



Gospel:

John 20:1-9

Word of the Week:

Easter

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to summer first half term. I hope you enjoyed a Happy Easter and some of the sunshine over this period.

On Tuesday in Gospel assembly, we shared the Easter message that the Lord has risen and our prayer areas across school are reflecting the message of joy and hope of Easter. 'Easter' is this week's ethos word and the children were asked to think about how they could go forth and share the happiness and joy with others in our community this week.

We also shared the sad news that Pope Francis, the leader of the Catholic Church had died on Monday. The Prayer leaders led a special service on Wednesday reflecting on his compassionate and humble leadership, with his focus on the poor and those marginalised in society. Our Year 6 Heads of School also recorded a heart-felt message to commemorate Pope Francis, which you can watch [here](#). As a school, we are preparing a range of activities from poems to prayers to commemorate Pope Francis and will have this ready soon for a display in the hall.

On Tuesday, St Bernadette class marked their class saint's day and on Wednesday, St George's day was celebrated in school. On Thursday we celebrated an Easter Mass in school with St Kateri class (year 5) leading this. Next week, Year 5 children will go on their residential to Thames Young Mariners from Monday through to Wednesday.

Please save the date Friday 9th May - 9am to 10am for a coffee morning in school, supported by the PSA and inviting all parents and carers to join me as we meet Mrs Sarah Norville who will be joining Sacred Heart as Headteacher from September 2025.

Another exciting date to include in the diary for all of our parents/carers is our International Day on Friday 16th May from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Like last year we will celebrate the many different languages, cultures and culinary delights through stalls in the playground, so that our vibrant community can come together.

This Sunday (27th April) to mark the London Marathon the PSA will be running our own annual mini marathon to raise money for our school. Join us in St Joseph Hood Memorial Park from 9:30am to 12.30pm to run, jog, walk, or scoot for 2.6 miles around the park. All money raised will go to the school benefitting all the children at Sacred Heart.

Have a lovely weekend.

Marking the Passing of Pope Francis

This week, our school has begun to mark the historic passing of Pope Francis—an important moment of reflection and prayer within our Catholic community.

On Wednesday, our Prayer Leaders led a beautiful service, joined by Deacon Julian and Rob, our Faith Minister. Thank you to both for being with us as we paused to remember and give thanks for Pope Francis's life and legacy. Pupils offered heart-felt prayers which were then added to our Prayer Tree, creating a special space of remembrance.

This week, our Head of Schools also led the school in a shared prayer from the Prayer Garden, where the Argentinian flag has been displayed as a sign of respect and connection to Pope Francis's roots. You can watch the video here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=shared&v=3VOMGV382_Q

Looking ahead, each class will be invited to visit the Prayer Garden next week for a quiet moment of prayer and reflection. Blue and yellow ribbons—the colours of Argentina—will be available for children to tie as a symbol of remembrance and thanks for Pope Francis.

Over the coming days, children will also be engaging in a range of creative and reflective activities, including:

“We show LOVE like Pope Francis” – Pupils will decorate heart-shaped templates with drawings of kind actions they can do, just like Pope Francis did.

Poetry and painting – Pupils will write and decorate poems to thank Pope Francis and reflect on how his life has inspired them.

Personal pledges – Pupils will explore Pope Francis's teachings and write pledges such as “I will care for the earth by...” or “I will include others by...”, inspired by *Laudato Si'* and Catholic Social Teaching Principles.

These activities will form part of a commemorative display in the school hall, and we look forward to sharing the children's thoughtful responses with our wider community.

Let us continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers and live out his message of compassion, humility, and love



International Day & Festival - Friday 16th May (3pm to 4.30pm)

We are very excited to announce the return of International Day on Friday 16th May! Children will be taking part in activities during the school day to celebrate the variety of countries and cultures within our school community. The day will culminate in an International Festival after school in the playground with music, food tasting and special performances from 3:00-4:30pm.



We would love to have as many countries and languages as possible featured at the festival this year - last year saw 23 different countries represented! Based on feedback, we would also love to see the different regions of the UK represented this year.

If you would be interested in having a stall, please contact Mrs Cave (acave@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk) or Mrs Puri (apuri@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk) and we will be happy to put you in touch with other parents who also wish to participate.

