Sacred Heart Catholic Academy

Whole School Newsletter

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

8th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Time is flying, and what a fantastic few weeks we have had!

Thank you to everyone for your enormous support in making our Summer Fair such a great success. It was wonderful to see such a vibrant atmosphere, with our school community coming together to create a truly memorable event.

Our children have also been brilliant during the recent Sports Day events, demonstrating enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship throughout.

As we approach the summer holidays, there are still several exciting events and activities to look forward to. Please see the information below for details.

Dates for Diary	
Monday 13 July	Y4 and Y5 will spend half a day at Christ the King School
Thursday 16 July	9:30am and 4pm Y6 Performance
Tuesday 21 July	9:30am Y6 Leavers Mass – in school Reports out to Parent/Carers
Wednesday 22 July	Year 2 Trip to Attenborough – rearranged date 9:15am Music Recital for those who have individual lessons – all welcome
Friday 24 July	9:10am Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Year 6 parents encouraged, everyone welcome. Break up for Summer
	Summer Holidays 27 July – 2 September 2026
Thursday 3 Sept	Advent Term begins – these are crucial transition days. Please attend.

Parking and Road Safety



As always, the safety of our children, families and local community remains our highest priority. We would like to ask all parents and carers to park respectfully when dropping off and collecting children from school.

1. Please ensure that pavements are kept clear for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchair users, and be mindful of other road users.

2. Where traffic becomes congested, please consider allowing vehicles to pass through when the road ahead is blocked, helping to keep traffic flowing safely and reducing frustration for everyone.

Seat belts - On a related matter, we have received reports from children that seat belts are not always being worn during journeys to and from school. One child bumped their head on their car journey, several children have been observed by staff not wearing a seat belt.



Wearing a seat belt is a vital safety habit that can save lives. This is a safeguarding matter, and staff will follow up on any concerns that are seen or reported going forwards. We kindly ask all families to ensure that every passenger is wearing a seat belt correctly on every journey, no matter how short.

School Car Park Entrance

Finally, we must stress that the staff car park and driveway entrance **must remain clear** at all times. Staff may need to access or leave the site quickly in the event of an emergency, and blocked access can create significant difficulties and stress. If you have been parking across this entrance, please stop doing so immediately.

Sacred Heart Parish Car Park



We are fortunate to have ample parking available just a short two-minute walk away in the Sacred Heart Church car park. We would encourage families to make use of this facility whenever possible, as it would greatly help to ease congestion and support the safety of everyone arriving at and leaving school.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.

Teachers for September 2026

Here is the teacher allocation and support staff for the forthcoming academic year:

Class	Teacher(s)	Support Staff
Foundation 1 / N	Mrs Cairns	Miss Slawson, Miss Mei
Foundation 2 / R	Miss Chisholm	Mrs Cranfield
Year 1	Miss Bowen	Miss Fulford
Year 2	Mrs Camp & Mrs Dames	Mrs Owen, Mrs Guyatt
Year 3	Mrs Lucas & Mr Cordes	Mrs Gallagher
Year 4	Miss Cotterill	Mrs Kelley, Mrs Gallagher
Year 5	Miss Owens	Mrs Malloy, Mrs Kelley, Mrs Read
Year 6	Miss Armstrong	Mrs Read

There are other windows of support across the classes, but this provides you with the main allocation for now (though this is subject to change). Mr Partridge will continue to teach PE and offer support across the school.

Colour Dash

A message from Nicola at Lifting Children's Hopes charity:

> *You should be incredibly proud The Sacred Heart – Carlton who raised an amazing £2,870 including Gift Aid, through your Colour Dash. It is a real reflection of the generosity, enthusiasm and commitment shown by your pupils, families and staff…*
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> *Schools like Sacred Heart are what we consider Meaningful Impact Schools. Your fundraising plays a vital role in strengthening our charity's ability to support children where need is greatest, while also giving your pupils a powerful, real-world opportunity to demonstrate compassion, generosity and great citizenship. As always, you also have access to our support whenever it's needed. That balance is incredibly valuable to us, and it's something we truly appreciate.*

Well done everyone, what an incredible accomplishment. Prizes will be handed out on Monday. Please note, prizes have only been provided for those who handed their charity sheet in. Contact the school office after Monday if your child did submit their form, but has not received a prize. Thank you.



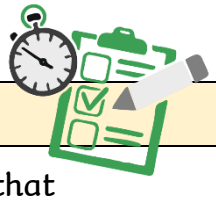
Summer Fair

Following my message at the weekend, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Summer Fair such a wonderful success.

From those who attended the initial planning meetings, to the volunteers who ran stalls, donated items, helped set up, and stayed behind to tidy away afterwards, every contribution was valued and greatly appreciated. Events like these simply would not be possible without the generosity, commitment and teamwork of our school community.

Early indications suggest that the fair raised approximately £1,000. We will share a final total in September once all income and expenses have been fully accounted for. Thank you once again for your time, effort and support. It was fantastic to see our community come together and create such an enjoyable event for our children and families. Well done, everyone! 🎉

Reports, Attendance and Punctuality



Annual reports will be sent home during the final week of term. We hope that you will enjoy reading about your child's achievements, progress and successes throughout the year.

Alongside the reports, families of children whose attendance is currently below 92% will receive an attendance certificate. This is intended to provide an opportunity to reflect on attendance levels and consider how attendance might be improved during the next academic year. Regular attendance is essential for children to make the most of the learning opportunities available to them, and there will be a greater focus on attendance expectations and follow-up procedures in the year ahead.

In addition, where punctuality is a concern, a note will be included to highlight the importance of arriving at school on time and information on the amount of time your child has missed. Even small amounts of lost learning time can add up significantly over the course of a school year and can impact a child's progress, confidence and daily routines.

By working together, we can ensure that every child is given the very best opportunity to thrive and succeed.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Kind regards,
Anne-Marie Bell
Headteacher