



NEWSLETTER NO. 6 AUTUMN TERM – 10 OCT 2025

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MISSION IN ACTION AWARDS

WOWS for FOUNDATION STAGE		Nursery: Elise and Betty. Reception: Alexandra and Bella.
BUSY BEES STAR OF THE DAY		MON: Rosie (R) TUE: Henry (Y2) WED: Francesca (N) THU: Rafferty (R)
RECEPTION	Atticus	LEARN & GROW: For wonderful progress in Phonics.
	Lucia	LEARN: For always trying her very best in all activities.
YEAR 1	Aaron	LEARN: For lovely poetry writing on National Poetry Day!
	Harry	LEARN: For a wonderful effort with his handwriting.
YEAR 2	Jola	LEARN & GROW: For huge improvements with her handwriting and for always working hard.
	Billy	LOVE & WORSHIP: For his thoughtful contributions in our RE lessons and for showing such spontaneous kindness to a member of staff.
	Bobby	LOVE: For being such a smiley, joyful, happy member of our class!
YEAR 3	Helen	LEARN: For trying her best to implement changes into her work, having received feedback from her teacher.
	Sophie	LOVE: For always being so supportive of others around her! She always makes it known that she is proud of her friend's achievements.
	Eliza	LEARN & GROW: For trying her best to complete a task to the best of her ability. She has been taking her time and working on her presentation.
YEAR 4	Lorenzo	LEARN: For his fantastic Roman costume and enthusiastic engagement during the Roman workshop.
	Blaise	LEARN: For sharing interesting facts and asking thoughtful questions about the Romans.
	Imogen	LEARN: For sharing interesting facts and showing great enthusiasm for learning about the Romans.
YEAR 5	Emilia	LEARN: For an amazing start to Year 5, working so hard in all subjects and really listening in lessons.
	Teddy	LEARN: For writing a super story in English, based on stories we have studied this term.
YEAR 6	A P-P	LOVE & LEARN: For being such a good friend, showing kindness to another child who had hurt themselves and for working hard in class.
	Harriet	LEARN: For her beautiful artwork for Harvest and for working hard too!
	Arthur	LOVE & LEARN: For showing kindness to a member of the class who was sad and for putting so much effort into his RE this week.
MUSIC	Lucia (R)	For excellent percussion skills, her lovely smile and enthusiasm for music. Well done!
	Poppy (Y4)	For working so hard on improving her breath control and producing a beautiful vocal tone.
	Alexandra (Y6)	For excellent attention and participation in class music. Keep it up!
PE	Lorenzo (Y4)	For outstanding play in football matches.



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



Congratulations:

- To the following children for completing the Summer Reading Challenge at the library:
 - **Ella (Y2)**
 - **Edith (R)**
 - **Annie (Y2)**
- **Teddy (Y5)** - who has been selected for the U11 development squad for the Prep Schools' Pumas football team.
- **Teddy (Y6)** – for retaining his place on the Prep School Puma's Football A Team.
- **Liam (Y6)** – for retaining his place on the Prep School Puma's Football A Team.
- **Lucia (Y4)** – for being awarded a 'Green Blue Peter Badge' for all your eco work.
- **Pippin (Y5)** – for being brave and completing the fastest zip line in the world and longest in the UK.



Our Year 6 Sport Leaders



Tabitha (Y6) was very fortunate to be able to watch the Women's Rugby World Cup Finals recently, England v Canada at Twickenham Stadium. She even got to meet the team and the coach who were staying at the same hotel.

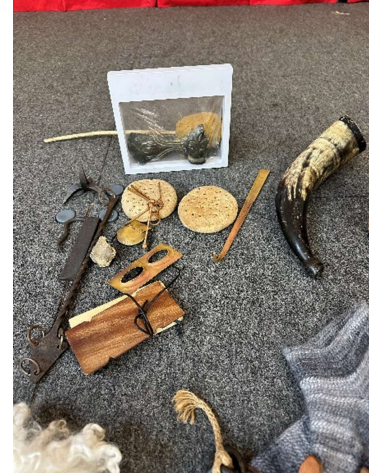


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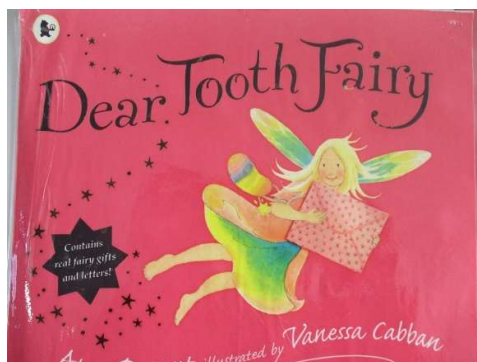
YEAR 4 – ROMAN DAY



