



# Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

## End of Term Reminders

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Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy, parent survey 2025.



INSET Day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Please complete the parent survey before Friday. I am really keen to hear from as many of you as possible, so I can ensure we are meeting your needs and build together as a community.



### Whole School Dates for your Diary

<p>Tues 16 December</p> 	<p>9:30am and 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance Parents / carers attending are welcome to come in to school from 8:45am for the morning performance and 1:30pm for the afternoon performance. Tickets are on sale on Arbor.</p>
<p>Wed 17 December</p> 	<p>4pm KS2 Christmas Carols – <b>in school</b> Children will remain in school on this day, ready for the Carol Service at 4pm. <b>Please do make your child's class teacher aware if it is not possible for your child to remain in school and attend the concert.</b> We would love all Parents/Carers to attend. You will be welcomed into school from 3:40pm once the hall is ready. If you cannot attend, please ensure you collect your child/ren at 5pm. There is no cost or ticket needed for this event.</p>
<p>Thurs 18 December</p> 	<p><b>Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day</b> <b>If anyone has a Christmas jumper that is now too small, please consider donating asap, so we can offer them to other families.</b> This will be a non-uniform day and it would be lovely for children to dress festively, and wear Christmas jumpers if they wish. A little tinsel sparkle would be lovely too.</p>
<p>Fri 19 December</p>  <p>Children will bring home a red ribbon for their Christingle to support you in making yours at home.</p>	<p>1:45pm – Christingle Service at Sacred Heart Church We warmly invite you to join us for our Christingle Service, a joyful celebration of all things Christmassy drawn from our Advent reflections across the school. This special celebration brings our whole community together in song and prayer as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. We expect the celebration to finish at approximately 2:45pm. Children will be brought back to school by staff and can be collected by parents who have attended the celebration once the children have collected their belongings. Children will not be dismissed from church. We encourage children to make their Christingles at home. This is a beautiful activity to do as a family. If you wish for your child/ren to make a Christingle in school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please make a request via this link. £1 must be brought to school to cover costs. <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/25iVv6ypdN">Christingle Making Activity – Fill in form</a> <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/25iVv6ypdN">https://forms.office.com/e/25iVv6ypdN</a></p>

## Mass times for Christmas – Holy Family Parish

Christmas Eve – Wed 24<sup>th</sup> December

5pm St Augustine's Church

7pm Sacred Heart Church

## Christmas Day: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

9am Our Lady and St Edward's Church

11am Sacred Heart Church

12:30pm Italian Mass at  
Sacred Heart Church



## Mission Together Fundraising

Giving and taking part in our charity occasions is an important part of our Catholic school life, helping our children to learn compassion, generosity, and responsibility for others. When every family contributes — even in a small way — our whole community is strengthened, and we can make a real difference to people in need.

During our Advent retreat day on Monday, we raised **£117** from wearing non-uniform and **£80** in the cake sale. Every child enjoyed a cake treat (if they wanted one), and we owe a **BIG thank you** to the families who made cake contributions.

Mission Together is the Catholic Church's official children's charity, helping to support vulnerable children around the world through education, care, and faith. We will be sending the money raised to them shortly.

**We kindly remind families of the importance of taking part. A fair number of children wore non-uniform on Monday without contributing - even a small donation would be much appreciated.**

**It is not too late to do so.**



## Attendance

Our current year's attendance whole school is 96.7%, which is above National Average (94.9%). Thank you for your amazing support. This is a significant improvement from last academic year.



You can track your child's attendance. Those with 95% or less are considered 'absent'. I will meet with these families in the new year, in hope that we can increase this attendance in the following two terms.



Amazing work everyone!



## Parent Survey – Your Voice is Really Important!



I kindly ask all parents and carers to take a few minutes to complete our school survey, provided by the Trust. The deadline is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Your feedback is truly valued. By participating in this survey, you contribute to the continuous growth and development of our school community. Your insights will continue to help us:

1. **Understand your needs and aspirations**
2. **Further strengthen communication and collaboration:**
3. **Continue to enhance our strategies and initiatives**

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

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## End to our Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope



As we approach the end of the Jubilee Year – ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ – Bishop Patrick has invited children to join him for a special liturgy celebrating this sacred year on Tuesday 16th December.

When we return in January, we will take time to reflect on the gifts, learning, and graces we have gained, and how this Jubilee journey has enriched our lives. Together, we hope to choose a meaningful legacy that will help us continue our pilgrimage of faith each day.

### Instagram



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Please sign up to Instagram and access the school page.

We are trying hard to put last minute reminders and updates on here for parents/carers to access.

Please also take the opportunity to check your consent for your child to be present in social media, on the school website and so on. This can be updated via Arbor or via the school office.

### Wellies

A minority of children in each class have wellies in school for lunchtime use. We are waiting for the field to be mowed, however, children will not be able to play in Forest School or on the field unless they have waterproof boots. Please send a pair into school with your child’s name, as soon as possible.



### Uniform

Please can you ensure your children are coming to school, wearing the correct school uniform.

Children should be wearing black shoes, when not in PE kit. PE kits should be either plain black or navy.

Thank you