



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

14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. It's great to see the sun shining – the children have all been able to enjoy Forest School and the field at lunchtime. We will be spending some of the money raised in the Easter raffle on play equipment and den building resources. This term is a busy one with key assessments and experiences. Please ensure you read this letter carefully so that you remain up to date.

### Dates for Diary

Tuesday 21 April	GREAT Project begins in Y5 for 4 weeks
Wednesday 22 April	Earth Day – activity / focus in class
Friday 24 April	9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Church – all welcome
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11 May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 24 May	Feast of the Ascension
Tuesday 19 May	PTA meeting 3pm in school – discuss Summer Fair
Thursday 21 May	Colour Dash Assembly – more information will follow
Thurs-Fri 21-22 May	Year 3 and Year 4 Sleepover
Friday 22 May	Break up for half term
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	PROPOSED Forest School 1-3pm session (in holidays)
Monday 1 June	Cultural Diversity Day
Monday 1 June	Y4 Multiplication check begins
Tuesday 2 June	RISE Theatre to perform – payment on Arbor
Monday 8 June	Y1 Phonics check week
Friday 12 June	9:20am Mass to Celebrate the Feast of Sacred Heart
Friday 12 June	12 – 1 Picnic and Colour Dash
Thursday 18 June	Y4 and Y5 Theatre Trip
Thursday 18 June	9:15 EYFS Sports Day
	1:30 Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
Friday 19 June	9:15 Y3 and Y4 Sports Day
	1:30 Y5 and Y6 Sports Day
Tuesday 23 June	9am First Holy Communion
Friday 26 June	Year 2 Attenborough Nature Reserve Trip
Friday 3 July	1:30pm Summer Fair
Monday 13 July	Y4 and Y5 will spend half a day at Christ the King School
Thursday 16 July	Y6 Performance
Tuesday 21 July	Y6 Leavers Mass – in school
Friday 24 July	Break up for Summer
	Summer Holidays 27 July – 2 September 2026
Thursday 3 September	Advent Term begins – these are crucial transition days. Please attend.

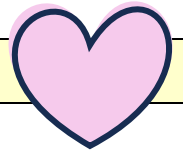


## Class Dojo

Please make sure you sign up to Class Dojo to stay up to date with last minute reminders and changes to days / timetables at school. Just a reminder, please do not communicate with teachers via the app. They will not respond. Contact [admin@sacredheart.notts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sacredheart.notts.sch.uk) as usual.

During holiday time, in an emergency contact [abell@sacredheart.notts.sch.uk](mailto:abell@sacredheart.notts.sch.uk).

## Heart of the Week



Heart of the Week Celebrations are a lovely chance for the children to celebrate each other's achievements and to hear about how our HEART values are lived out week by week across school. Parents are welcome to join us, no matter whether your child is being celebrated or not.

They will take place on Fridays at 2:30pm on:

1 May

8 May

15 May

26 June

10 July

## Teacher Update

We would like to share a staffing update with families. This term, Mr Cordes will be teaching in Year 4 from Monday to Wednesday, with Miss Cottrell teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays. In addition, Miss Cottrell will be teaching in Year 3 on a Wednesday, covering Miss Bowen's scheduled time out of class.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Cottrell warmly and welcome her to the Sacred Heart community. We are confident that the children will benefit from her care, commitment and enthusiasm, and we thank you, as parents / carers, for your continued support as we work together for the good of all our children.

## CAFOD Fundraising – Special Visitor



We will be welcoming a special visitor from CAFOD on Friday, Ann Neale, who is looking forward to spending time with the children. Ann will be leading sessions to help our children to understand where the money we have raised will be going and how it will support communities around the world.

Ann is also extremely keen to say a great big THANK YOU to the children, families and staff for the enormous effort put into fundraising this year, particularly for the Big Lent Walk. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, compassion and generosity shown by our school community.

## Earth Day – Wednesday 22nd April



On Wednesday 22nd April, we will be marking Earth Day in school. Children will take part in an lesson that will help them grow in understanding of care for God’s creation and the important stewardship role we all share.

As part of this, we will be especially mindful of waste and recycling. One small thing you could support us with is sending your child to school with a lunch that creates no waste for the bin, where possible. Children eating school dinners will be encouraged to eat all that is on their plate.

I wonder whether we can get more people walking to school on this day? Just a thought! Thank you for helping us model care for the Earth in simple, practical ways.

## Easter Activity Day – Thank You and Save the Date



Our recent Easter Activity Day was a great success, with many families dropping in to enjoy art, crafts and time together. The children clearly had a wonderful time, and it was equally lovely to see parents and carers gathering, chatting over a

cup of tea and enjoying the opportunity to connect with one another. We are hoping to offer something similar in the forthcoming half term, possibly with an outdoor focus, on **Tuesday 26th May**.

Please save the date – more details will follow!



## Year 3 and Year 4 Sleepover

Following last year’s success, we are inviting Year 3 and Year 4 to sleepover at school on the evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Children are invited to come to school for 5:30pm, after eating some dinner / tea at home. Light refreshments / snacks will be provided in the evening and breakfast will be offered in the morning. Children will be required to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and a duvet **to sleep on top of**. Those who bring roll mats often struggle to get to sleep. We kindly ask for a donation of £10 per child and places can be booked on Arbor in the coming days. Children who have attended the sleepover can be collected from 1:15pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Please speak to Mr Cordes or Mrs Bell for further information.

Thank you for your on-going support, *Anne-Marie Bell*