



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

9th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter, as it includes some important updates as well as information about exciting upcoming events and plans in school.

By working together on matters like attendance, punctuality and uniform, we can make sure every child has the best possible start each day. Thank you for your continued support—it really does make a difference.



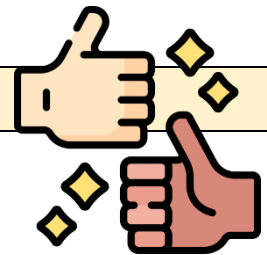
Celebrating Mary throughout May

May is a special month dedicated to Mary. During morning playtimes, children have been invited to gather each day to pray the rosary, which is a lovely opportunity for them to pause, reflect and offer prayers for their families and those they care about.

You might like to join in at home by saying a decade of the rosary or even just a single Hail Mary together — perhaps before bedtime or at the start of the day. For Catholics, Mary is seen as someone who is close to Jesus and who supports and prays for others, helping us to feel guided and cared for.

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 are completing their Year 6 assessments this coming week. We wish you all the very best. Miss Armstrong and the team are ready to make the week as stress-free as possible. She has been praising you all regularly for your commitment, effort and enthusiasm in preparation. We are all very proud of you and will be praying that you feel you do your best and feel proud of yourselves. Good luck.

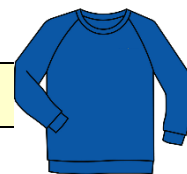


Class Dojo

A quick reminder that Dojo is a **one-way communication**, from school to home. We cannot turn off the access to the messaging function. All communication to teachers must be sent via the office by phone or email so you can be responded to promptly and appropriately.



Sacred Heart School Uniform



Together, we can take pride in wearing the correct, smart school uniform.

Please can we ensure on **non-PE days** children are wearing trousers / skirts – not leggings or similar non-uniform items. Jumpers are royal blue. **School shoes** should be black with no heel. No trainers please.

Summer uniform is an option when the weather is warmer. If thick tights are needed, it would be more appropriate to wear winter uniform.

On **PE days**, children should wear navy / black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts. Shorts should come close to the knee. Some children are wearing cycling shorts that are almost not visible, length wise, when wearing their hoodie or jogging top. If items are not suitable for school, children may be asked to change into appropriate alternatives. **No branded** (Adidas, Nike, football teams etc) or items with animation characters should be worn.

Hair should be tied up and school colours should be worn for simple bobbles, clips and head bands. **Earrings** should be a single piercing, plain stud, not hooped. No jewellery other than studded earrings should be worn.

What children need and do not need for school



Children need only to bring their water bottle, reading book and (if needed) packed lunch each day. As the weather becomes warmer, a **sun hat** is also important so children can stay safe and comfortable outside.

A growing number of children are bringing extra items to school. There have been upsets when children have borrowed them or items have been broken.

Children do not need to bring: sunglasses (unless prescribed), toys, gems, keyrings, bracelets etc. These items can easily get lost or broken and often lead to upset and disagreements, which take away valuable learning time. We have a wide and growing range of activities for children while playing outdoors, so children have plenty to enjoy together. Together, we can ensure children arrive ready to learn and make the most of their time in school.

Summer Fair planning – 19 May 2026 – 3pm in Class 2



Please come along to help plan for our school's Summer Fair, to be held on Friday 3rd July. Your ideas and support will be valuable. If you need to pop in late, please do. The meeting should only be about 30mins long. The more people, the better!

Names in Uniform

We are going to sign up this coming week to a Fundraising program in partnership with **Easy2name**.

The logo for 'easy2name' is written in a red, cursive, handwritten-style font. The '2' is a simple black numeral. The text is set against a white rectangular background with a subtle drop shadow.

Their simple scheme has been designed to reduce the disappointing and wasteful lost property pile we seem unable to avoid. This is also an opportunity to raise money for our school. Every order placed using the unique code will generate 20% commission and the parents/carers will receive **free shipping**. This would be good news for everyone.

More information will be sent this coming week, with the code and information you need, as soon as we have signed up.

Being on time for school



Being on time for school really matters. When children arrive late, they miss important parts of the morning, including early maths learning, reading opportunities and key interventions that support their progress. Approximately 15 children were late one day this week.

Starting the day with their class helps children feel **confident, settled and ready to learn**. Arriving after the class has begun can make this much harder for them. Children need to learn the importance of being present and on time.

If your child is not on the playground when the bell rings, they are late. Please aim to leave home earlier to avoid this. We know mornings can be busy, but some families are finding it difficult to arrive on time. If this applies to you, please consider adjusting routines where possible to support your child in starting the day calmly and ready to learn. If there are any matters we are unaware of, please do let school know so we can understand and support you.

Our Best Selves Raffle will be held to support improvement through encouragement. This coming week, for example, children will receive a raffle ticket (on a selected day) as they enter the playground - **up until the bell rings**, to encourage children to be on time. The raffle will be drawn and, on this occasion, 20 children will receive a non-uniform day. Other raffles may be held, encouraging good choices like tidying up after lunchtime play, having names in school uniform. The intention is to encourage the children to be responsible and show greater care in all they do. Please support them.

Treasure Within – Theatre Visit – 2nd June 2026



Treasure Within's theatrical story by RISE Theatre is coming to Sacred Heart. The story follows a school child who is set a unique homework assignment - to find 7 treasures (Catholic Social Teaching principles), in 7 different locations, and apply them to their own lives.

With a modern treasure map (a tablet), the child invites the school to join them as they search for these treasures in some unlikely places such as in a junk shop, a library, a science museum and even a journey with some familiar Saints!

This should be an exciting day for all the children. There are performances and workshops throughout the whole day and the work the children produce, contributes to the final performance. Please can we ask for a payment of £5 per child, to enable this to take place. This is payable on Arbor (from Monday 11/5) and should be paid by 22nd May. Thank you.

Forest School Afternoon – Tuesday 26th May 1-3pm.

We are offering a Forest School session for families in the forthcoming half term, on **Tuesday 26th May**. Mrs Dames will be leading the activities, but parents / carers are expected to attend and are responsible for overseeing your children's safety.

If the weather is wet, we will likely continue outside, so come dressed suitably e.g. wellies and waterproofs. There will be a variety of opportunities including craft, den building and so on. We will only cancel if the weather is extremely poor (via email). Let's pray for sunshine!

We will be inviting families from the parish and local community, so there will be a chance to meet new friends on the day too.

The field will be open for anyone who wants to bring a ball, frisbee... to take part in outdoor play. You must bring your own play equipment.

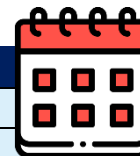
A link will be sent out in the coming week. Please sign up so we are aware of numbers attending.

Thank you for your on-going support,

Anne-Marie Bell



Dates for Diary



Monday 11 May	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 19 th May	Summer Fair Planning Meeting 3pm in Class 2
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 th May	Forest School 1-3pm session (in holidays)
Monday 1 June	Cultural Diversity Day – more information to follow
	Y4 Multiplication check begins
Tuesday 2 June	RISE Theatre to perform – payment on Arbor
Monday 8 June	Y1 Phonics Check week
Friday 12 June	9:30am Mass to Celebrate the Feast of Sacred Heart
	12 – 1 Picnic and Colour Dash – more information to follow
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 liturgy, 1:30 Class celebration
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.

