



## NEWSLETTER NO.10 SPRING TERM – 20<sup>th</sup> MAR 2026

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### MISSION IN ACTION AWARDS

WOWS for FOUNDATION STAGE		Nursery: Delphine, Matilda, Edith, Sebastian M and Oliver. Reception: Atticus and Rafferty
BUSY BEES' STARS		MON: Monty (Y2) TUES: Chester (R) & Miller (Y3) WED: Oscar (Y3) & Millie M (Y5) THU: Nora (N2) & Tabitha (Y6).
RECEPTION	Alexandra	WORSHIP: For her wonderful contributions during RE.
	Edie	LOVE: For supporting and helping her friends with their learning.
YEAR 1	Edmund	LEARN & GROW: For a great work and perseverance in Maths, adding to the next multiple of ten!
	Pearl	LEARN & GROW: For great progress with her reading!
YEAR 2	Jola	LEARN: For great fractions work this week.
	Billy	WORSHIP: For portraying the role of Jesus in our assembly so beautifully.
	Eden	LEARN: For creating a very clever woodlands habitat.
	Bobby	LEARN: For explaining her rockpool habitat so beautifully to the rest of the class.
YEAR 3	Ola	LOVE: For being such a kind and considerate member of our class. This has also been noticed by other members of staff when she has helped children in other years groups.
	Letty	LEARN: For her consistent hard work ethic during all lessons. She demonstrates the best of her learning and presents her work beautifully.
	Annabel	LEARN: For her brilliant writing in English. She has written a great diary as part of our topic on Recounts and used available resources with independence.
YEAR 4	Poppy	LEARN: For her excellent and engaging letter describing the Anglo-Saxon hero Beowulf.
	Sophie	LEARN & GROW: For her enthusiasm and engagement during our Anglo-Saxon Workshop with Mr King.
YEAR 5	Sienna	LEARN: For her excellent work in English this week, getting so much done and focussing well!
	Millie T	LEARN: For working hard in everything she does and showing a really positive attitude to her learning.
YEAR 6	Whole Class	WORSHIP: For the way in which they have prepared for the Reflections of the Stations of the Cross.
	Oscar	LEARN & GROW: For attempting challenge work in English and Maths this week and for really pushing himself out of his comfort zone.
MUSIC	Monty (Y2)	For hard work and giving his best in his first few piano lessons. Keep it up!
	Oscar (Y3)	For hard work, good listening and his love of music. Keep it up!
	Oscar (Y6)	For progress and enthusiasm on the ukelele. Well done!
PE	Edmund (Y1)	For working hard in PE, listening carefully and improving her dribbling skills with a football!
	Eliza (Y3)	For fantastic dribbling with the ball and making some great tackles during our football games. Well done for showing brilliant effort!
	Imogen (Y4)	For playing with great confidence in our football games and showing brilliant effort and determination!



### ABRSM MUSIC EXAMS

YEAR	PUPIL	INSTRUMENT	GRADE	RESULT
YEAR 5	Emilia	Piano	Initial	Merit
YEAR 4	Mason	Piano	1	Merit
YEAR 3	Nansi	Violin	1	Pass
	Ola	Piano	Initial	Merit
	Meg	Piano	1	Pass
YEAR 2	Eden	Piano	Initial	Merit



### Congratulations:

- **Lucia (Y4)** – Lucia received gold medals in her age/height category for Sparring and Special Technique at the AETA League Competition in Redhill.
- **TWAF Cup Winners** – Sophie-Ann (Y5), Emilia (Y5), Poppy (Y4), Helen (Y3), Elizabeth (Y1) and Charlie (Y1)



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

# DIARY DATES – SPRING TERM

WEEK 11		
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Whole School Celebration of the Word	09:00
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fisherman's Tale Performance	14:00 – 15:00
	PTA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale – ICT Suite	15:30 – 16:00
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PTA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale – ICT Suite	08:30 – 09:00
	No Fixtures – Team Training	-
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	U9/8 Boys Hockey v St Ronan's (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U9/8 Girls Football v Marlborough House Vinehall (Home)	14:15 – 15:45
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 2 Maundy Thursday Liturgy and Assembly	09:00
	Stations of the Cross – School Hall	11:00 – 12:00
<b>END OF TERM</b> <b>BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2026</b> <b>SUMMER UNIFORM</b>		

## PTA EVENTS

Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Jumble Sale – School Hall	14:30 – 16:30
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Disco	15:30 – 18:00



## SPORTS FIXTURES

### Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### U11/10 Girls Football @ Claremont (Away)

