

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy



Year 2 Newsletter



Monday 7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome our children and families back to school and hope you had a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to a year full of exciting learning and new experiences. This newsletter will give you some general information about our routines and the topics we will be working on this half term.

Our Learning	Key Vocabulary
English - English will be taught through the following books: 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Cat' and 'Gracie the Lighthouse Cat'. - We will be learning about: - Retelling and sequencing events. - Nouns and proper nouns. - Full stops and capital letters. - The four types of sentence – statement, command, question and exclamation. - Adjectives and noun phrases. - Writing a narrative including drafting and editing.	statement command question exclamation noun adjective verb noun phrase
Maths - Children will be taught using White Rose Scheme. Topics covered this half term will be Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. - Place Value - Children will continue to build on Year 1 learning that the value of a digit depends on its position in a number. They will work with tens and ones to help them understand, compare and order numbers. - Addition and Subtraction - Children will be using practical methods and problem-solving to build confidence with calculations. Please encourage your child to practise counting, number bonds and related facts. E.g. $3+5=8$ so $5+3=8$, $6+6=12$ so $12-6=6$	value ones tens add sum subtract take away minus
RE – Creation and Covenant - God created the world and everything in it out of love. - Every person is made in the image and likeness of God and is unique and precious. - We are called to care for God's creation and treat it with respect. - God invites people into a special relationship with Him, known as a covenant. - The Bible's creation stories help us understand God's love and purpose for humanity. - Our gifts and talents are part of God's plan, and we can use them to help others. - Christians are called to live as stewards of creation by looking after the environment and one another.	Creation Covenant Creator Stewardship Image of God Genesis

Science Our science topic this half term will be 'Animals Including Humans'. We will learn that animals have offspring which grow into adults and about the basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air). We will also learn about the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.	Lifecycle, offspring, adult, reproduce, exercise, balanced diet, hygiene, food, survival, hydrated, healthy
Topic - The children will alternate between History and Geography topics throughout the year. - The History topic for this half term will be 'All the Fun of the Fair' and be about Nottingham's Goose fair and how it has changed over time.	Nottingham Market Square changes similarities differences technology
Art and Design Technology - The children will alternate between Art and DT topics throughout the year. - The Art topic is focusing on an artist called Giorgio Morandi.	still life sketching shading
RSHE - The first topic this term will be Settling In, with a focus on children starting in their new classes, meeting new teachers and learning new routines. - The next topic Feelings, Friends and Friendships will be exploring what to do when we feel a certain way, resolving friendship issues, and understanding that there are different types of families.	Kind Cooperate Rules Friend Relative Acquaintance Peace Unique
Computing In the first half term we will explore Computing Systems and IT Networks Around Us.	computer network mouse keyboard
Music Music will continue to be provided by teachers from Our Lady of Lourdes Trust. The focus will be Rhythm notation.	

Additional Information:

Please make sure that your child has the following things with them in school each day: **a water bottle, their school reading folder and their reading books and diary**. Our PE days will be **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please ensure that the correct P.E. kit is worn. Also, please be prepared for indoor or outdoor P.E. sessions

Staffing

Mrs Owen and Mrs Guyatt are the teaching assistants in Year 2. Mr Partridge will also be working in year 2 teaching the class on a Thursday afternoon while Mrs Dames is running Forest School sessions. If you have any questions or need to speak to us, please catch us before or after school or message the office.

Homework and Reading

The children will continue to access the Little Wandle reading scheme. The children will be given ONE scheme book to re-read at home after they have read all or part of it with an adult in class. Each reading group has a different reading day so the children will be given their books at different times during the week. **We ask that the children have these books in their reading folder every day** but especially their reading day when it will be changed. The children need to keep their books in a school reading folder (not rucksack) and bring it into school daily.

Please look after these books as they are expensive to replace.

Please do not put your child's water bottle in their reading folder as they get damaged.

Spellings

This term the children will begin to bring home some spelling lists to learn. They will receive the new spelling list on a **Wednesday** and will get a week to practise them, before doing the spelling quiz in class the **following Tuesday**. We would be grateful if you could spend some time each week helping your child learn these spellings.

With thanks,

Mrs Dames and Mrs Camp