



Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

Word of the Week:

Kindness

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Spring 2nd half term. On Monday, I led a Gospel Assembly sharing our ethos word 'kindness', based upon Sunday's Gospel teaching the importance of kindness with particular emphasis on showing kindness and loving our enemies or those that hurt us as Jesus did.

Bertha (St Peter class) shared with the school, that over half term, she had taken Peter our pilgrim bear to the Vatican in Rome. Peter now has his very own blog on our website <https://www.sacredheart.merton.sch.uk/blog/?pid=114&nid=2> and we will be inviting any families that wish to take Peter to visit any place of worship, that is special to them and their families throughout the year, whether that be a church, mosque, temple, gurdwara or even bringing Peter along to show acts of kindness in your everyday life.

Well done to Issam in St Rose class (year 1), who worked exceptionally hard over the half term, completing additional online maths work, reaching Gold Standard.

Aaima and Dua, shared how proud they were to achieve medals from attending their Mosque recently. Aaima received a 1st prize medal in her Urdu speech and 2nd prize medal in her English speech, whilst Dua received two 2nd prize medals for reading the Tilawat and singing in Urdu.

St Josephine class (year 3), led a wonderful class assembly on Thursday morning. On Friday, we celebrated International Mother language day. With twenty nine other languages in addition to English at Sacred Heart, there is a richness of culture to celebrate. We were fortunate to have lots of our parents visiting classes to talk about their language and culture. On Friday we marked the start of Ramadan for our Muslim families. Next week we mark the start of Lent, with a Mass for KS2 children (years 3-6) on Wednesday 6th March from 9am. This is an additional Mass that has been added into the calendar as Lent fell during half term last academic year. Parents are welcome to attend. Next Thursday and Friday March 6th and 7th, I will be out of school, at the Merton Headteacher conference, however on Thursday March 6th, staff and children will celebrate World Book Day. Miss Parsons has chosen the theme based upon the book 'The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds'.

The theme of the book is words and the power that they have. We will be focussing on vocabulary and the power of learning new, interesting and exciting words, by tying in the theme of Vocabulary Day!

Children are invited to dress for the day in their own clothes rather than purchasing a costume, based upon a vocabulary choice, some really simple ones include:

- exhausted (dressed in pyjamas)
- athletic (PE kit)
- monochrome (all in one colour)

Have a great weekend.

Staff CPD - Preparing for Lent: Creating Prayerful Spaces

With Lent beginning on Wednesday 5th March 2025, our staff have already been reflecting on how we can create meaningful opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth. To support this, Mr Bush, our Catholic Life & Worship Lead, organised a powerful CPD session focused on prayer spaces, inspiring us to think about how we can continue to embed prayer into daily school life.

The school hall was transformed into a series of beautifully thought-out prayer spaces, offering moments of quiet, reflection, and connection with God. The session encouraged staff to consider how these ideas could be adapted within classrooms and shared spaces, ensuring that pupils feel a sense of ownership over their prayer environments. Staff were also reminded of the importance of maintaining these spaces so they remain well-cared for and conducive to meaningful prayer throughout the year.

The session was deeply impactful, as reflected in staff feedback:

"The simplicity of the activity and how powerful the message was. It was also evident how easily the activity could be adapted to support all ages and needs."

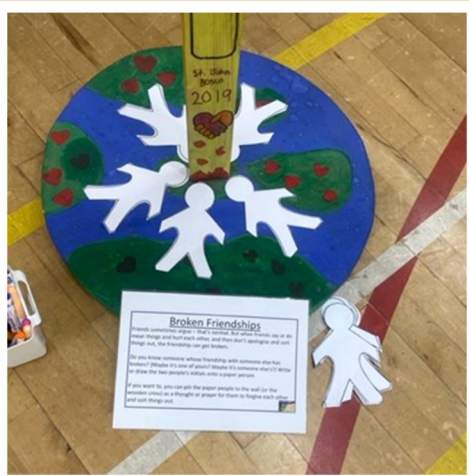
"I think it was brilliant. With the lights off, music playing, it really allowed everybody to stop their busy lives to be mindful. I learnt a lot and feel inspired to copy these spaces in my classroom."

"Considering how prayerful quiet and peacefulness can be applied to pupil-led liturgy as models of ideas for children."



This session was not only an opportunity for staff to reflect personally but also to consider how we can continue making prayer an integral part of school life—whether through dedicated spaces in classrooms, moments of stillness in whole-school liturgy, or ensuring that every act of collective prayer is thoughtful and meaningful.

As we prepare for Lent, we look forward to creating even more opportunities for our pupils to pause, reflect, and pray in ways that truly resonate with them.



This Week in St Oscar Romero Class

What a fabulous first week back we have had in St Oscar Romero class. We have been very busy and we are super excited to share some of our recent learning with you!



