

19th December 2025

# Sacred Heart Herald



Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Word of the Week: Christ



## KEY DATES

**Mon 5th January -**

INSET Day

**Tues 6th January -**

Spring Term Begins

9:00am The Feast of the Epiphany Mass led by St Teresa, all welcome

**Fri 9th January -**

Y4 Trip to the Polka Theatre

Click here to view [Parents' Calendar 2025-2026](#)

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

As we draw to the end of a very long and busy term, I would like to thank all our families for their wonderful support. There is much to celebrate this term and the children have outdone themselves with the beautiful Christmas performances this year. Thank you to our parents and carers for all you do to support our children and our school. A special thank you to our wonderful PSA for creating such a superb Christmas Fair for all our children last Friday. I know that Father Christmas also enjoyed his visit and had many Sacred Heart children on his 'nice' list! A final thank you for the very generous gifts that have been given to Sacred Heart staff for Christmas. These are never expected but are always very gratefully received. We hope that you all have a happy, blessed and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## Festive Panto

Thank you to the amazing Sacred Heart staff for being such good sports and putting on an impromptu pantomime for the children this morning. The children loved the story of Snow White being recreated by their teachers.

## Festive Fundraising

Well done and thank you to Yijoon (St Peter class) who used his amazing crafting talents to crochet little Santa hats. He sold these and has donated the profits to the PSA.

## Christmas Dinner

It was lovely to see the children enjoying their Christmas Dinner together on Wednesday, with all the staff serving up the food to the children. One comment that was repeated was how many children do not use a knife and fork correctly, choosing instead to stab their food and eat it like a 'lollipop'. If your child struggles to use a knife and fork, please help and support them with this at home. We will do the same in school.

## Christmas 2025 at Sacred Heart Church

All children are warmly invited to attend the Children's Christmas Crib Service at 3:30pm on Christmas Eve. All Christmas services and Masses are listed below.

### Wednesday 24 December

10.00am Holy Mass (of 24 December)

Christmas Eve  
Wednesday 24 December

3.30pm Children's Christmas  
Crib Service

There will be a rehearsal for the Crib Service from 10.45am to 12 noon on Tuesday 23 December for children aged 4+ who would like to be involved as actors and children aged 8+ wishing to read. Please contact Rachel Marshall at [rachel@marshallemail.net](mailto:rachel@marshallemail.net). Offers of help from parents are also most welcome.

5.00pm Vigil Mass

7.30pm Vigil Mass preceded by  
Carols from 7.10pm

Midnight Midnight Mass preceded by  
Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day  
Thursday 25 December

8.00am Mass of the Dawn

10.00am Mass of the Day

12 noon Mass of the Day

There are no evening Masses.

Friday 26 December  
St Stephen

10.00am Holy Mass (no evening Mass)

Saturday 27 December  
St John

10.00am Holy Mass

5.45pm – 6.15pm Confessions

6.00pm – 6.20pm Confessions

Sunday 28 December  
The Holy Family

Usual Sunday Mass schedule: 6.30pm  
(Saturday), 8.00am, 10.00am, 12 noon,  
5.00pm, and 8.00pm

Monday 29 – Wednesday 31 December

10.00am Holy Mass  
6.00pm – 6.20pm Confessions  
6.30pm Holy Mass

Thursday 1 January  
Mary, Mother of God

6.30pm (Wed) Holy Mass  
10.00am Holy Mass (no evening Mass)

Friday 2 January  
SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

10.00am Holy Mass  
6.00pm – 6.20pm Confessions  
6.30pm Holy Mass

Saturday 3 January

10.00am Holy Mass  
10.30am – 11.30am Confessions  
6.00pm – 6.20pm Confessions

**Reserved seats at the Vigil and Midnight Masses:** The front four rows of seats on the left-hand centre aisle of the church will be reserved for frail and elderly persons and wheelchairs, until 5 minutes before the Carols begin.

**Parking:** Additional car parking spaces will be available at Wimbledon College from 3.00pm on Wednesday 24 December until 2.00am on Thursday 25 December. The church car park's registration system will be deactivated from Wednesday 24 to Saturday 26 December inclusive, and on Wednesday 31 December and Thursday 1 January.

**Crib Offerings:** The Christmas Crib will be displayed in the St Ignatius Chapel. Please take care when lighting votive candles, especially around children. The Crib Offerings will be sent to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, earmarked for medical and humanitarian needs, via the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, of which Canon David is a Knight Commander. They will support humanitarian aid convoys, enable the provision of schooling and clinics, and help to rebuild communities devastated in the Holy Land. Aid will get to where it is most needed.

Sunday 4 January  
Second Sunday of Christmas

Usual Sunday Mass schedule: 6.30pm  
(Saturday), 8.00am, 10.00am, 12 noon,  
5.00pm, and 8.00pm

Monday 5 January

10.00am Holy Mass  
6.00pm – 6.20pm Confessions

Tuesday 6 January  
The Epiphany of the Lord

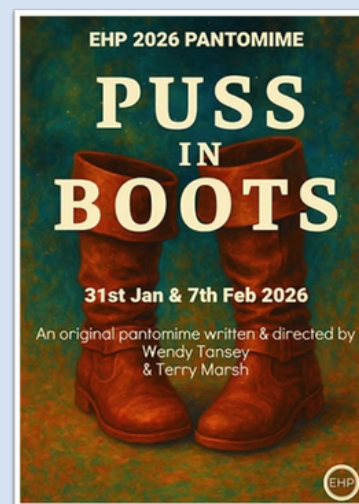
6.30pm (Mon) Holy Mass  
10.00am Holy Mass  
6.00pm – 6.20pm Confessions  
6.30pm Holy Mass  
8.00pm Holy Mass



## Edge Hill Players

The 2026 parish pantomime will be PUSS IN BOOTS!  
An original pantomime written & directed by Wendy Tansey and Terry Marsh. Choreographed by Lillie Rodger.  
Musical Director Bob Rathbone

[Click here](#) to get your tickets, but hurry they're selling fast!



