockey v Vinehall (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U11/10 Boys – No Fixture – Team Training (Home)	
	Parent Consultations	16:15 – 18:00
Thu 16 th October	U9/8 Girls Hockey v Skippers (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U9/8 Boys Football v Skippers (Home)	14:15 – 15:45
	Parent Consultations	17:00 – 18:30
Fri 17 th October	Neurodiversity Parent Coffee Morning	08:45
	Y4 Assembly & Cake Sale	09:00
	Parent & Toddler Session – Nursery	09:00 – 10:30
WEEK 8		
Mon 20 th October	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
Tue 21 st October	Whole School Harvest Assembly (All parents welcome)	09:00
	End of Term – Whole School	
HALF TERM WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER – FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER		

PARENT NOTICES



COFFEE MORNINGS

As we live a neurodiverse world, and having listened to our parent voices, we would like to set up a support group for any parent at the Sacred Heart School who either has a child with any diagnosis (this can range from Dyslexia to ASD to ADHD, Sensory Processing and anything in between) or feels that they may be on the beginning of a journey to understand some signs or symptoms in their child.

We are proposing to open up our staff room on the last Friday of each month between 8.45 - 9.45am for any parent who would like to get together with tea, coffee

and biscuits and who would like to have a chat, share experiences and support each other.

Please come along on Friday 26th September for the first get-together. The following meetings will be held on Friday 17th October, 28th November and 12th December.

GRANDPARENTS LUNCH – Closing midnight tonight!

On Monday, 29th September and Tuesday, 30th September. We are aware not all grandparents will be able to attend this event, so we welcome photos of grandparents which will form part of a slideshow and will be shown during lunchtime. These should be sent to Victoria in the office by **Monday, 22nd September**.



Poppy (Y4) will be playing Gretl in The Sound of Music at The Assembly Hall Theatre during half term.

Her show dates are:

Wednesday 29th October at 2:30pm

Thursday 30th October at 7:30pm

Saturday 1st November at 7:30pm



Poppy (Y4) will be performing in the Junior Ensemble as a child in either Mr Maddens' or Mr Shakespeare's class in Nativity! The Musical at Trinity Theatre.

Her show dates are:

Friday 12th December at 10am

Sunday 14th December at 10:30am and 3:00pm

Thursday 18th December at 1:00pm

Sunday 21st December at 10:30am and 3:00pm

Friday 26th December at 3:00pm

Sunday 27th December at 10:30am and 3:00pm

Addition to the Sacred Heart School website – Catholic Life

As part of our work on updating our school website, you will now be able to read information about our weekly Celebration of the Word assemblies. Each week, the theme of our assembly is introduced on a Monday, and the children are asked to "Go Forth" reflecting on the message of the Gospel. Please follow the link to read more:

[Celebration of the Word | Sacred Heart School](#). Just a reminder that any parent is welcome to join our Celebration of the Word assembly on a Monday morning at 9am in the hall.



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Henry Adair (Y2) has decided to take part in the Race for Kids Great Ormand Street on 11th October. He'll be aiming to run the 2km target around the playing fields in Mayfield to raise funds for the hospital's new Children's Cancer Centre and in memory of his friend Sofia. If you would like to sponsor him, here is the link: <https://race.gosh.org/fundraisers/antoniaadair/rbc-race-for-the-kids>. We wish you the best of luck, Henry!



We are looking forward to our Autumn Music Concerts this term. Please join us on 19th and 20th November to enjoy a wonderful showcase of some of the musical talent here at Sacred Heart



OPEN MORNINGS

SCHOOL	DATES
Bennett Memorial	23 & 25 Sept & 1 Oct
Bethany	27 th Sept & 8 th Oct
Dulwich Prep, Cranbrook	4 th October
Heathfield CC	25 th September
Judd	23 rd June 2026
Kent College	4 th Oct & 5 th Nov
Skinners	25 th September
Tonbridge School	4 th October
Tonbridge Grammar School	7 th , 9 th & 14 th October
Tunbridge Wells Boys Grammar School	26 th Sept, 2 nd & 10 th Oct
Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School	24 th Sept & 6 th Oct
Weald of Kent	15 th & 16 th October

Please refer to the individual school websites as many events require booking

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SAFEGUARDING

Please report any safeguarding concerns you have directly to the one of the adults listed below.



Mrs Johanna Collyer
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Emma Nixon
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Antonia Gabriel
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Sarah Alcock
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If any parent or carer from Sacred Heart School has any questions to ask, concerns to raise or needs to inform the school of a situation, please feel free to approach a member of staff at any time. We operate an open-door policy here at Sacred Heart School.