Parents will be allocated a stall that they work on together to showcase their home countries or language (through food, music, games, national dress etc).



Celebration days like International Day are a special part of our learning at Sacred Heart but they do incur additional costs. If you would like to make a contribution to help with funding the extra resources required to make these days so special, you can do so via the Curriculum Enrichment Fund. You will find this in the 'School Shop' section of your Arbor account.

St Bernadette Class Celebrate their Feast Day

To celebrate the Feast of St Bernadette, the children learnt about her life and talked about what happened in Lourdes. They enjoyed watching a video about her life and what it is like in Lourdes today.

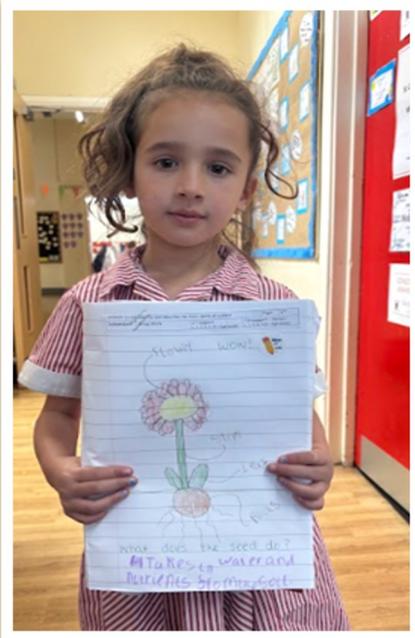


They passed around yellow flowers, coloured pictures, decorated flower crowns and ate French croissants.



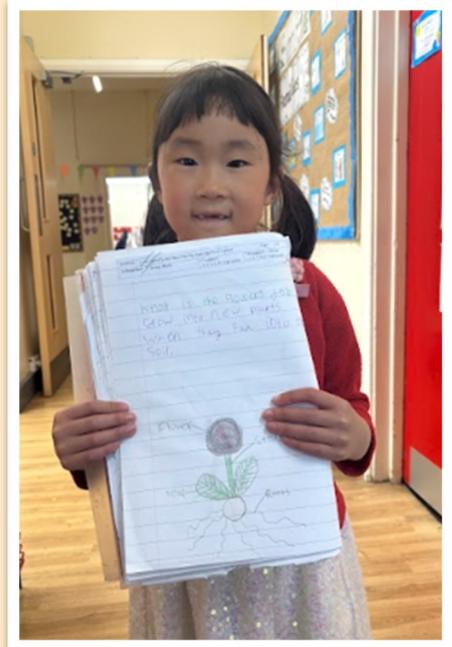
This Week in St Rose Class (Year 1)

Our new science topic is plants. This week we drew our own plants and labelled the key features. To challenge ourselves we wrote about what each of the parts of the plant do and why they are important.



*"The roots make the plant stand up"-
Kavannah*

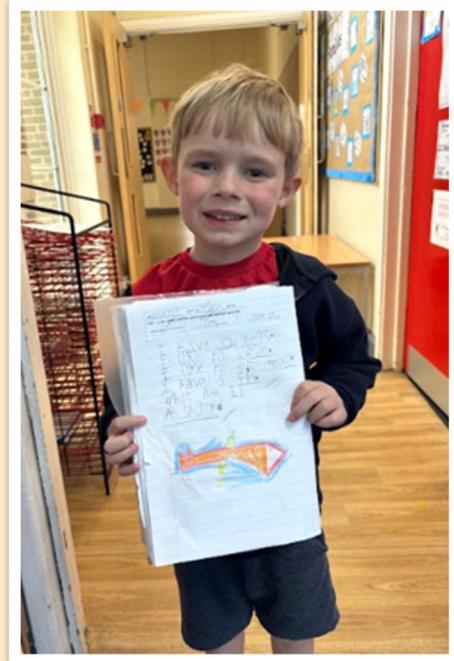
*"The stem gives the flower water and
nutrients" - Issam*



In English we have been writing our own riddles.
Can you work out Giselle's riddle?

I have 2 legs.
I like to swim.
I like to eat fish.
I have a beak.
What am I?

