



NEWSLETTER NO.3 SPRING TERM – 23 JAN 2026

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MISSION IN ACTION AWARDS

WOWS for FOUNDATION STAGE		Nursery: Rafferty, Fleur and Edith. Reception: Jett and Bella.
BUSY BEES STAR OF THE DAY		MON: Miller (Y3) TUE: Chester (R) WED: Sophie (Y5)
RECEPTION	Maggie	LOVE & LEARN: For her amazing listening ears and for great progress in Phonics.
	Edie	LOVE & GROW: For great confidence and enthusiasm during Show and Tell and for her wonderful questions.
YEAR 1	Clementine	LEARN & GROW: For an amazing effort with all her learning this week!
	Gus	LEARN: For his excellent participation and contributions in all the lessons and for his confident work in Maths.
	Charlie	LEARN: For written great questions about his friend's robot.
	Q P-P	LEARN: For his wonderful, creative work in Art and English when making his Picasso style portrait with ModRoc and when drawing and labelling his robot.
YEAR 2	Bea	LEARN: For writing a clear set of instructions for an alien about how to make toast!
	Isobel	
	Dexter	LEARN: Outstanding work in all areas of the curriculum.
	Eden	GROW: For making such great progress in all areas of the curriculum.
YEAR 3	Clemence	LEARN: For her progress with column addition this week. She has really worked on presenting the work neatly in her Maths book.
	Annabel	LEARN: For her brilliant work in our RE lessons this weeks based on God's Kingdom.
	Sophie	LEARN: For working with a partner to lead a lovely class liturgy this week!
	Eddie	
YEAR 4	Mason	WORSHIP: For his wonderful liturgy which included playing the piano
	Amelie	LEARN & GROW: For her careful exploration of different oil pastel techniques in art.
YEAR 5	Millie M	LEARN: For her hard work in all areas this week, but particularly in her writing.
	Sophie-Ann	LEARN: For wonderful work in Maths, working so well with chunking, even having missed several of the lessons on it!
YEAR 6	Matty	LEARN: For his super letter in role inspired by The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes.
	Rowland	LEARN: For his wonderful written work inspired by The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes.
	James	LOVE: For being so helpful and kind in class over the last week.
MUSIC	Gus (Y1)	For his enthusiasm and hard work in his first two piano lessons.
	Amelia-Rose (Y5)	For an excellent start to saxophone lessons. Keep it up!
	Rosie (R)	For excellent concentration and enthusiasm in class music - as well as her lovely percussion skills.
PE	Ella (Y2)	For excellent listening and following rugby rules.
	Maggie (R)	For trying something new and believing in yourself.



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



Congratulations:

Harry (Y1) – For successfully passing his 5-metre badge in swimming.



Huge congratulations to **Henry (Y2)** who has got through to the second round of the BBC 500 Words competition with his exciting Egyptian story. Henry is now in a group of 5,000 children from the initial cohort of around 50,000. Just 50 children will be asked to go through to round three so, after having heard his story in Awards Assembly this morning, we are keeping our fingers crossed for you, Henry! We all agree you should definitely be one of the finalists!

LAMDA

- Charlie (Y1) – Solo Introductory Stage 1 – Distinction
- Billy (Y2) – Solo Introductory Stage 3 – Distinction
- Cherry (Y2) – Solo Introductory Stage 2 – Distinction
- Oscar (Y1) – Solo Introductory Stage 1 - Merit
- Millie T (Y5) – Acting Grade 1 – Combined – Merit
- Emilia (Y5) – Acting Grade 1 – Combined – Merit



