



NEWSLETTER NO. 7 AUTUMN TERM – 21 OCT 2025

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MISSION IN ACTION AWARDS

WOWS for FOUNDATION STAGE		Nursery: Francesca, Tabitha, Robyn
BUSY BEES STAR OF THE DAY		MON: Chester and Miller TUE: Isla H THU: Lucia B and Marni
RECEPTION	Darcey	LEARN: For marvellous Maths and for being a great partner.
	Rafferty	LOVE & WORSHIP: For his contributions in RE and his role as a steward, showing care for our classroom through the creation of a fantastic poster.
	Jett	LEARN & GROW: For being a superstar learner in Phonics.
YEAR 1	Edward	LEARN & GROW: For his positive attitude to learning and always giving his very best.
	Celia	LEARN: For great work in maths, counting on from any number and finding missing numbers to 100.
YEAR 2	Edward	LEARN: For fantastic poetry writing!
	Monty	LEARN: For fantastic poetry writing!
YEAR 3	Marianna	LEARN: For always being a great role model in the classroom. She is ready and waiting for the next thing and always tries her best in lessons! Keep it up Marianna!
	Tom	LEARN: For taking a keen interest in our science and geography topics, remembering many of the key facts. He even brought in a real snakeskin to show us all and enhance our learning!
	Meg	LOVE: For constantly being a kind and reliable friend. Whether it be in the classroom or at playtime, Meg is always her best self. She is also very helpful around the classroom! Everyone needs a Meg!
YEAR 4	All of Year 4	GROW & WORSHIP: For their fantastic assembly on the Parable of the Good Samaritan
	Poppy	GROW: For her continued focus and hard work in school, while also dedicating many hours to rehearsing for a musical.
YEAR 5	Millie T	LEARN: for her fantastic contour book story in English.
	Florence	LOVE: for always being her best self, working hard and being a great role model for others.
YEAR 6	Alexandra	LEARN: for her outstanding Harvest artwork with which she took such care. It is beautiful!
	Liam	LOVE & LEARN: for <u>always</u> working to the best of his ability, contributing to class discussions and setting such a good example to others.
MUSIC	QPP (Y1)	For his enthusiasm and beautiful singing in class music. Well done!
	Nansi (Y3)	For hard work and dedication on her Gr1 violin piece. Keep it up!
	Sophie-Ann (Y5)	For her conscientious attitude and beautiful music-making on violin and piano!
PE	Eddie (Y3)	For his excellent concentration, marking and tackling in football.
	Órlaith (Y4)	For being outstanding during the Hockey match, scoring goals, excellent dribbling and good tackling.





Congratulations:

- **Nansi (Y3)** – For receiving 3rd place and a commendation for her Jazz/Modern at the Beckenham Dance Festival.
- **Evan (Y6)** – For representing Tunbridge Wells RFC at both the Medway Minis and Tunbridge Wells Mini festivals.
- **Millie M (Y5)** – For completing her first ever Triathlon representing Eridge Pony Club. The race consisted of shooting, swimming and a 1000m run. Millie finished 7th individually and team 2nd.
- **Henry (Y2)** – For completing his charity run on Saturday, raising a total of £715! 🏃‍♂️

Thank you so much to all the parents and teachers who so kindly donated and supported Henry's run.

The money raised from RBC Race for the Kids will help build the new Children's Cancer Centre at GOSH. This will comprise both a world-leading, child focused Children's Cancer Centre as well as a place that's more than a hospital – a school, a playground, a garden, and so much more.



NURSERY

We have had a lovely week in Nursery exploring early signs of Autumn in God's wonderful world. We went on an Autumn stomp, enjoying a 'leaf hunt' as we searched for different coloured, shaped and sized leaves... and discovered other fantastic treasures that the season has to offer such as mushrooms, berries and beautiful 'jewelled' spider webs amongst the bushes.

After our walk we embraced all that we had found, using magnifying glasses to look closer at our findings and colour charts to match colours. We created our own leaf rubbings and prints, enjoying seeing the patterns that nature offers.



YEAR 6

Children in Year 6 have been creating some really beautiful artwork for the Harvest display. Inspired by Behnaz Ahmadian, an American contemporary artist, they have used acrylic pens to paint colourful pears. We are sure that you will agree that they are very striking.

Having shared some of the work with the artist this week, we were delighted to receive the following response from her:

'Wow, these are so amazing! I am so honored to be an inspiration, thank you for sharing your students' work with me. Please tell them they all did such an amazing job!'

There were lots of hand clapping emojis and a celebration emoji too!

After half term, they will be using acrylic paints to paint still life pears having studied still life fruit by some of the classic artists. What a class of talented artists they are.



JAWS AND CLAWS

Last week, our Early Years, KS1 and Year 3 children were thrilled to welcome a very special visitor — Jaws 'n' Claws! The sessions were full of excitement as pupils met a fascinating variety of exotic animals, all from the comfort of their own classrooms. Among the highlights were Steve the snake, some enormous millipedes, and Elvis and Buster, the charming tree frogs — who were especially fond of Mrs Collyer!