Children in Year 4 took part in a fantastic workshop stepping back in time to Ancient Rome. The children dressed up in wonderful Roman costumes and immersed themselves in learning all about Roman life. Throughout the day, they discovered how the Roman Empire spread, explored the invasion of Britain and learned about daily life as a Roman. They found out about the games Romans played, the letters they wrote, the roads they built and what it was like to be a Roman soldier. The workshop ended with an exciting Romans versus Celts battle, bringing history to life in a fun and memorable way. It was a truly immersive day filled with curiosity, discovery and lots of learning!



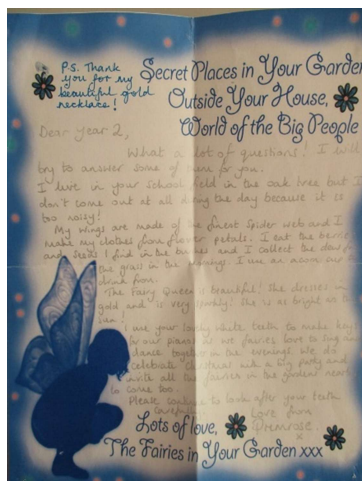
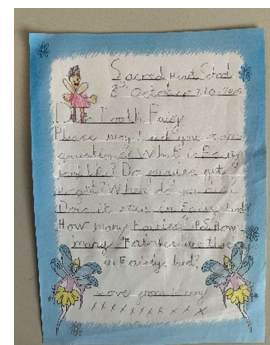
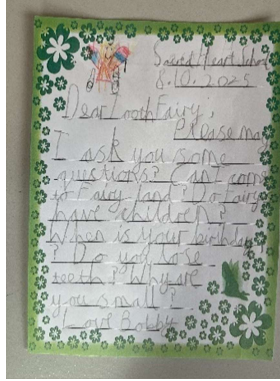
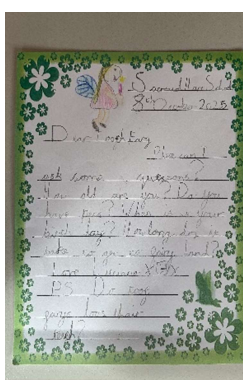
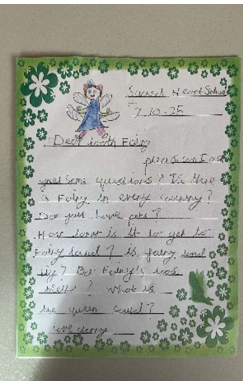
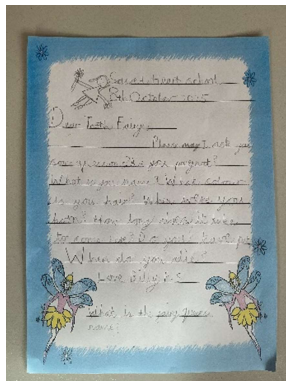
YEAR 2



In English, the children in Year Two have been learning about different types of punctuation. We have even learnt karate moves for each type of punctuation to help us remember to use it! This week, we have learnt how and when to use question marks. We then read the lovely book, "Dear Tooth Fairy" by Alan Durant and the children wrote letters to the Tooth Fairy to ask her lots of questions. After posting their letters in our special magic fairy post-box, we were



delighted to receive a reply the following morning answering some of those questions!



In Science, children have been learning about minibeasts and their habitats. To bring their learning to life, each child made a wormery using gravel, sand and soil. They then gave their worms names! They had a super time!



YEAR 3

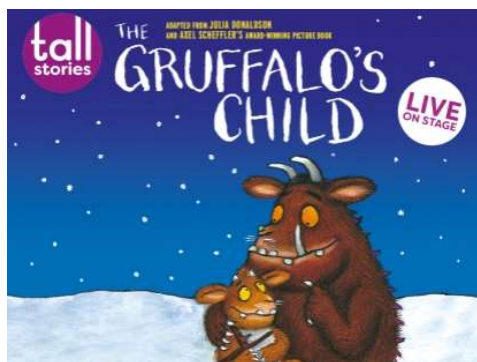


Children in Year 3 were incredibly lucky to take part in a bread workshop this week! Mrs Ostermann kindly came into school to bake some delicious soda bread with the children. Not only did they end up with a wonderful treat to eat, she also explained the health benefits of making our own bread instead of buying it. This fitted in well with our Science topic where we have been learning about nutrition and it enabled us to practise following written instructions, just as we have been doing in English!

