

12th September 2025

Sacred Heart Herald



Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Word of the Week: Loyalty



KEY DATES NEXT WEEK

Sunday 14th September

Education Sunday.
Mrs Norville's Parish
Induction Mass
Y4/5/6 Choir Singing at
Sacred Heart Church, 10am
Mass.

Thursday 18th September 9am

Celebration of the Word led
by St Paul class.
Parents/carers welcome.

Friday 19th September

3:15 - Little Wandle reading
workshop for Reception
parents.

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who joined us for one of the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions today. It was lovely to see so many of you and we are grateful for your engagement in your child's learning. We know that the timings of these sessions are not suitable for everyone and so the slides will be available on the website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Secondary Transfer Meeting

Year 5 and 6 parents and carers are reminded that they are invited to a meeting next Monday 15th September at 6pm in the school hall to learn about the process of applying to Secondary School.

Mr Kelly, Headteacher at Ursuline High School, and Mr Laing, Headteacher at Wimbledon College, will join us at the beginning of the meeting to talk about their respective schools.

Mrs Norville will then talk through the application process for all schools, including faith, non-faith, selective and independent schools. This is particularly important for Year 6 parents and carers, but year 5 are also welcome to attend to get their heads around the process before they apply next year.

Parents' Forum

Parents and carers are the first educators of their children and the people who know them best. They are an essential part of the team in helping school to deliver the best possible outcomes for each child. With this in mind, Mrs Norville will be establishing a Parents' Forum this year.

The Parents' Forum is a way to inform parents about why schools do things in the way they do, to share ideas and thoughts about how to move the school forward so that parents can give their input before the changes are implemented and to allow parents to ask questions about any topic relating to school. Parents' Forums have been incredibly useful in Mrs Norville's last two headships and she is hoping that Sacred Heart will also benefit from this initiative.

The first session will be held on **Monday 6th October at 6pm** in the school hall. The session is for parents and carers only. We will hold a session each half term and will try to rotate the day/time of the session so that more people have a chance to attend one. All parents and carers will be sent a survey prior to the session so that they know what is on the agenda and they will be able to share their views, even if they are unable to attend the session. If you have any questions, do please speak to Mrs Norville at the gate in the morning.

Uniform Checks

Thank you to all our families who have been working so hard to wear the correct uniform to school. Mrs Norville carried out checks this week and the biggest issue was uniform (particularly jumpers and cardigans) not being named. If you want your child's uniform to come home, you must name it clearly. In one class there were at least 8 jumpers of the identical size with no names. It is impossible for us to determine who owns what if it is not named. Please support us by naming uniform clearly. In this check we focused on items being named correctly. There will be a discussion about uniform at the Parents' Forum so please do share your views on what you think is working and what isn't. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Norville. The winning classes in each year group were:

Year 6 – St Andrew Kim

Year 5 – St Kateri

Year 4 – St Clare

Year 3 – St Josephine

Year 2 – St Elizabeth

Year 1 – St Oscar Romero

We are giving Reception and Nursery a little longer to settle in before checking their uniform. However, please remember that children in Early Years go outside every day and therefore, always need a coat.

Attendance and Punctuality

Coming to school every day and on time helps children get the most out of their learning. When children are present and punctual, they build good habits, stay on track with their work, and feel more connected with their friends and teachers.

Please see the images below which illustrates why every day counts.

**Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year.
The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.**

How do you measure up?

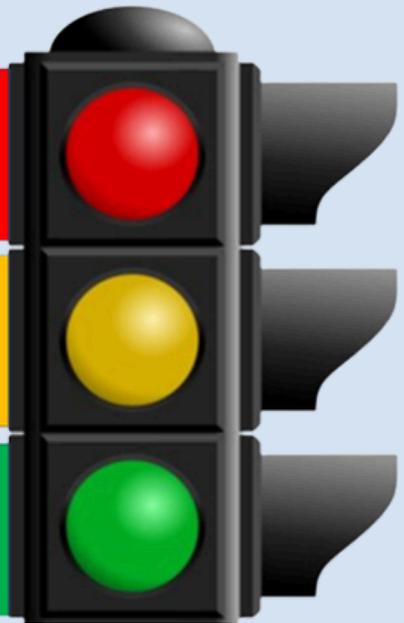
Being in school matters

Attendance	Days absent	Weeks absent	Lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

89% or below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent!



How Being Late Adds Up Over the School Year



LET'S CELEBRATE

Headteacher's Award

Early Years	Nyxie L	Key Stage 1	Martha D
Lower Key Stage 2	Aurelia P	Upper Key Stage 2	Sam P

Class	Star of the Week	Laureate
St Francis	Eileen H	Azzurra P T
St Bernadette	Kurt I	Vedya U
St Patrick	Joshua W	Aiden B
St Rose	Julia F	Owen N
St Oscar Romero	Sophia S	Skye B
St Elizabeth	Imogen G	Lechelle L
St Joseph Vaz	Nethran R	Amber V T
St Josephine	Nicole M	Luka K
St Maximilian	Alice D	Meghan T
St Peter	Damir L	River Pinn
St Clare	Alina S	Scarlett W
St Kateri	Benis A	Daniella K
St Paul	Noah F	Evie B
St Andrew Kim	Avaneesh Y	James R
St Teresa	Calais P	Minah K