**TEAM 1:** Otilie, Annemieke, Hattie, A P-P, Alexandra, Isla and Tabitha H

**RESULT:** Won 2-0 v Claremont

**TEAM 2:** Jemima, Tabitha D, Emilia-Rose, Isla, Sophia, Sienna, Sophie-Ann and Alice

**RESULT:** Won 2-0 v Marlborough House Vinehall and Won 2-0 v Claremont

**TEAM 3:** Edie, Emilia, Florence, Sophie, Pippin, Millie M, Emily, Eva and Millie T

**RESULT:** Drew 0-0 and Lost 0-1

#### U11/10 Boys Tag Rugby v Battle Abbey (Home)

**TEAM 1:** Matty, Arthur, Rowland, Oscar D, Oscar M and Teddy J

**TEAM 2:** Teddy B, James, Liam, Charlie, Evan, Alex and Marni

**RESULT:** Combined Score - Won 27-21

## YEAR 2

As part of our Science learning about habitats, the children in Year 2 have been researching different habitats and the living animals and plants within them. They all made the most fantastic dioramas of a habitat of their choice. We had a range of underwater habitats, rockpools, woodland forests, bamboo groves to name but a few.



In English, the children have been writing dragon fact files. Here are some interesting facts that you may not have known!

*Unlike most dragons who eat princesses, a Pipsqueak Mouse Dragon only eats bread and cheese. A newly hatched Pipsqueak Mouse Dragon should be fed small amounts of bread and cheese because they have tiny tummies! (Cecily)*

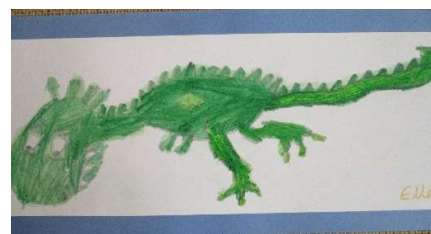
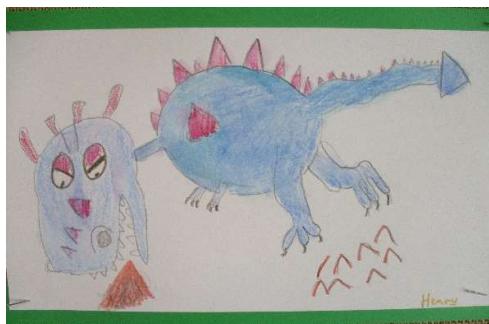
*Dragon eggs come in various shapes, sizes and colours but the Snow and Ice Dragon's egg is icy blue and covered in snow. (Ylva)*

*Have you ever wondered what an Indigo Snowflake Dragon looks like? It has bright purple eyes, it has a long snake like tail, and it has sky blue scales and it's spikes are made of crystals. (Saena)*

*A Stardust Dragon does some extraordinary things for such a tiny dragon. It is known for being very cheeky and can fly as fast as a lightning bolt! They make a squeaky, chirpy noise when they are happy, excited and feeling energetic. You must give them a walk every day. (Cherry)*

*A Magma Dragon's habitat is inside a volcano. It hides under the ground in a crystal mine. A Magma Dragon only comes out if the red moon shines. (Eden)*

*A Sock-Stealer Dragon eats the smelliest socks in the world. A newly hatched Sock Stealer should only eat children's smelly socks! (Dexter)*



# YEAR 3

In History this half term, children in Year 3 have been looking at 'Railways'. We have learnt about Thomas Savery and James Watt who were important figures in inventing the first steam engines that were developed into those used to pull the first passenger trains. In particular, we have looked at the first railway built for a passenger train which travelled from Stockton to Darlington and had a go at making this ourselves.



As part of our recent RE lessons, Year 3 have been learning about the Eucharist. We learnt about the importance of the Offertory and the part that this plays during Mass as well as the deeper meaning behind it. The children spent time making bread and a chalice out of clay as they reflected on what is said by the priest as the bread and the wine are blessed before Communion takes place.



# YEAR 5 & 6 SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOP



A fantastic workshop took place on Thursday for our Year 5 and Year 6 children, delivered by the talented team from Shakespeare Rewired. The actors brought *Macbeth* and *Romeo and Juliet* to life through two highly engaging, interactive sessions that had the children captivated from start to finish. Each workshop featured a lively retelling of the plays, blending humour, improvisation, original Shakespearean lines, and expressive mime. The performers' energy and creativity made the stories accessible and exciting, encouraging the children to join in, contribute ideas, and take part in the action. Laughter filled the room throughout, and it was wonderful to see every child so immersed, engaged, and inspired by Shakespeare in such a memorable way.



