



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all you do in supporting our school community. This week has been filled with prayer, generosity and celebration.

Our week began with a CAFOD assembly focusing on water. The children learned how much of the world's population lives without access to running water, and how the money raised by schools like ours can help to install taps in schools and communities that have none. It was a powerful reminder of our call, as a Catholic community, to care for those in need.

Harvest has been our theme throughout the week, giving the children many opportunities to reflect on the gift of God's creation and to give thanks for all that we have been given.

Thank you to everyone who supported Family Fast Day. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of your food contributions. Our Mini Vinnies will be distributing these donations to local food banks, where they will make a real difference to families in our community.

We continue to meet each morning in the hall to pray the Rosary, and it is a joy to see so many children choosing to join us. Their reverence and commitment to prayer is a credit to them, and a beautiful witness to the faith at the heart of our school.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are thoroughly enjoying taking part in the Shakespeare Festival. They are busy preparing to perform *Macbeth* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Contact Theatre in Manchester on 5th November. Tickets are still available, so please contact The Contact Theatre's box office if you would like to come along and support our young performers.

Our children performed brilliantly in the rugby competition, and our girls' football team also represented the school with great skill and sportsmanship. Well done to all those who took part.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. I wish you and your families a restful and blessed weekend.

Julia Bramhall

Diary Dates...

Wednesday 21st October - Parents evening

- Year 4 Roman ruins trip

Friday 23rd October - School closes for half term

Monday 2nd November - School Opens for Autumn term 2

Tuesday 3 November - Inspire boys football

Wednesday 4th November - Shakespeare Festival

Friday 6th November - Remembrance Assembly year 6



Stars of the Week	
Nur	Kirsten
Rec	Khiana
Year 1	Hughie
Year 2	Marcelina
Year 3	Jonah
Year 4	Skylah
Year 5	Maya
Year 6	Amil



Attendance %							
Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School Average
95.7	98.6	98	97.3	98.4	96.7	93.1	96.3

Curriculum Enrichment

Another busy week in Nursery! The children created Pete the Cat collages using creative techniques to join and decorate. They used their fine motor skills to use tweezers to sort pompoms by colour and to make play dough Petes! We had our first Celebration of the Word - the children heard the Creation story and thanked God for everything He has made for us. We then learnt about how we can look after God's World. We have continued learning to sort in Maths and have been looking carefully at groups to find the 'sorting rule'. We sorted toys into two groups using the rule - 'wheels' and 'no wheels'.





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We were delighted to welcome Sister Anne from the Marist Centre to our school! The children learnt all about the Month of the Rosary and discovered why the Rosary is such an important prayer in the Catholic faith. They also had the opportunity to make their very own Rosaries, helping them to understand more about this special prayer. It was a lovely opportunity to deepen our faith and reflect on the importance of prayer. A big thank you to Sister Anne for sharing her time and knowledge with us! 🙏📿

As part of their Global Citizenship work, Year 1 and Year 5 visited Baguley Park on Tuesday for a collaborative litter-pick. The pupils showed wonderful teamwork as they tidied up the park, helping to look after our local area. This project directly supports **Article 24** of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: *the right to a clean and safe environment*. Excellent effort, everyone!



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Year 6 Celebration of the word



This week, our Year 6 pupils led a beautiful Celebration of the Word focused on the beauty of Creation and our calling to be good stewards of the Earth. Drawing inspiration from St Francis of Assisi, who loved all of God's creatures, the children reminded us that caring for our common home is an act of faith and gratitude. Through prayer, scripture, and reflection, Year 6 challenged us all to make small, thoughtful changes each day to protect God's wonderful world and to make sure that we are not wasteful of our God given resources. We gathered at the school maze to remind us that God is at the centre of all things in our beautiful world and we used the following quote from Pope Francis' Laudato Si' "**whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor.**" and made links to when Jesus said, "**Let no food be wasted**" in St John's Gospel reading when Jesus fed the five thousand.

Reception have been busy this week using our fine motor skills recreating some Beery shapes on whiteboards then using cotton buds to carefully rub them out. This take lots of patience! We've also had fun making out names into mosaics, these are now hanging in our classroom and look beautiful.





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Our girls' football team have been working hard, developing their football skills and showing fantastic teamwork and determination. The girls have demonstrated great enthusiasm, supported one another and shown wonderful sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence and enjoy representing our school again next month. Well done, girls!

Well done to our school rugby team who represented Sacred heart at the City Wide Finals on Thursday. They showed tremendous attitudes, resilience and a high level of teamwork and skill, winning 3 games out of 6 and finishing 5th overall. This is an amazing achievement and everyone is very proud of their achievements. Well done!





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UNICEF Article of the week



Article 27 states that every child has the right to food, clothing, and a safe place to live so they can grow, develop, and thrive. It highlights that all children deserve to have their basic physical needs met, no matter where they are in the world.

Today, as our school community comes together to celebrate Harvest Festival, Article 27 takes center stage. Harvest is a time to give thanks for the food we have, but it is also a vital opportunity to reflect on those who do not have enough.

By gathering donations and supporting local food initiatives today, our school is actively putting Article 27 into practice. Sharing our harvest helps ensure that children and families in our wider community receive the nutritious food and essential support they need.

Here are some useful contact / website details for Family support / advice:

<https://www.treeoflifecentre.org.uk/>
0161 489 7018

<https://safespots.org.uk/>
07873889637

<https://communitygrocery.org.uk/sharston/>
0161 946 9494

<https://liftedmcr.org.uk/>
07538589345

https://www.facebook.com/littlelighthousewythenshaw/?locale=en_GB

<https://www.wchg.org.uk/>
Call us: 0300 111 0000
Email us: customerenquiries@wchg.org.uk

<https://family-action.org.uk/services/wythenshaw-childrens-centres-manchester>
01615290080

<https://www.message.org.uk/>
0161 946 2300

Sale Road Sure Start Children's Centre
Jennifer Cummings - Early Years
Outreach Worker 0161 529 0080 (Option 4)

Department of Children, Families & Social Care
Phone: 0161 219 2889