(5 house points to any pupil who can give Miss Dansie the correct answer)



In Maths:

*"We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s
this week right up to 100!" - Amaya*

Do you know what comes next? 2,4,6,8,10,12,14, 16, ____, ____, ____ - Celine.

We have been making moving picture books all about the three British Queens: Queen Elizabeth, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.



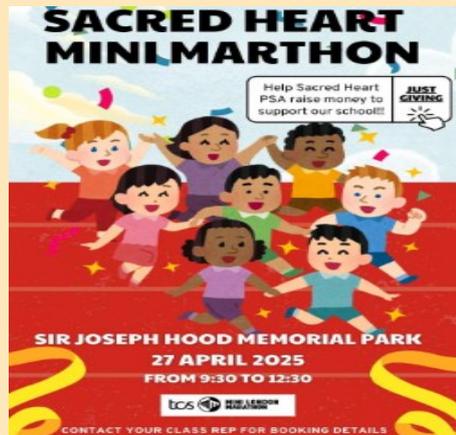
We worked in small groups and used our excellent knowledge of the queens to write facts.

We also used our DT skills to add a slider so parts of the book were able to move.



A Note From The PSA

We can't wait to see you all on Sunday for The Sacred Heart Mini Marathon!



To coincide with The London Marathon, we will be hosting our annual mini marathon in Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Park from 0930 – 1230 this Sunday. All members of our community are invited to run, walk, jog or scoot 4 laps around the park. All we ask is for you to donate through JustGiving towards our fundraising -

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sacred-heart-school-psa-10?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=socpledgemobile&utm_content=sacred-heart-school-psa-10&utm_campaign=post-pledge-mobile&utm_term=YY2rnyap3

To *sign up* for your time slot, please click here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sacredheartpsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=95196>

We will be serving snacks, juices and water on Sunday also.

Please come and have some sporty fun and help support our fantastic school.

Date for the Diary

27th April - Mini Marathon

23rd May - Movies n Munchies

21st June - Summer Fair

Summer Fair

We are already planning our annual summer fair! To make this year's event the best yet, we're assembling a dedicated working group, we're looking for enthusiastic and creative individuals who are able to contribute their ideas and support the PSA to ensure a truly successful event. This role would involve participating in meetings, if you are able to spare some time, we would be so grateful if you could get in touch with any of us.

Dads' Beer Event

The annual Dads' Beer Night is a great tradition within our school community, and we're eager to keep it going this year! However, to make this event a reality, we're on the lookout for a new host. Are there any dads out there within our school community who would be willing to take the reins and host this fantastic gathering? It's a great opportunity to connect with other fathers, strengthen our community bonds, and of course, enjoy a good beer. If you're interested in taking this on or know someone who might be, please don't hesitate to get in touch! We'd love to hear from you.

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	Oscar Corkery
Key Stage 1	Isaac McFadden
Lower Key Stage 2	Thomas Adams
Upper Key Stage 2	Finn Doris

Class	Star of the Week	Laureate
St Francis	Elorm Ayidah	Ezio Edwards Cecchini
St Bernadette	Ellie O'Sullivan	Owen Neza
St Patrick	Max Zamyslowski	Antonina Sobstyl
St Rose	Rosie Ghanbariannaeni	Imogen Galliers
St Oscar Romero	Etlovea Ibrushi	Nethran Ranjithkumar
St Elizabeth	Daniel Phillips	Naomii Mahadevan
St Joseph Vaz	Alice Doerr	Bohdana Chaikovska-Pitula
St Josephine	Edie Kearney	Maliyah Bowley
St Maximilian	Eira Ha	Milana Rvahuma Bihanzha
St Clare	Katie Delgado Restrepo	Sam Padilla
St Peter	Khushi Pardeshi	Anjeza Cerriku
St Kateri	Rocco Pudner	Teddy Currall
St Paul	Eliam Santiago Llanos Franco	Jihan Kim
St Andrew Kim	Ana-Maria Kester	Millie Cecchini

Maths Maestro		House	Points This Week	This Term
KS1	Janisha Patel	Air	4683	4683
LKS2	Olivia Park	Earth	5030	5055
UKS2	Daeun Jun	Fire	3381	3381
		Water	4372	4397

Winner of the Attendance Cup for Spring Term 2025

St Bernadette Class—96.36%