# BIG LENT WALK FOR CAFOD

Last Friday, our school community took part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for CAFOD. The children walked together around the school grounds while learning about CAFOD's Floating Gardens Project, which supports communities in Bangladesh affected by flooding caused by climate change. The CAFOD Club helped organise the event and presented the project to the whole school. All children had the chance to create beautiful floating prayer flowers as a symbol of hope and prayer for families around the world.

Through this event, our children put their faith into action by supporting people in need and living out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of the Option for the Poor. Any additional donations would be greatly appreciated.



# PARENT NOTICES

## Happy By Nature

A daily dose of nature for every child



### Steve Backshall

Throughout the year, children in Year 3 have been engaging with material provided by the WWF programme called Happy by Nature. We have been taking part in 'Live Lessons' which so far, have been based upon different aspects of caring for nature. These have been presented by Steve Backshall, a firm favourite with the children, whom we have thoroughly enjoyed watching. As well as learning lots, the children were very excited when Steve Backshall himself read out a question that we had submitted as well as the name of our school!

The recording of the live lesson is on the link below. Fast forward to 42:45 to see our shoutout!

[WWF's Happy by Nature - Livestream Polar with Steve Backshall | Videos & Movies on Vimeo](#)

**Sacred Heart School**

**NEURODIVERSITY**

**COFFEE MORNINGS**

Would you like to talk to other parents about neurodiversity in children? Come along to the staff room for coffee and a chat on the last Friday of each month between 8.45 and 9.45am to meet, support and learn from other parents with similar experiences. The first get together will be 26th September. You are all very welcome!

### 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 on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

### CATHOLIC LIFE - Addition to the Sacred Heart School website

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](#).

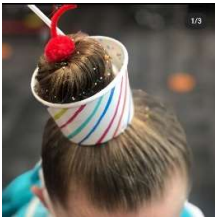
Just a reminder that any parent is welcome to join our Celebration of the Word assembly on a Monday morning at 9am in the hall.



Sacred Heart School will be collecting Easter Eggs for the Nourish Food bank again this year. Last year we donated over 100 eggs, and they were distributed to children who would not usually be able to receive an Easter Egg. They also brought a lot of joy to some elderly people who were alone at Easter.

If you would like to donate an Easter Egg for this cause, then please bring in any donations (nut free) to the School Office by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**.  
Thank you.

## School Council – Crazy Hair Day



On **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**, the School Council invite children and staff to a 'Crazy Hair' day and snack shop at break time. Money raised will go towards the new adventure playground. Healthy snacks will be available at playtime for 50p each, children can buy more than one snack (*snacks will include satsumas, bananas, apples, bread sticks and Babybel cheese*). Have fun with your crazy hair creations!



## SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

Children will return to school following the Easter holidays wearing summer uniform. If you are placing an order for new items of uniform, please take note of the following dates:

**Orders placed before 3pm on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March will be fulfilled, ready for collection on or before Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March (end of term).**

**For any orders placed after 3pm on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, these can be collected during the first week of the school holidays. Please call first to check when a member of staff is in school.**

**Any orders placed after Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March will be processed ready for collection once school returns on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April.**



You will only receive a confirmation email when your uniform order is ready for collection.

# HOLIDAY CLUBS



**MONDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – THURSDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

**CAMP SACRED HEART HOLIDAY CLUB 2026**

Brought to you by mSPORTi

**Venue: Sacred Heart School**

**Dates:** School Holidays 2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Ages:** 5–12 Years

**Drop-off from 9.00 AM | Collection by 3:00 PM**

**Follow the link below to book:**

[| mSPORTi](https://www.msporti.co.uk)

## 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.***

Plan ahead and save 10%

From Mon 30 March to Wed 01 April 2026  
9-3pm at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

**Early Bird Offer £120 £102**

Offer ends 11 March 2026. Subject to availability.

Working with the texts for Twelfth Night, A Midsummer Night's Dream and The Tempest. Using simplified versions of Shakespeare's plays we will explore William Shakespeare's stories and language during this 3-day workshop.

Through interactive and engaging activities we will be acting out scenes, creating modern adaptations and exploring the themes and characters in these three diverse plays using drama and visual arts to connect with the stories, without being overwhelmed by the original language.

Suitable for all abilities and no experience necessary. Children will be grouped according to Key Stage (1&2). Parents/guardians will be invited to watch a short performance on the final afternoon.

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STAGE COACH

**EASTER WORKSHOP**

13TH - 17TH APRIL

Disney **FROZEN JR.**

Come and join us this Spring as we put on a production of Disney's 'Frozen'.

To book, visit our website:  
[www.stagecoach.co.uk/tunbridgewells](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/tunbridgewells)