Our new science topic is all about animals including humans.

We had so much fun drawing around our friends and labelling the different parts of the body.



This year is the Jubilee year of the church and in St Oscar Romero class we have been busy designing logos for the Jubilee year. We were able to discuss what the church means to us and got creative in design by showcasing our social catholic teaching principles of solidarity, participation and promoting peace.

"I added rainbow colours because everyone likes different colours" -Janisha

"I drew smiley faces because God makes me happy" -Mayuvanth



On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to find the golden ticket for our school library! As a special treat we got to sneak off after break time for a cosy story time all together. We love visiting our library and listening to stories so this was the perfect treat to start our new half term off with!



Before half term, we got to celebrate Africa day. We had lots of fun creating houses in the style of Ndebele and experimenting with colour and pattern.

The children had the opportunity to have their face or hand painted with a South African flag – we had a fantastic day!

"This is the best day ever." - Gabriella



Wow Work



Well done Dua & Aima—both of them have received medals from their Mosque.

Well done Issam for completing additional maths work at home.





Take Peter Our Pilgrim Bear on a Journey!



We're so excited for Peter the Pilgrim Bear to join our families on their special journeys during this Jubilee Year: *Pilgrims of Hope!*

Whether visiting a place of worship or showing kindness in the community, Peter is ready to help us all grow in **faith, hope, and love**.

Want to take Peter with you? Fill out the form, and Mr. Bush will confirm dates and details.

Share the Adventure! We'll do our best to share Peter's adventures widely and accommodate as many families as possible.

Thank you for your patience and enthusiasm as we manage the waiting list!

<https://forms.gle/7eSziv7HTShm79528>



A Note From The PSA

Coffee Morning

On the 28th March, the PSA will be holding a coffee morning at school. This will be a great occasion for anyone who would like to meet new people, get to know more information about what the PSA does and a nice opportunity for a cup of tea or coffee after school drop off. The PSA always welcomes new ideas, and help in anyway as it all contributes for the good of our children at Sacred Heart.

The current PSA will be stepping down from their roles at the end of this academic year and we are actively looking for new parents/carers to take over from us. It is a fantastic way to get to know the school and the staff, meet and make new friends and make a great contribution towards Sacred Heart and the amazing children. We look

Dates for the Diary

28th March – Coffee morning
4th April – Easter fun
2nd May – Movies n Munchies
27th April – Fun Run
21st June - Summer Fair

Sacred Heart Lottery

Our Sacred Heart Lottery is always open to new participants, so if you would like to be in with a chance of winning our monthly prize pot please sign up and take part.

Please use the following link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/sLYDaJevEWKWyGQ7>

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising is a great way to donate to your PSA charity and therefore your school without much effort, either through the website or app.

There is a short online video that explains Easyfundraising in 60 seconds, so please have a look.

Signing up really is easy and allows you to raise money for Sacred Heart School, every time you shop - please help us raise funds. Just follow this link to get started:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sacredheartpsa/>

To help the PSA raise funds for the children of Sacred Heart, families are able to set up a monthly standing order donation. If this is something you are able to do, please use the below details. Thank you so much!

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From: From Sam, Siobhán, Dani, Irene, Gaby and Meghan





Headteacher's Award	
Early Years	Meadow McKeever
Key Stage 1	Senay Amanuel
Lower Key Stage 2	Eira Ha
Upper Key Stage 2	Ishveen Dutt

Class	Star of the Week	Laureate
St Francis	Niki Nikolov	Vedya Umeria
St Bernadette	Ellie O'Sullivan	Vishva Umeria
St Patrick	Grace Mak	Skye Barton
St Rose	Lechelle Lijo	Yeanne Yoon
St Oscar Romero	Leire Alcalá Franco	Amber Vargas Torres
St Elizabeth	Vita Shpyriuk	Tara Doris
St Joseph Vaz	Dana Tavakoli	Robert Hogan
St Josephine	Mahdiyar Sabahi Azar	Isabella Dean
St Maximilian	Mila Grover	Olivia Park
St Clare	Krish Patel	Evie Bradbury
St Peter	Alan Walkiewicz	Isabelle Stanton
St Kateri	Michael McFadden	Ria Puri
St Paul	Emilis Urbonas	Sam Wild
St Andrew Kim	Greysen Newton	Isabelle Kearney

Maths Maestro		House	Points This Week	This Term
KS1	Ailbe Bernard	Air	4146	23045
LKS2	Adriana Gomes Fonseca	Earth	3179	19332
UKS2	Calais Peart	Fire	2303	22100
		Water	1802	19962

Cloakroom Award for the fortnight ending 28th February 2025
St Josephine, St Maximilian and St Andrew Kim

Best Class Attendance for the week ending 14th February 2025
St Patrick—98.82%

