



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome everyone back to school after what I hope has been a beautiful summer. I hope the odd heavy rain shower didn't catch you out, unlike me! Whether your break was filled with travel, adventures or special moments at home, I hope the break has been filled with plenty of happy, family time.

Now we're all back together, I look forward to seeing the smiles, hearing stories, and enjoying the energy the children bring back to school. Let's pray for a fantastic term ahead, full of learning and community spirit! Please have a good read of this letter to ensure you are well informed and can play your part.

### Whole School Dates for your Diary

Wed 1 September	Children return to school F2 8:45 – 11:30am
Thurs 2 September	F2 children 8:45 – 11:30am
Fri 3 September	Parents Phonics workshop 1pm, collect children at 1:30pm.
Tues 9 September	Individual Photographs – Winter Uniform please
Thurs 11 September	Y5 Hathersage Parent / Carer's Meeting - 3:15pm in class Y6 Briars Parent / Carer's Meeting 3:15pm in class
Fri 12 September	<b>Heart of the Week</b> Celebration
Sun 14 September	Education Sunday 10:15am at Sacred Heart Church – all welcome
Mon 15 September	Year 5 Egyptian Workshop – all day Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Meet and Greet – <b>all year groups except EYFS</b>
Tues 16 September	F1 and F2 Meet and Greet
Fri 19 September	9:30am School Mass to Celebrate the new academic year – <b>all welcome</b>
Wed 24 – Fri 26 Sept	Year 6 Residential to The Briars, Crich, Derbyshire
Mon 29 – Wed 1 Oct	Year 5 Residential to Hathersage, Derbyshire
Tues 30 September	9am, 2pm and 6pm Sacred Heart Open Event for new families (F2 Sept 2026)
Thurs 2 October	9am, 2pm and 6pm Sacred Heart Open Event for new families (F2 Sept 2026)
Fri 3 October	2:15pm <b>EARLIER TIME</b> Harvest Celebration and <b>Heart of the Week</b>
Mon 6 October	Parents Evening – appointments available 1:30 – 5pm
Wed 8 October	<b>Robin Hood Production in school</b> – payment required
Mon 20 – Fri 31 Oct	HALF TERM
Thurs 6 November	Y5 attending The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe performance
Fri 7 November	<b>Heart of the Week</b> Celebration
Fri 21 November	World Youth Day
Sun 23 November	Feast of Christ the King – 10:15am Mass at Church Enrolment Mass for children wishing to make their First Holy Communion
Fri 28 November	<b>Heart of the Week</b> Celebration
Mon 1 December	<b>Advent Day of Reflection</b>
Tues 9 December	9:30am and 2pm EYFS Nativity
<b>TBC</b> Thurs 11 Dec	Children's School Disco
Fri 12 December	9:30am School Mass – Advent / Preparation
Tues 16 December	9:30am and 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
Wed 17 December	4pm KS2 Christmas Carols
Fri 19 December	1:45pm Christingle Service in Church



## Attendance and Punctuality – Let's Aim High!

Children should attend school every day unless they are unwell and unfit to attend. Good primary school attendance lays the foundation for lifelong success. **Consistent attendance helps children build strong literacy and numeracy skills, develop positive learning habits, and form meaningful relationships with peers and teachers.** It fosters resilience, responsibility, and a sense of routine that benefit them well beyond the classroom. Over time, these habits translate into higher academic achievement, better career opportunities, and stronger social and emotional well-being.

**The value of good attendance lasts far beyond the early years of education.**

😞 3 September attendance = 88.8% 😞

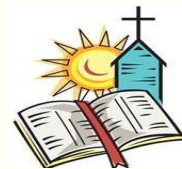
### Coats

Children love being outside and if it is a little rainy, we do take them out for fresh air and play. Please ensure your child has a coat /waterproof jacket to protect them.