We are extremely grateful that she came in to teach us some of her baking knowledge! Thank you!



GRUFFALO'S CHILD TRIP



On Thursday afternoon the children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One enjoyed a trip to the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells for a fantastic performance of Julia Donaldson's much loved picture book, "The Gruffalo's Child".

The children thoroughly enjoyed allowing their imaginations to run wild and the interactivity of the performance, singing, laughing and clapping along to all the songs as we followed the Gruffalo's Child on her adventurous mission through the snowy deep, dark woods looking for the Big, Bad Mouse....!

The children were beautifully behaved and were a credit to the school!



PRAYER BEAR



Meet our Sacred Heart Prayer Bear!

The Prayer Bear is something we are introducing at school to help children develop their prayer life.

We would like to encourage children to:

- see prayer as part of daily life, not just something they do at school.
- give families a chance to pray together, share their faith and create special moments at home.
- help children grow in confidence by leading prayers with others.
- strengthen the link between school, parish, and home.

Our Prayer Bear is a soft, cuddly toy who takes turns in coming home with your child if they have asked for him. Inside the Prayer Bear bag, you will find traditional prayers, prayer starters, prayer artefacts and some suggestions for how you might like to share some prayers at home as a family. There is no right or wrong way to use the Prayer Bear! There is also a small prayer book with

space for children and families to add their own prayers, drawings or photographs.

When Prayer Bear comes back to school, we will share some of the children's reflections during Prayer & Liturgy. This helps children see that their prayers at home are part of our wider school family's prayer life.

Our hope is that through Prayer Bear, we hope children and families will grow closer to God, find comfort in prayer, and feel connected to the faith community of Sacred Heart School.

SPORTS FIXTURES

Thursday, 9th October 2025

U9/8 Boys Football Tournament v Marlborough House Vinehall (Away)

TEAM: Blaise, Eddie, Hector, Lorenzo, Mason, Miller, Oscar, Tom

RESULTS: Lost 0-3 v The Mead; Lost 0-2 v Saint Ronan's; Lost 2-3 v Rose Hill; Lost 0-1 v Claremont

U9/8 Girls Hockey v Beechwood (Home)

TEAM 1: Ellen, Imogen, Lucia, Sophie, Amelie V, Helen and Eliza

RESULTS: Won 4-0

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Imogen

TEAM 2: Poppy, Órlaith, Kamila, Meg T, Nansi, Annabel, Tessa, Ola and Meg M

RESULTS: Won 5-0

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Poppy

TEAM 3: Marianna, Faye, Clemence, Tai, Letty, Sophie, Amelie D

RESULTS: Drew 1-1

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Tai



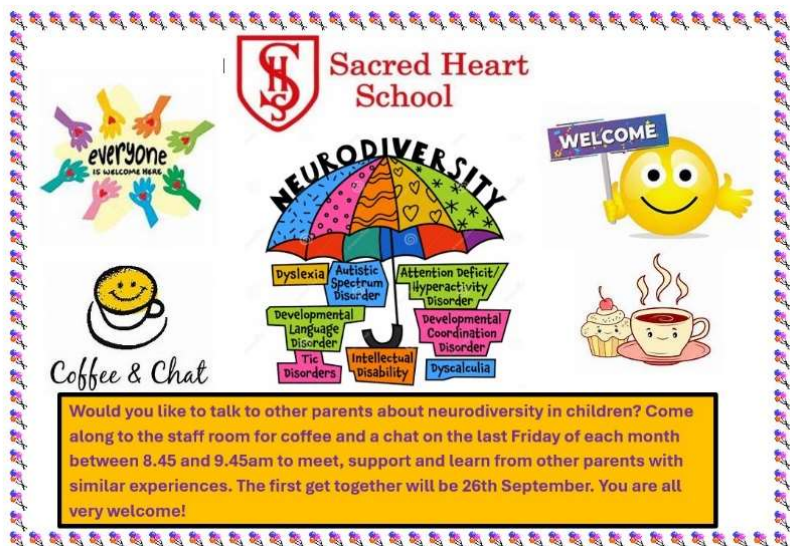
DIARY DATES

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	Y6 Swimming @ Mayfield School	08:45 – 10:15
	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 & 10:30
	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

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations will take place on Wednesday, 15th (16:15-18:00) and Thursday, 16th October (17:00-18:30). Sign up sheets are available in the School Hall for Reception – Year 6, or in the Nursery for our nursery-aged children.



