

5th December 2025

Sacred Heart Herald



Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Word of the Week: Advent

Reception & Year 1 Art Club with the Christmas stockings they made this term.



KEY DATES NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 9th December

Year 3 - Egyptian Day

9:30am - KS1 Nativity
(ticketed event)

2:15pm - KS1 Nativity
(ticketed event)

Thursday 11th December

9am - Celebration of the
word - St Josephine, all
welcome

Friday 12th December

9:30am - EYFS Nativity
(ticketed event)

2:30PM - EYFS Nativity
(ticketed event)

Drainage Fund Update

Thank you all for your understanding and patience this week whilst we have had contractors on site. They have been carrying out a survey of our drains, which is step one in understanding the underlying (literally!) problems with our drains so that work can then be planned to solve the problems we are having. We hope that the surveys will finish this week. 66 families (29% of our school) have contributed £5,000 towards the £9,000 we need for this project. To get more than half the total required from less than 1/3 of the families is incredible! Thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet donated, please do consider doing so. There is no time limit on this – a donation after Christmas or when finances are a little easier would be equally welcome.

Reverse Advent Calendar

We are still accepting donations for our 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. Your kind gifts will make up hampers to give to families within our school to make sure that everyone can celebrate the festive season with a celebratory meal. There is a trolley in the entrance hall for your donations.

Christmas Fair

The excitement is building about the Christmas Fair, particularly amongst the children. Santa will be visiting the Fair this year but please be aware that he is a very busy man and can only visit from 3.30-5.30pm. Tickets need to be purchased in advance: [Click here to book](#)

Message from Mrs Norville

It has been lovely to see the school sparkle and glow at the start of Advent, on our journey towards Christmas. There is so much to look forward to, starting with the Key Stage Two Carol Service this evening. I need to give my apologies as next Thursday and Friday I have to attend a family funeral and will not be in school. I am very sad to be missing the Early Years Nativity and the Christmas Fair. I am sure they will both be a huge success.

Feedback from Parents' Forum

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the Forum this morning, as well as those who completed the form online. Minutes of the meeting will be sent next week, but here are some key highlights:

- Homework was widely discussed. There are mixed opinions among parents. It was agreed that reading, spelling learning and times table learning is important and should remain for everyone. The view of those present at the meeting was that optional homework, in a paper based form (eg CGP homework books) rather than screen-based, would be a good move. A separate survey will be sent about this.
- Food in school was discussed. The contract for catering in Merton is currently out to tender and we will have opportunities to discuss this more once the contract has been awarded.
- After Christmas, the school will be closely monitoring the snacks that children bring in for morning break. At the moment there are a lot of high sugar, high salt, high fat snacks coming in that are not in keeping with our policy. Children may bring in either a whole or cut up piece of fruit or vegetable.
- Communication was discussed. We will send dates out to parents as soon as they are agreed. We will reinstate the 'Class of the Week' to the newsletter but this will be shorter and with photos that don't show children's faces. We will continue to schedule school emails to arrive at 6pm.
- At the meeting, Mrs Norville shared thoughts on what the playground may eventually look like if PSA fundraising continues to support the project.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help at the Fair. It cannot run without your help. All money raised at the Fair goes directly to providing a better learning experience for every single child at Sacred Heart, so it is in everyone's interest to help out. There is a prize to be won if you volunteer to help!

From The PSA

Next PSA Meeting - Christmas Fair All Hands on Monday 8th December @ 8pm; all are invited
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86893258404?pwd=1bT4EiLGWSVZx7lTSZvh8J7XP5MbeE.1>

🎄 **Christmas Fair - Next Friday 12th 3:30pm - 5:30pm!** 🎄

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

To make the event a success, we kindly ask all families to sign up for a volunteer slot. The fair simply can't run without your support.

In addition to supporting your class stall, we urgently need volunteers for set-up, clear-up, and the bar. Every pair of hands makes a difference!

🌟 **Special Volunteer Prize Draw!**

Mrs Norville is offering a fantastic incentive:

- All classes with fully signed-up volunteer lists by 6pm on Monday 8th December will be entered into a prize draw.

[Festive Bar & Food – Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

- Every individual who signs up for set-up, clear-up, or the bar will also be entered.

🎁 **Prize:** A chance for your child's class to win an extra 10 minutes of playtime and an own clothes day!

🎅 **Santa's Grotto:** Don't forget to book your Santa's Grotto tickets—some slots are already fully booked, and his diary is sure to fill up quick at this time of year. 1 ticket per child, must be purchased in advance: [Click here to book](#)

FROM THE DESK OF
SANTA CLAUS
DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

WE KNOW OUR PUPILS HAVEN'T BEEN PERFECTLY ANGELIC EVERY MOMENT THIS YEAR... BUT WE ALSO KNOW THEY ARE GOOD KIDS AT HEART. WHEN IT REALLY MATTERED, THEY'VE SHOWN THAT THEY TRY TO BE SAFE, KIND, MAKE GOOD CHOICES, AND DO THEIR BEST – AND SANTA HAS DEFINITELY TAKEN NOTICE!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL HAS DECIDED THEY'RE WORTH A VISIT...

