



# Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

Whole School Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026



*"We love and learn, with Christ at the heart of all we do."*

Welcome back to everyone after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all had a happy, peaceful break and we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Yesterday, we came together to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a Celebration of the Word, reminding us of the importance of Jesus' birth and the visit of the Wisemen. Our mission was to look for ways to give our own "gifts" by being helpful, sharing, including others and using kind words. I hope the children can continue this mission at home.

We look forward to a wonderful term ahead, learning and growing together.



## Thank You

Please may I say a huge thank you for everything you contributed to our Advent celebrations. It truly felt like our community grew stronger during this special time. The children loved performing for you, whether singing, dancing or leading the carols, and they rose to the challenge beautifully. They were a real credit to you, and the Sacred Heart team were incredibly proud of them. We hope you enjoyed the season as much as we did.

## Behaviour Policy

### 'Do everything in Love'

We have recently reviewed our Behaviour Policy to ensure it is guided by our new school Motto and Mission. The policy explains how we build positive relationships, promote our virtues and Heart values, and support children to make good choices. When mistakes are made, children are helped to reflect, repair and learn in a supportive and compassionate way, so they feel valued, understood and able to grow.

If you would like to submit any feedback about the policy, please do so on the link below by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Thank you.

<https://forms.office.com/e/CJiz8EFzZZ>

## Attendance

Our current whole school attendance is 96.6%. Please continue to maintain this standard over the winter months.



Lateness is a concern for a few families. Please do your best to ensure your child is on the playground ready, before the bell.

## English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Over the next week or so, teachers may be approaching some parents and carers to check that our records about children's languages are accurate and up to date. A child is identified as having English as an Additional Language (EAL) if they are learning English alongside one or more other languages spoken at home or within their community.



Children with EAL **may** use another language more confidently than English, may understand English better than they can speak or write it, or may need some additional support to access learning, instructions or social interactions. Being identified as EAL does not mean a child has a learning difficulty or special educational need. It simply helps us to ensure the right language support is in place so every child can fully access learning and school life.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our information accurate.

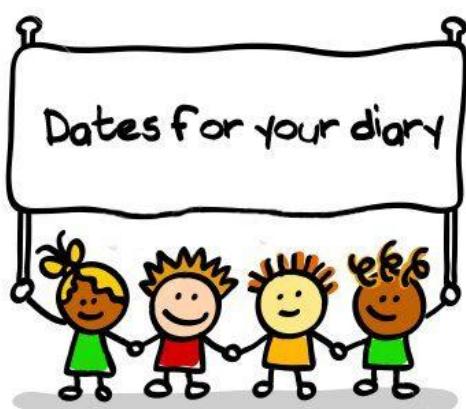
## Wellies

A minority of children in each class have wellies in school for lunchtime use. Children are unable 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.



## Parents Meetings - 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' meetings will be held later this term. Parents and carers are warmly invited to meet with your child's teacher for a 10-minute appointment to talk about how your child is getting on, both academically and in terms of wellbeing. We encourage everyone to book a slot so you can secure a time that works best for you.



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## Chocolate Sweet Tubs

Miss Owens is continuing to collect sweet tubs. She will continue to collect them until early February. They will then be delivered to Greene King who will donate 5p for each tub to Macmillan Cancer Research.

Please drop the tubs into school as soon as you can!



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## Whole School Dates for your Diary

Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	9:30am New School Year Mass
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Year 2 Fire of London Partake Theatre visit
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	<b>Parents Consultation 2- 6pm</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	<b>Parent Consultation 2 – 4pm</b>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	OLOL Trust INSET Day
16 – 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	<b>Half Term</b>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	* Ash Wednesday – more information to follow * LENT begins
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026	Celebration of the Word: Lent
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2026	F1 and F2 Theatre Trip
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Big Lent Walk – raising money for CAFOD
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Lent Activity Day
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	2:30pm Reconciliation Service in school
	3 – 5pm First Reconciliation – children to attend church with family members
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Y3 and Y4 lead our Easter Performance in Sacred Heart Church - children in these classes will remain at school, ready for the performance.
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Easter Event – after school TBC
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	2:30pm Service of Light
	Break up for Easter Holidays

## Provisional Dates for coming Term

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026	Earth Day
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6 SATs Week
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 4 Sleepover
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Cultural Diversity Day
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 1 Phonics Assessment Week
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart Community Picnic Colour Dash Charity Event
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	9:15am EYFS Sports Day 1:30pm Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Y3 and Y4 Sports Day Y5 and Y6 Sports Day
Tues 22 June 2026	Y3 First Holy Communion Celebration in school - 9am Celebration of the Word - 2pm Party
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	2pm Summer Fair
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Mass to Celebrate the end of the School Year
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Final Day of Term

All dates are correct at the time of writing. Dates may be subject to change, but changes will be kept to a minimum.