As well as having fun, the children learned plenty of amazing facts about the animals' habitats and the environments they need to survive. Year 3 were also able to showcase their rainforest knowledge from the past six weeks, impressing the animal handler with their understanding and curiosity. It's safe to say everyone had a fantastic time learning about and meeting these incredible creatures!



HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Well done to all our children from Nursery to Year 6 who performed in our special Harvest Assembly on the last day of term. It was a joy to see you share your songs and beautiful artwork with your families and you truly captured the spirit of harvest and thankfulness. Many thanks to everyone who donated food for Nourish Foodbank in Tunbridge Wells. It will make a real difference to the people in our local community.



HARVEST ARTWORK



YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY

This week, Year 4 led a wonderful assembly retelling the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The children brought the story to life, helping everyone reflect on the importance of kindness and compassion. They also shared meaningful ways we can be caring towards others, just like the Good Samaritan did. It was a lovely reminder of how small acts of kindness can make a big difference in our community. A stationery sale was kindly organised by parents, with all donations going towards The Samaritans charity. Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this meaningful cause.



Thank you to all the children who supported the Year 4 stationery sale last Friday. A fantastic £134.30 was raised for their chosen charity, Samaritans.

PTA MOVIE NIGHT

The children had a fantastic time at the PTA Movie Night! Relaxing in their pyjamas, Foundation Stage watched *Peter Rabbit*, KS1 enjoyed *Super Mario Bros*, and KS2 laughed along to *Yes Day* — all while tucking into pizza, veggie sticks, and popcorn. A huge thank-you to the PTA helpers for this wonderful treat!



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

SPORTS FIXTURES

Wednesday, 15th October 2025

U11/10 Girls Hockey v Marlborough House Vinehall (Away)

Team 1: Alice, Edie, Eva, Jemima, Millie T, Sophie

RESULTS:

Holmewood House - lost 0-1

Beechwood - won 1-0

TEAM 2: Emilia, Emily, Millie M, Pippin, Poppy, Tabitha

RESULTS:

Saint Ronan's - lost 0-1

The Mead - lost 0-1

Thursday, 16th October 2025

U9/8 Girls Hockey v Skippers Hill (Away)

TEAM 1: Amelie V, Imogen, Lucia, Poppy, Orla, Tessa

TEAM 2: Eliza, Helen, Meg M, Nansi, Sophie

TEAM 3: Annabel, Ellen, Kamila, Meg T, Ola, Sophie O

TEAM 4: Amelie, Clemence, Faye, Letty, Mariana, Tai

They all played exceptionally well, working cohesively as a team. Well done!

U9/8 Boys Football v Skippers Hill (Home)

TEAM: Blaise, Mason, Lorenzo, Hector, Miller, Oscar, Tom, Eddie + Luciano and Billy (Y2)

RESULTS:

Won 6-4

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Lorenzo

DIARY DATES

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		
WEEK 9		
Mon 3 rd November	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
Wed 5 th November	Y6 Swimming @ Mayfield	08:45 – 10:30
	U11/10 Girls – No Fixture – Team Training	14:00 – 15:30
	U11/10 Mixed County Cup Football v Blackboys (Away)	13:30 – 16:15
Thu 6 th November	U9/8 Girls – No Fixture – Team Training	14:00 – 15:30
	U9/8 Boys – No Fixture – Team Training	14:00 – 15:30
Fri 7 th November	Awards Assembly	09:00
	Parent & Toddler Drop-in Session - Nursery	09:00 – 10:30
	U11 Dobson Cross Country Cup @ Claremont	

PARENT NOTICES



COFFEE MORNINGS

As we live in 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.

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.

PTA AGM



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:

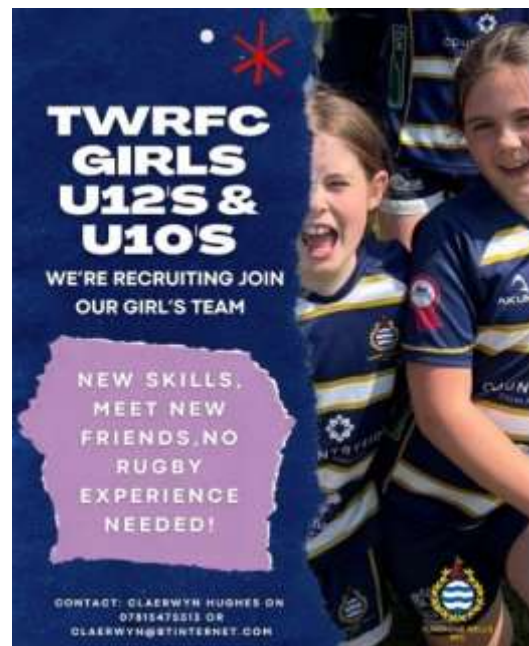
<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/resources/patient-resources/flu-vaccinations>

To complete a consent form:

[Flu Vaccination Consent Form \(susseximmunisations.co.uk\)](https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/resources/patient-resources/flu-vaccinations)



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 500 words or less. 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](https://www.bbc.com/500words)



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.