DIARY DATES

DIARY DATES – SPRING TERM		
WEEK 4		
Mon 26 th Jan	Celebration of the Word Assembly	09:00
Wed 28 th Jan	Year 5 Swimming @ Mayfield School	08:15 – 10:15
	U11/10 Boys Rugby v Rose Hill (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U11/10 Girls – No Fixture – Team Training	-
Thu 29 th Jan	Reception & Year 6 Candlemas Assembly	09:00
	U9/8 Boys – No Fixture – Team Training	-
	U9/8 Girls Hockey v Claremont (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
Fri 30 th Jan	Awards Assembly	09:00
	Neurodiversity Coffee Morning – Parents	09:00
WEEK 5		
Mon 2 nd Feb	Celebration of the Word Assembly	09:00
Tue 3 rd Feb	Open Classrooms – FS (Nursery & Reception)	08:30 – 08:45
Wed 4 th Feb	Year 3 Swimming @ Mayfield School	08:15 – 10:15
	Open Classrooms – KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2)	08:30 – 08:45
	U11/10 Girls Netball v Beechwood (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U11/10 Boys Rugby v Somerhill (Home)	14:15 – 15:45
Thu 5 th Feb	Open Classrooms – LKS2 (Year 3 & Year 4)	08:30 – 08:45
	Year 5 & Year 6 to see 'Be Our Guest' @ Trinity Theatre	13:00 – 15:30
	U9/8 Girls Hockey v St Ronan's (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U9/8 Boys Rugby v Battle Abbey (Home)	14:15 – 15:30
	PTA Meeting – Staff Room	15:45 – 16:15
Fri 6 th Feb	Open Classrooms – UKS2 (Year 5 & Year 6)	08:30 – 08:45
	Awards Assembly	09:00
	Parent & Toddler Drop In Session – Nursery	09:00 – 10:30
	NSPCC Number Day	
WEEK 6		
Mon 9 th Feb	Celebration of the Word Assembly	09:00
Tue 10 th Feb	Safer Internet Day	-
Wed 11 th Feb	Year 3 Swimming @ Mayfield School	08:15 – 10:15
	U11/10 Boys – No Fixture – Team Training	-
	U11/10 Girls – No Fixture – Team Training	-
Thu 12 th Feb	Year 5 Assembly	09:00
	U9/8 Boys Rugby v Rose Hill (Away)	13:30 – 16:30
	U9/8 Girls Netball v Beechwood (Home)	14:15 – 15:45
Fri 13 th Feb	Awards Assembly	09:00
HALF TERM		
16 TH – 20 TH FEBRUARY		

SPORTS FIXTURES

Wednesday, 21st January 2026

U11/10 Girls Pokémon Primary Schools' Cup

TEAM: Otilie, Hattie, Marni, A P-P, Annemieke, Isla, Sophia, Sienna and Alice

RESULTS: Won: 1-0 v Halsford Park; Won: 1-0 v Maidenblower; Won: 4-0 v St Peter & St Paul

SEMI-FINAL: Drew: 0-0

PENALTIES: Lost: 2-3 to Southwater

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Hattie



U11/10 Mixed Rugby v Hilden Oaks

TEAM: Alex, Matty, Oscar M, Rowland, Teddy B and Teddy J

RESULTS: Lost: 0-2 and Lost: 0-3

TEAM: Arthur, Charlie, Marni, Oscar D and Tabitha H

RESULTS: Drew: 6-6 and Drew: 4-4

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Marni



Thursday, 22nd January 2026

Children in Year 4 attended a Basketball Festival at Uplands Academy on Thursday where they played games against other local primary schools.



SCHOOL PRAYER BEAR

We enjoyed looking at the Sacred Heart School Prayer Bear book this morning in assembly and seeing all the creative ways children have enjoyed having the Prayer Bear and created special moments of prayer at home.

If your child has asked for the Bear and comes home with it, please do take photos or write/draw ways that you have shared prayers together at home as we love looking at them in school!

RECEPTION



Following a chilly start to the year, children in Reception have been learning about winter. As part of this topic, the children went on to explore cold environments and the animals that live there. They particularly enjoyed reading *Lost and Found*, which inspired thoughtful discussion, storytelling and creative activities. The children created their own penguins and igloos, as well as hats and gloves designed to keep warm. They also practised writing and drawing by recording items they would pack in a suitcase for a journey to the South Pole.



Reception have also been busy preparing for their Candlemas Assembly with the Year 6 children. The children worked carefully and collaboratively with their Buddies to decorate their glass jars.



YEAR 5

Children in Year 5 have been exploring thermal conductivity in Science by planning and carrying out their own practical investigation. They wrapped five cups of warm water in different materials — foil, bubble wrap, tissue paper, plastic and fabric — and then carefully monitored how the temperature changed over time. To ensure accurate and reliable results, the children used data loggers with temperature probes to measure and record the temperature of the water at regular intervals. This helped them see clearly which materials were better insulators and why some materials slow down heat loss more effectively than others. Throughout the investigation, pupils worked scientifically by making predictions, recording data and discussing what their findings showed.



PARENT NOTICES

everyone
IS WELCOME HERE

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NEURODIVERSITY

Dyslexia

Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Developmental Language Disorder

Tic Disorders

Intellectual Disability

Developmental Coordination Disorders

Dyscalculia

Coffee & Chat

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, 30th January 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.

PTA EVENTS

Fri 6 th Feb	Film Night	15:45 – 17:30/18:00
Thu 12 th Feb	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale in ICT Suite	15:30 – 16:00
Fri 13 th Feb	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale in ICT Suite	08:30 – 09:00
Thu 26 th Feb	Quiz Night @ Commemoration Hall	20:30 – 22:00
Wed 11 th Mar	Easter Egg Decorating for Parents	16:00 – 17:30
Tue 24 th Mar	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale in ICT Suite	15:30 – 16:00
Wed 25 th Mar	Pre-Loved Uniform Sale in ICT Suite	08:30 – 09:00
Sat 9 th May	Jumble Sale – School Hall	14:30 – 16:30
Fri 15 th May	Disco	15:30 – 18:00



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.