## Education Sunday

Sunday 14 September 10:15am  
Sacred Heart Church



We've been invited to take part in Education Sunday at Sacred Heart church, where we'll share some news about school and the joy we have for learning. This is a wonderful chance to celebrate education and highlight its importance. I'm **looking for children to volunteer — who would like to help speak or take part in the service.** Please email the school office if your child/ren is keen to be involved.

**Heart of the Week Assemblies** – all are welcome

Heart of the Week celebration is a chance for the school to come together to celebrate children who have demonstrated care, thought and love in their behaviour, attitudes and learning. The Heart Values are: **H**ardworking **E**nthusiastic **A**mbitious **R**espectful and **T**ogetherness.



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2:30pm

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> October at **2:15pm** with HARVEST celebration

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm

### A few Uniform reminders...

- Please write your child's name on all items of clothing. Lost property remained a serious issue last year.
- When children arrive at school in clothing that does not follow the school policy, they will be encouraged to change into uniform we have in school.

### After School Club – trial pick up arrangement

As a trial, until 17 October 2025 – half term, children can be collected any time between 3:30 and 4:30pm, offering greater flexibility for families. Parents will be required to press the gate buzzer (near EYFS), and you will be 'buzzed' in, to collect your child. This will require a further member of staff therefore, and as a school, we need to see whether this is manageable or not. We will do our best.

### Sports Club Opportunities



In the coming weeks we will be offering some after-school clubs.

Places will be offered with the understanding that they will be 'secured' only once **payment is made**. Where clubs are popular and places are over sub-scribed, we will try to repeat the club as soon as possible.

### School Payments

Please ensure you are punctual in making school payments, as explained in the letter sent in July. School budgets are extremely tight and significant money remains outstanding. This must be rectified. **Children should not access school clubs or have school dinner until the balance is paid.**

## Meet the Teacher - Please attend

Monday 15 September 3:30 – 4pm (F2 Tuesday 16 September)

The Meet the Teacher sessions were a success last year, according to parent and teacher feedback, so we are offering the sessions again. This is a chance for you to attend a short briefing led by each class teacher.

Our Meet the Teacher session is an important opportunity to hear about the learning and expectations for the year, the key areas the teacher will be prioritising, and how you can support your child's progress. It's also a chance to learn about upcoming events and experiences that will make the year exciting and memorable.

## Parent/Carer Meetings – individual appointments

6<sup>th</sup> October 1:30 – 4:30pm

Following the 'Meet the Teacher' session, we will offer 5-minute appointments on 6<sup>th</sup> October, for those of you who would like to discuss your child's learning and progress individually. Further information will follow later in September.

## Sacred Heart School Mission Review

The purpose of a school's Mission Statement is to focus the entire school community on its primary *raison d'être*. In other words, 'What does the school see as its essential purpose?'

*'The Mission Statement will relate to its relationship as a community and as individuals to God'.* (Mgr. G. Stokes, Brentwood Diocese).

Children will bring home a piece of homework related the school mission review. Please work alongside your child/ren to respond to the work Sacred Heart Staff have started. Yours and your children's views are really import in forming our new



## Mr Partridge's Fundraising Run

Please support Mr P in raising money for Sacred Heart by sponsoring him. He is completing a marathon in Oslo on 20<sup>th</sup> September and has been training very hard. All donations will be going to Sacred Heart. Here's a QR code for his Go Fund me site.



## Nut Free School

Can we please remind you that we are a nut free school.

**We do have children in school with severe nut allergies.** Please do not send in any products containing nuts, this includes food in children's lunchboxes. We appreciate your support in keeping all our children safe.

## Robin Hood Performance

M and M Productions will be in school performing Robin Hood for classes F2 – Year 6. This will cost £5.20 per child and can be paid via Arbor under school shop.



Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and take the information on board. Working in partnership with yourselves is crucial to the success of the children and the ability for our community to thrive.

Kind regards, Anne-Marie Bell