



Sacred Heart Herald

Friday 14th March 2025

Gospel:

Luke 4:1-13

Word of the Week:

Lent

Dear parents and carers

After last week's successful Headteacher interview process, I am delighted to share within today's newsletter, an introduction from Mrs Sarah Norville, who will be Sacred Heart's next Headteacher from September 2025.

On Monday, pupil Prayer Leaders in Years 4, 5 and 6 led the Gospel Assembly with this week's word being Lent. Mr Bush was tempted (unsuccessfully) with chocolate which he has given up for Lent.

This week we completed the spring term parents' evening meetings. I do hope that you feel informed about how your child is progressing within their class and have had an opportunity to see their work and feel that they are enjoying school life. If you have any remaining questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher and/or phase leader. It is very important at Sacred Heart that communication between school and parents about children's progress and wellbeing remains strong.

St Paul led an enjoyable class assembly on Thursday morning. We have also marked Science Week and Hinduism Week. On Friday we invited children celebrating the festival of Holi to wear traditional attire to school.

This Sunday (16th March) our school choir will sing at 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. I am always so proud to see our children represent Sacred Heart, so do please join us, if you are able to.

Have a lovely weekend.





Dear Parents and Carers

I am so very grateful to have been selected to be the next Headteacher at Sacred Heart. I feel very lucky that Mrs Dolan-Walsh will be passing over such a wonderful school to me, and the responsibility of maintaining and building on her hard work is not a task I take on lightly.

I have been a Headteacher for 18 years and truly believe that it is the best job in the world! Sacred Heart is a school I know very well from my time at St Mary's in Wimbledon, where I was Headteacher from 2007-2018. The Merton Deanery of Schools worked incredibly closely together, and I would often visit Sacred Heart. On my visits I was always struck by the warm welcome I received, the incredibly hard working staff and the happy children who were clearly keen to learn. It was heart-warming to see that these incredible traits were still very evident when I visited the school as part of the interview process.

I have loved meeting some of the children over the past few weeks and I look forward to meeting more of the children and their families in the coming months. Working together with families is very important to me and is a crucial part of what helps to make a school successful. When home, school and the parish are all working in harmony together, we can achieve so much more!

I am keen to share information with parents as well as hear your views. I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to my half-termly Parents' Forum sessions, where you will be actively encouraged to come and share your thoughts and views.

Warm regards

Sarah Norville

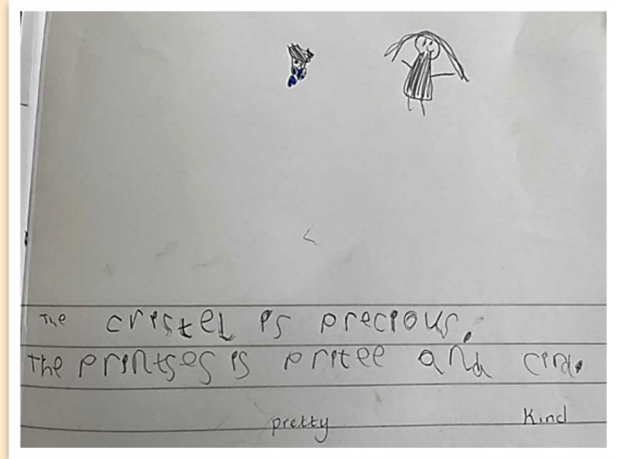
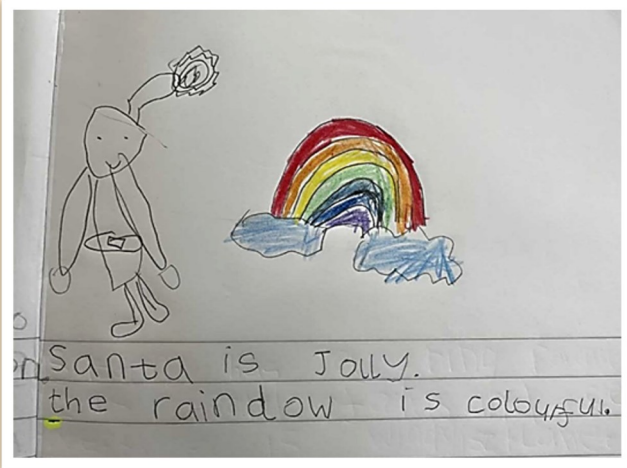
Mrs Norville also sent us an introductory video to share with the children in class this morning:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ID3V-TtZPqzvvhxChCCK0kVL9-KxVeaFO/view?usp=drivesdk>



This Week in St Bernadette Class

Our topic this term is all about transport. In English we have been reading 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane'. We have enjoyed looking at pictures from places around the world, as well as learning about adjectives. We are excited about our trip next week to Brooklands Museum!



We have started talking about Lent this week. This links to our current RE topic 'growing'. The children have enjoyed creating a purple cross, and planting in our new 'Lenten Garden'. We are excited to develop this area with the children.



In Maths we have been practising addition.

The children are very good at using concrete resources, to work out the total number.

We enjoy writing word problems and number sentences too, and we can count up to 100 in tens!

Lastly, we have been using weighing scales. We have enjoyed using mathematical vocabulary such as 'heavy' and 'light'.



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Year 6 Visit to Craven Cottage – Home of Fulham Football Club



On Tuesday 4th March, Year 6 students visited Craven Cottage, home of Fulham FC, London's oldest professional football club. The tour began with a warm welcome from our guide, Ed Vanson, who shared Fulham FC's rich history. He also shared stories of legendary matches and players.