COFFEE MORNINGS

As we live in a neurodiverse world, and having listened to our parent voices, we have 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.

If you are a parent with a child who finds transitions hard or with a child who finds it difficult to emotionally regulate their feelings, please do come along to our next session on 17th October at 8.45 in the staff room. Future events: 28th November and 12th December.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SUPPORTS WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



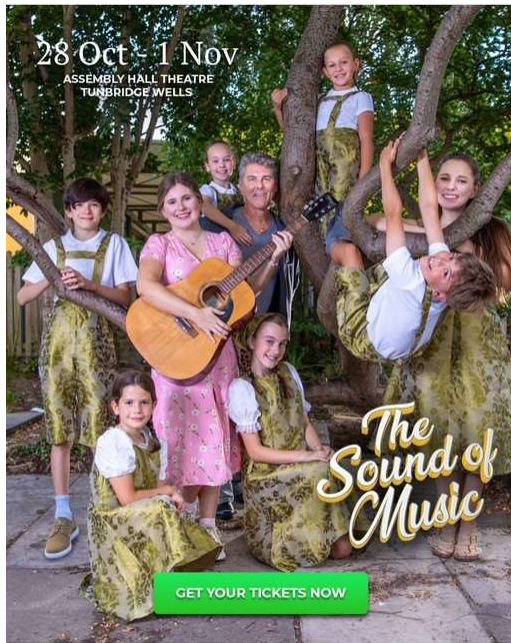
World Mental Health Day happens every year on 10th October and aims to create an opportunity to talk about mental health, as well as raise awareness of people suffering from mental health problems.

This year's theme set by the World Federation for Mental Health is 'Access to Services' – mental health in catastrophes and emergencies. The theme highlights the importance of people being able to protect their mental health whatever they're going through, because everyone deserves good mental health.

At Sacred Heart School we have held a Wellbeing Assembly in Key Stage 2 led by our Wellbeing Ambassadors Marni (y6), Millie (Y5), Órlaith (Y4) and Poppy (Y4). A huge thank you to them and 'Chill and Create Club' for organising poster displays throughout the school and our Mental Health Day visual reminder 'WEARING YELLOW' as well as a film clip about Mental Health and being a Wellbeing Ambassador.

Our next steps are Wellbeing Training and encouraging other children to become Wellbeing Ambassadors!





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.



FLU VACCINATIONS

The Immunisation Service are coming into school to offer your child the flu vaccination on Thursday, 13th November 2025. This is for Reception aged children upwards.

A portal has been sent out with all the information of how to register your child for the immunisation.

For information about the Flu vaccine and frequently asked questions:

<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/resources/patient-resources/flu-vaccinations>

To complete a consent form:

[Flu Vaccination Consent Form \(susseximmunisations.co.uk\)](https://www.susseximmunisations.co.uk)

Thank you to all who volunteered their time or came along to support our Macmillan Coffee morning. We were so lucky to have a generous and delicious donation from The Bakery TW, and our upgraded coffee options went down very well! **Our coffee morning raised £337 for Macmillan!** This

is almost double the amount raised at last year's event. Thank you everyone for your support, our donations will make a real difference.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children will return to school following the October half term wearing winter uniform. If you are placing an order for new items of uniform, please take note of the following dates:

Any order placed before 3pm on Friday, 17th October will be fulfilled, ready for collection on or before Tuesday, 21st October (end of term).

For any orders placed after 3pm on Friday, 17th October, these will be fulfilled over the half term break, ready for collection on Wednesday, 29th October between 10:00 – 12:00pm. Any orders after this date can be collected once school returns on Monday, 3rd November.



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 School.



BBC 500 Words Competition is a brilliant chance to get children writing for a real purpose. The challenge is simple: write a story you would love to read, in under 500 words.

Open to ages 5–7 and 8–11
Competition closes at 9 pm on Friday, 7 November 2025.
For more details and to read the Terms and Conditions and Privacy Notices, go to:

[500 Words](#)



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

SCHOOL	DATES
Judd	23 rd June 2026
Kent College	5 th November
Mayfield School	28 th November
Tonbridge Grammar School	14 th October
Uplands Academy	11 th Oct 9:30 – 12:30 (Y5+) 13 th – 17 th Oct 9:00 – 10:45 (Y6)
Weald of Kent	15 th & 16 th October

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

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.