

23rd January 2026

Sacred Heart Herald



Gospel: John 1:29-34

Word of the Week: Witness



KEY DATES

Wed 28th Jan - Reception & Y6 Height & Weight Checks, School Nursing Service

Thurs 29th Jan - Class Celebration of the Word, St Peter Y4

Tues 3rd Feb - Years 1 and 2 Trip to RHS Garden Wisley

Thurs 5th Feb - Class Celebration of the Word, St Maximillian Y3

Thurs 12th Feb - Class Celebration of the Word, Joint Y1

Thursday 12th Feb - Year 3 Healthy Eating Workshop

Fri 13th Feb - Class Discos (PM)

16th - 20th Feb - School closed for Half-Term

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

Revised Behaviour Policy

We are currently in the process of reviewing our school behaviour policy. You may notice that there are some changes that we are trialling in school to see if they work as part of this policy review. For example, every two weeks, the children are set a 'secret mission'. This fortnight, they are working on how they line up in the playground. Adults in school keep a tally of which class is spotted completing their mission most often and there will be extra playtime for the class who does the best at the end of the two weeks.

We now have a Senior Leader on duty each lunchtime. This is to both support the children with making good behaviour choices but also to allow children who have not made the right choices to miss some of their playtime to reflect on what went wrong and how this could be improved next time.

Since the first time I visited Sacred Heart, I have been struck by how well behaved the children are for the vast majority of the time. As with everything in life, there are always things that can be improved a bit, and this is what we are looking at with the new policy. We want to make sure that we are rewarding the children who are making good choices. We will share the updates to the policy at the next Parents Forum (see page 2).

Parents Forum

The next Parents Forum session will take place on Saturday 7th March at 10am in the Music Room. All parents are welcome to attend. It is not appropriate for children to attend this session. A questionnaire will be sent out in the coming weeks so that parents can comment on items on the agenda.

First Holy Communion

It is wonderful that many of our children are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion this year. Mrs Norville's previous school has a large collection of First Holy Communion dresses that are available for families to borrow. Families may prefer to do this due to affordability, or to help the environment and recycle clothing rather than buying a dress for just one day.

If you would like to find out more about borrowing a dress, please speak to Mrs Norville or email head@sacredheart.merton.sch.uk (As it was a girls' school, there are only dresses available. If there are any parents of boys who need assistance with sourcing clothes for their child, please do also speak to Mrs Norville.)

PSA Coffee Morning

A big thank you to the PSA for organising this morning's get together at Prologue. It was a lovely opportunity to catch up with each other, share ideas and feedback, all whilst enjoying the best coffee in New Malden.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium funding is provided to schools by the Government where the parent is eligible. This funding is worth around £90,000 per year to our school and information on how this is allocated is available on our website.

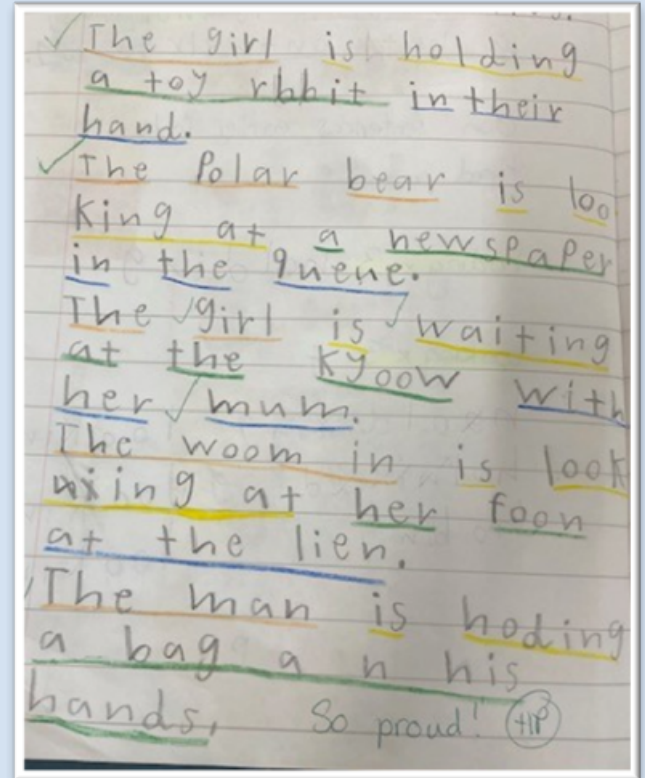
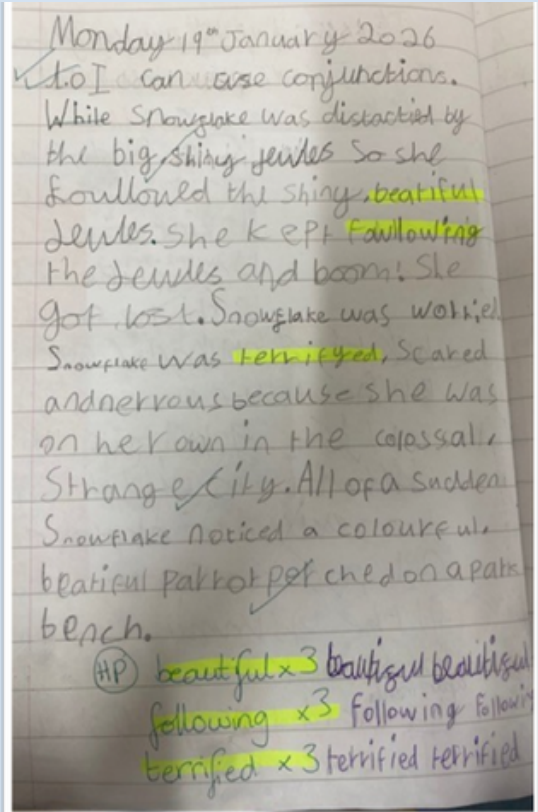
We are asking all parents and guardians to check their eligibility for Pupil Premium (if they have not already done so). By signing up to the scheme, Sacred Heart could receive additional funding from the Department for Education. In addition your child will always receive free nutritious meals at school, which research has shown, links to educational attainment. and a free teacher-led club each term. You will also be able to access the HAF (Holiday activities and food) programme which provides free activities and lunch through the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays.