## From The PSA

As we come to the end of term and prepare for Christmas, we want to say a big thank you to our Sacred Heart community



### 🌟 Thank You for a Wonderful Christmas Fair 🌟

Thank you for coming to the Christmas Fair and supporting it with such enthusiasm. It was a joyful afternoon and showed what we can achieve together.

A special highlight was the teacher-run grotto and all the elves. The giant elf, now named Adam, went home with Morgan – who was very happy!



It was also lovely to contact everyone who won raffle prizes.

Thank you for sharing the raffle with friends and family. All winners were delighted with their prizes.

### 👏 Thank You to Our Volunteers 👏

The Fair was only possible because of our volunteers. Thank you for giving your time. Whilst it's very hard for us to change the whole world, together, we can and do change our children's world. Our goal is to improve the playground, but it is also about more than equipment. It is about creating happy moments and strong memories that will stay with our children for life. When we work together, we make real changes to the place where they spend a huge part of their childhood. By getting involved, we also show our children that their actions matter – and that they can make a difference too.

### 🏆 Class Volunteer Competition Results 🏆 Well done to:

- Reception – winners of Own Clothes Day
- Nursery – winners of 10 extra minutes of playtime

## → Coming Up Next Term →

- Quiz Night
- Children's Fundraising Challenge
- Class Discos
- Easter Egg Hunt 🥚

🎁 **Support Our School by Shopping Local** 🎁 Many businesses at the Fair loved the warm welcome and strong sense of community. They have shared special offers for Sacred Heart families:

### 🎨 **Adri-Art Ltd (parent-run business): 15% of all sales to Sacred Heart PSA**

For quality arts & crafts, gifts and stocking fillers – please considering choosing Adri-Art instead of Amazon. Use this link to support the PSA:

👉 <https://www.adriartltd.com/?ref=SACREDHEARTPSA>

🦷 **Whitehouse Dental** – 10% off new patient check-ups

🎉 **Cuddle Crew Parties** – 10% off Build-a-Bear style parties

🎈 **PartyBox London** – 15% off first orders.

🍫 **A BIG Thank You to Prologue** 🍫 Prologue has donated £120 to the PSA through their 5% give-back scheme. All this while the Sacred Heart community also receives 10% off. This wonderful local business is run by Sam & Momo, who also volunteered at the Fair. They gave up time in their own café to run the hot chocolate stall and donated all the hot chocolate, milk and cream, helping us to also cater more easily for allergies.

They shared these words with us:

“We are deeply grateful for the kindness and support of our wonderful community.

To be part of something so positive and meaningful is a true privilege to us.

We are, in every sense, one family, and we are delighted to be part of the greater Sacred Heart family.

Thank you for walking this journey with us and for helping make a difference together 🍫❤️”

### 🛒 **Easyfundraising – Free Money for the School and Our Children** ❤️

Easyfundraising raises money for the PSA when you shop: It is completely free and can be set to work automatically.

You can now collect donations at the till in shops, not only online. Many of these shops are local and places many of us already visit several times a year - for instance Tesco, B&Q, all major supermarkets, John Lewis, M&S are currently offering 9%!!

### **Sacred Heart PSA Fundraising | Easyfundraising**

We currently have 46 supporters who have raised a total of close to £140 but we could make this go so much further as a community. It really is free money and it's for your children.

Please take 2 minutes and sign up now and once you've done the sign up it is effortless. When we all take part, the small amounts will quickly add up and schemes like this create funds for our school and children that we don't have to find from our own pockets. However, they will only make a meaningful difference if we all do our bit.

♻️ **Happy Bags Collection** ♻️ If you are clearing out at home at any point over Christmas or half term, please consider saving your bags for the Happy Bags collection on **3rd March**. The last collection raised almost £200. Let's beat it next time!

As shared at the parent forum, we're working really hard as a committee to secure more local business sponsorship and build on the great support we've had from Champion Timber over the years. We've had great engagement on our social media posts recently, with our collaborative posts on our raffle and fair reaching over 3000+ people. Things like this will be helpful to being able to secure more sponsorship. Please all follow our account if you're on Instagram, please also like, comment & share as you see fit. Every engagement helps us to be a more appealing community investment for CSR budgets that do exist. Please also remember to join our WhatsApp community group and splinter event volunteer groups.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Sacred Heart PSA Committ

# LET'S CELEBRATE

## Headteacher's Award

Early Years	Gia N	Key Stage 1	Sophia S
Lower Key Stage 2	Aurelia P	Upper Key Stage 2	Finn B

Class	Star of the Week	Maths Champ
St Francis	Eliana T	Ethan C
St Bernadette	Oscar C	Kurt I
St Patrick	Arlo R	Elizabeth R
St Rose	Nandana R	Chanyang C-P
St Oscar Romero	Grace M	Samuel T
St Elizabeth	Arlo P	Amaya H
St Joseph Vaz	Annie T	Etlovea I
St Josephine	Eimear E	Coco R
St Maximilian	Robert H	Rayne K
St Clare	Adriana G F	Erin L
St Peter	Nathan A	Mila G
St Kateri	Safaa U	Jayden P
St Paul	Olivia B	Sam P
St Andrew Kim	Freddie J	Gaia S
St Teresa	Oscar E	Sofia K-P