The students got to sit in the modern Riverside Stand, before concluding at the famous Johnny Haynes Stand. The contrast between the two highlighted the club's balance between tradition and modernity.



A highlight was visiting the dressing rooms. The home dressing room, where Fulham players prepare, impressed the students, while the away dressing room offered insight into visiting teams' experiences. The children loved the tour.



We would like to say a very big thank you to Ed Vanson, who made fans of all of us.



Supporting Ukrainian Pupils in our School

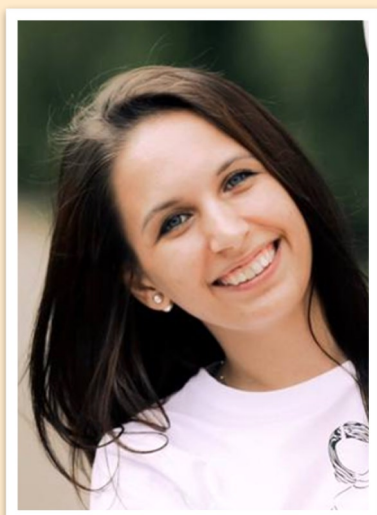
We are pleased to introduce Viktoriia Hrechukh, an Education Support Worker from St Mary's Ukrainian School, who is part of a project supporting Ukrainian children in schools across Merton.

Viktoriia will be working with children in our school, providing both academic and well-being support. This will include helping them with their learning, building confidence, and fostering resilience. She will also offer guidance to promote positive relationships and emotional well-being. In addition to working with children, Viktoriia is available to support parents, offering translation assistance, legal consultations, and help with official institutions.



Sessions will take place weekly and Viktoriia will be in touch with parents as needed. We are delighted to be part of this initiative and look forward to the positive impact it will have on our school community. We are reaching out to Ukrainian families within our school community, but please do share this with others who may benefit. If we are unaware of a child's Ukrainian background, we wouldn't want them to miss out on this support.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Bastian - tbastian@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk



I'm Viktoriia and I am from Ukraine. I have always known that I want to work in education. From my childhood kids were around me. I graduated from Chernivtsi National University with a Master's Diploma in Education and Pedagogy. My second Bachelor's Diploma is English-Ukrainian Translator.

I have more than 5 years of experience in Ukraine: in private schools and public centres. In March 2022 I moved to the UK and started work in London in a primary school. Thus, I know both education systems. St Mary's Ukrainian School became for me my second home.

I have been appointed to support displaced Ukrainian children, their families, and school staff to promote Ukrainian students' well-being and education as well as to help overcome cultural and language barriers.

My life credo is: "The distance between dreams and reality is called the action". So, I am flexible and proactive for adaptable support across various tasks.



A Note From The PSA



Easter Egg Hunt

On Friday 4th April, the last day of term, the PSA will be organising an Easter Egg Hunt in Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Park. All paid participants will receive a sheet and they will need to find all the clues dotted around the park in order to receive their Easter Egg prize.

Fingers crossed the weather is better than last year.

Payment links will be available from next week, so please stay tuned.

SACRED HEART

☀️ COFFEE MORNING

A PSA EVENT FOR ALL OUR NEW AND EXISTING PARENTS.

A CHANCE TO MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE PSA AND SCHOOL STAFF IN A RELAXED INFORMAL SETTING.

COME AND JOIN US FOR A CHAT!

28.03.25 • 9-9:45AM

KIDZ CLUB ROOM!

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/sLYDaJevEWKWKyGQ7>

Dates for the Diary

28th March – Coffee morning

4th April– Easter fun

23rd May – Movies n Munchies

27th April – Fun Run

21st June - Summer Fair

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!

Account name: **Sacred Heart School PA**
Account number: **50650412**

Sort Code: **20-67-90**

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





Headteacher's Award	
Early Years	Kairo Eley
Key Stage 1	Marnie Walker
Lower Key Stage 2	Valentina Nyuzo Calle
Upper Key Stage 2	Ruby Mitha

Class	Star of the Week	Laureate
St Francis	Iylah Malik	Gia Nam
St Bernadette	Cyprian Berchie	Ellie O'Sullivan
St Patrick	Lavina Kirubakaran	Sophia Subramaniam
St Rose	Melisa Zoumperi	Anishaa Vishnuwarthan
St Oscar Romero	Sarmad Omer	Mayuvanth Sivananth
St Elizabeth	Coco Rolls	Nicole Marin
St Joseph Vaz	Lucas Dos Santos Domingues	Aria Lynch
St Josephine	Maya Guerin	Erin Li
St Maximilian	Milana Rvahoma Bihanza	Lindsey Barton
St Clare	Oliva Bak	Connie Jones
St Peter	Caroline Marteau Maria	Alan Walkiewicz
St Kateri	Thomas Knights	Zenab Fatima
St Paul	Charlie Currie	Sofia Key-Peters
St Andrew Kim	Sira Sanchez-Jones	Cammie White

Maths Maestro		House	Points This Week	This Term
KS1	Nathan Amanuel	Air	3789	30413
LKS2	Juwan Jobe	Earth	3830	25664
UKS2	Olaf Grejner	Fire	3835	28238
		Water	3851	25446

Cloakroom Award for the fortnight ending 14th March 2025
St Clare, St Peter and St Patrick

Best Class Attendance for the week ending 7th March 2025
St Bernadette—100%

