

7th November 2025

Sacred Heart Herald



Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

Word of the Week: Saints



KEY DATES NEXT WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 10th November

Odd socks/funky tights
day

2pm - SEND Parent
Workshop -
What is an EHCP?

Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th November

Individual/sibling photos -
all children to be in full
winter uniform

Thursday 13th November

9am St Clare Class -
Celebration of the Word

Dear parents/carers

Outcome of Mobile Phone Survey

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who participated in the mobile phone survey. As a result of your input, we have decided on the following:

- From September 2026, children will not be permitted to bring a smart phone to school. If children in Year 6 walk to or from school without an adult, they may bring a 'brick' style phone. Year 6 children who currently have a smart phone may continue to bring it for the remainder of the academic year but the rules will change (see point below)
- For the remainder of this academic year, we will operate a '3 strike' rule with regard to mobile phones. Phones should be away as soon as children arrive at school and should remain out of sight for the entire day, including in clubs and the playground in the morning and afternoon. If mobile phones are seen by staff they will be confiscated until the child goes home (1st strike) and parents will be informed. If there is a repeat of this behaviour, the phone will be confiscated until a parent is able to come and collect it (2nd strike). If this happens again (3rd strike), the phone will be confiscated for a week.

There were some messages that have come through very clearly, both from the survey and from subsequent conversations. Sacred Heart children who walk to school alone are often seen 'glued' to their phone screen, paying little attention to road safety or potential for their phone to be stolen.

Many children with smart phones have access to age-inappropriate apps like WhatsApp and, whilst they are not using these in school, we have to manage the behavioural fall out of what has happened in the WhatsApp group the night before. We urge all parents to be very cautious about buying a smart phone for their child as the potential risks far outweigh the potential benefits.

Uniform Survey

Following on from the discussion at Parents' Forum, we have sent all families a survey about school uniform. You have until 28th November to complete this. The link to the survey can be found [here](#).

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Royal British Legion poppy appeal this year. Year 6 will be outside at the start of the day up to and including Tuesday 11th November for anyone who would like a poppy.



Odd Socks Day



Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. This traditionally starts with Odd Socks Day, an opportunity for us to celebrate our differences and show kindness to one another. Children are invited to wear odd socks / colourful tights with their school uniform on Monday 10th November. A separate email was sent out about bringing in unwanted odd socks (ideally light-coloured ones) to form part of a display. Please check the email for further details.

Year 5 & 6 Reading Records

Parents of children in Years 5 & 6 may have noticed that there is an additional question sheet in their child's reading record. These comprehension questions are to act as a useful prompt for parents when supporting their child's reading at home. Even fluent readers benefit from comprehension questions being asked. We ask year 5 & 6 parents to listen to their child read at least once a week and note down the numbers of the questions they asked them.

Emergency Contacts

It is good practice for school to hold two emergency contacts for each child. Please check your Arbor account to make sure information is up to date. We will be contacting families where only one contact is given to ask for an additional number. This could be a family member or trusted friend.

Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks

We have sent out the communication received from the NHS about the height and weight checks in Reception and Year 6. Parents should note that they are welcome to opt their child in or out of these checks. Use this link to access the NHS Parent Portal, where you can submit your preference: <https://mer008.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/3434/g/MH342>

From The PSA



Our beloved Christmas Fair is back



Friday 12th December

more information to follow very soon.

Upcoming events to keep a look out for:

Our very own Ladies Night 🍷👩👩 is happening on Sunday 7th December, keep an eye out for details and tickets going on SALE very soon, tickets will be limited so don't miss out!!

LET'S CELEBRATE

Headteacher's Award

Early Years	Lucas M	Key Stage 1	Ana Sofia A
Lower Key Stage 2	Rayne K	Upper Key Stage 2	Albie G

Class	Star of the Week	Laureate
St Francis	Omari S	Yebom S
St Bernadette	Lara A	Finn McM
St Patrick	Keava W	Nicolas A B
St Rose	Vishva U	Adelia C M
St Oscar Romero	Artem K	Emily F
St Elizabeth	Issam E B Y	Marnie W
St Joseph Vaz	Sasha P	Annie T
St Josephine	Elisa C M	Sarah J
St Maximilian	Betina S M	Bohdi H
St Clare	Adam T	Harper J
St Peter	River P	Eira H
St Kateri	Luana d C A	Anjeza C
St Paul	Anthony T	Ciaran D
St Andrew Kim	Lucy C	Ivy Armitage
St Teresa	William K	Amora S