Even if you do not think you are entitled, we ask you to please check your eligibility. If you complete your details once, we will be able to request ongoing checks and, should you become entitled in the future, the school will be able to access Pupil Premium funding as quickly as possible.

Please use this link <https://fsmnew.lgfl.net/app> to complete the eligibility checker online. Choose Merton under local authority and you will be able to select Sacred Heart. You will need to enter your contact details and National Insurance number.

This Week in St Elizabeth Class

In English, we have been exploring the book *Lost* by Mariajo Ilustrajo. It's all about a polar bear that gets lost in the big city and a little girl helps him find his way home. We have been writing our own stories about pets that get lost, really working hard on our use of expanded noun phrases and similes. Some of us have also been using colourful semantics to practise our sentence composition! We hope you will enjoy reading some of our work – Miss Rodger certainly did!



Pupil Voice

"I enjoyed writing about my own lost pet – it was really fun!" – Mattia

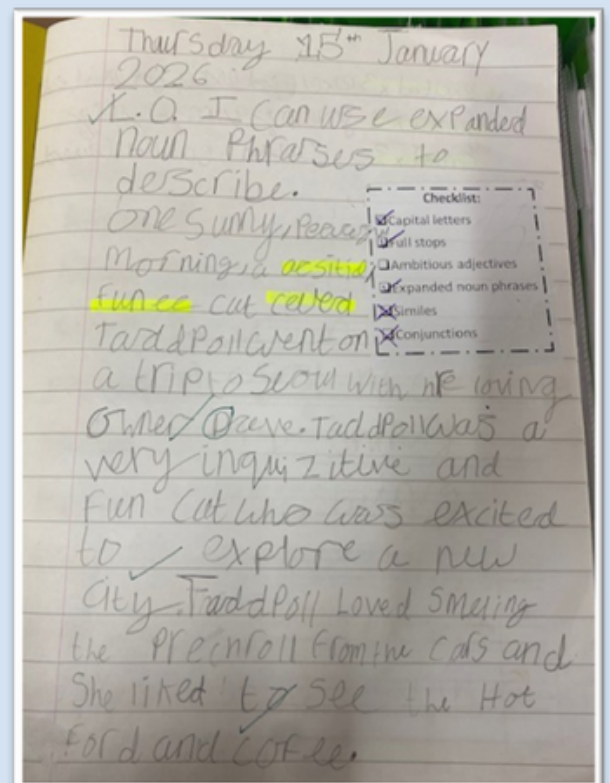
"My mum is as rude as a witch – just kidding, it's just an example of a simile!" – Melisa

"We enjoyed thinking of silly similes about Miss Rodger. For example, Miss Rodger is as slow as a snail!" – Giselle

"I learned how to write similes using the words 'as' or 'like' to compare two things!" – Isaac

"I enjoyed writing a happy ending where my lost pet found it's owner." – Harry

We have been challenging ourselves to use improved vocabulary such as enormous, generous, colossal, claustrophobic, energetic, multi-coloured and bustling.



From The PSA

Reminders

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming events:

- Class Discos (with a new PSA Class Parties twist!) – 13.02.26
- Quiz Night – 27.02.26
- Easter Egg Hunt – 27.03.26
- Mini Marathon Run – 26.04.26
- End the school year with a bang... Summer Fair – 27.06.26

Calling All Budding Quiz Masters 🎤

We are looking for a quiz master / MC to host our upcoming Quiz night that we all know & love on the 27th February.



The role will involve hosting the quiz, keeping the audience engaged while reading out the question and creating a fun, engaging atmosphere for parents, teachers & guests. If you are interested, or can recommend someone that wants to show off their hosting skills, please contact the PSA team directly to discuss.

PSA Public Committee Online Meetings

Once a month we will hold a public call where everyone who would like to contribute, volunteer or has any ideas/suggestions is welcome to join us and share. Closer to the call we will publish the call agenda and what needs to be discussed based on what events are coming up. These calls will run on the first Thursday of the month at 8pm. Please add this to your diary,

MONTHLY PSA Public Committee Meetings 🇬🇧

Thursday, 5 February · 8:00 – 9:00pm
Time zone: Europe/London

Google Meet joining info:
[Video call Link](#)

Thank you for supporting our school community as always.

PSA Committee Team

LET'S CELEBRATE

Headteacher's Award

Early Years	Hadi E B Y	Key Stage 1	Maggie S
Lower Key Stage 2	Meghan T	Upper Key Stage 2	Oscar E

Class	Star of the Week	Maths Champ
St Francis	Yebom S	Elora G
St Bernadette	Eleanor R-S	Oliver O
St Patrick	Roella G	Ollie G
St Rose	Diyon H K	Eyllish T
St Oscar Romero	Grace M	Lara G F
St Elizabeth	Athena Y	Ka On B
St Joseph Vaz	Evie K	Jasmin S
St Josephine	AJ M	Nicole M
St Maximilian	Stephen G	Betina S M
St Clare	Siwoo K	Edie K
St Peter	Anna S	Mila G
St Kateri	Archagan G	Henry B
St Paul	Jessica B	Jemima J
St Andrew Kim	Olaf G	Jaishnav Y
St Teresa	Aarujan J	Aaima O