SANTA IS COMING TO SCHOOL!

TICKETS: JUST £5!
AND HERE'S WHAT YOUR LITTLE ONE GETS:
🎁 A FESTIVE GIFT TO TAKE HOME
🗨️ A 1-TO-1 CHAT WITH SANTA IN HIS MAGICAL GROTTTO

DON'T MISS OUT – SANTA'S DIARY IS FILLS UP FAST AT THIS TIME OF YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO BRING A LITTLE CHRISTMAS MAGIC TO SCHOOL.

WARM WISHES,
THE PSA & SACRED HEART ELVES

📄 Raffle Tickets & 🌳 Money Tree Envelopes – DEADLINE WEDNESDAY DROP OFF

Money Tree Envelopes: Please return to the school office or hand to your class teacher by Wednesday morning with a small amount of change inside – whatever you can spare. This is a hugely popular and very fun lucky dip style of stall; will it be chocolate or cash, and how much will your child win if it's cash. Please do not put a name on the envelope.

Sacred Heart PSA

Christmas Raffle

Prizes Include

- Luxury Afternoon Tea for 4 @ St Ermin's Hotel
- 2x Tickets: Strictly Come Dancing Live @ O2
- 3-course lunch for 2 @ The Beaumont, Mayfair
- £300 Hamper of Trinny London Products

Incredible Family Days Out:

- RIVER CLUB
- RHS Garden Wisley
- David Lloyd Clubs
- ALL ROUND LAWN TENNIS & SPORTS CLUB
- BOCKETTS FARM PARK
- BROOKLANDS MUSEUM
- PLAYROOMS

Generous vouchers & hampers:

- PUSS IN BOOTS
- elys
- PHYSIO
- STRONG BODY COACH
- BABYLON
- TI
- Siegler's Dance
- gardenia
- #Entertainer
- PEPE & TETE
- MAC
- WACKY KINGDOM
- DIPIK HOLISTIC THERAPY
- THE PILATES CLUB
- L'AMI JAC
- prologue
- Love Queen
- LAITHWAITES WINE

Scan to buy Tickets - £1 each

Draw date: 12/12/2025 @5:00pm (closes at 4:30pm)

Open to ages 16+ only - please play responsibly

Society: Sacred Heart PSA
Registered with LB Merton
<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/sacred-heart-psa-christmas-raffle-2025>

Raffle Tickets: Physical tickets and cash must be returned to the school office by Wednesday morning, no later, in an envelope or similar which keeps them together.

- Please ensure the raffle tickets and raffle money are kept together and not mixed with Money Tree donations.
- Any ticket returned without clearly corresponding cash will not be counted.
- These tickets will be uploaded to the online platform for the draw—a big task, so please stick to the deadline!
- Please continue to share the online raffle link far and wide –we've had buyers from Bristol, Brighton, across London, and even outside the UK! The prizes are fantastic this year; thank you to our incredible community for securing them.

If any other parents involved in businesses that would like to contribute a prize, please contact the PSA. It's not too late, and more prizes mean even more winners!

🧸 **Cuddle Corner; Adopt-A-Friend Stall – Soft Toy Collection:** We are still collecting soft toys for our Adopt a Stuffie stall run by Reception. Please drop off any clean, preloved teddies or soft toys at the school office. They'll be given a new home at the Christmas Fair – thank you for supporting this much-loved stall!

🍀 PSA Lottery Winner

Congratulations to Jennifer O'Reilly, this month's PSA Lottery winner!

Thank you to everyone who takes part—your support truly makes a difference.

LET'S CELEBRATE

Headteacher's Award

Early Years	Olivia S	Key Stage 1	Julia F
Lower Key Stage 2	Nia McM	Upper Key Stage 2	Bella-Rae S

Class	Star of the Week	Laureate
St Francis	Noah K	Joavan WB
St Bernadette	Elorm A	Maya R G
St Patrick	Daniel J	Rayne R
St Rose	Nivia D P	Kairo E
St Oscar Romero	Skye B	Emily L F
St Elizabeth	Isaac McF	Imogen G
St Joseph Vaz	Etlovea I	Jasmine S
St Josephine	Sebastian D	Tara D
St Maximilian	Dana T	Maite S M
St Clare	Maliyah B	Marco D C
St Peter	Sophie J	Mila G
St Kateri	Riccardo S F	Laila K
St Paul	Maria U	Connie J
St Andrew Kim	Teddy C	Rocco P
St Teresa	Calais P	Aaima O