

17th April 2026

Sacred Heart
Catholic Primary School



Learning in Love

Sacred Heart Herald

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Word of the Week: Peace



KEY DATES

Tues 21 st April –
St Oscar Romero Trip to
Pizza Express

Wed 22nd April –
Earth Day

9:15am SEND Coffee
Morning – Social,
Emotional and Mental
Health

Thurs 23rd April –
St George's Day
Class Celebration of the
Word St Joseph Vaz Y2

Fri 24th April –
Nursery trip to fire station

**Wed 29th April – Fri
1st May** –
Y5 Residential – Thames
Young Mariners

Thurs 30th April –
Class Celebration of the
Word St Clare Y4

[Parents' Calendar
2025-2026](#)

Special start of term Mass

It was wonderful to welcome Bishop Gerard to Sacred Heart on Thursday to celebrate Mass with us at the start of the Summer term. Thank you to all those who were involved in preparing for this, including St Kateri class, our servers, the choir, Mrs Roger, Miss Sun, Mr Bush and Mrs Heffron.

Summer Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children back at school this week and proudly wearing their summer uniform. Please remember the options are as follows:

- Checked or striped summer dress.
- Red polo shirt (with or without school logo) and grey shorts or trousers.

For children in **year 5 and 6 only** there is also the option of:

- Red polo shirt (with or without school logo) and navy skirt.

Playing before and after school

Please can all parents and carers remember that they are responsible for supervising their child(ren) if they are playing in the playground before or after school. It is not appropriate for children to play in the Nursery and Reception outdoor area before or after school – this is part of their learning space and needs to be either set up or cleared away ready for the next day. Please make sure you keep this area clear. Thank you.

Staffing News

Miss Forbes has been given a sabbatical for the Autumn and Spring terms next academic year. She will return to Sacred Heart after Easter in 2027. We are hugely grateful to Miss Forbes and the wonderful work she does in the office and look forward to her returning to us after her travels.

PSA Equipment

Thank you to the PSA for funding the new equipment that is starting to be installed in the playground. The children in Year 5 and 6 have loved playing with the new game.

PSA Cookbook

We are still looking for recipes for the PSA cookbook. A paper copy of the entry form will be sent home next week for those who prefer. It would be lovely to get together a book of our family recipes to share.



Easter Mass

Yesterday, St Kateri Class led us in a very special Easter Mass with the theme of joy, celebrated by Bishop Gerard and Canon David.

Bishop Gerard invited us to reflect on the Easter themes of joy, hope, peace, and forgiveness. He encouraged us to proclaim, "Jesus is Risen! Truly He has risen!" The choir sang Dona Nobis Pacem (which means "grant us peace") for the Communion reflection. After the Mass, he commented that we read, sang, served, and prayed beautifully.

We felt honoured and very lucky to be chosen to serve Bishop Gerard during this special Mass, and we felt that we grew closer to God through this experience. We also felt truly blessed to serve him and to witness a Mass led by him in our school.

Afterwards, we took Bishop Gerard on a tour of the school. We were able to tell him all about how we apply Catholic Social Teaching principles in our lives and work, as well as how much we enjoy the Mark 10 Mission on Wednesdays. We showed him the Prayer Garden and shared about the Rosary Club and Lenten Prayer Club.

He was very kind and caring, and he showed a genuine interest in hearing all about us and our school.

Bella Rae, Kristoff, Sam and Finn

This Week in St Peter Class

This week, we have been busy exploring a range of exciting topics across the curriculum.

In English, we have been reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and immersing ourselves in the magical world of Willy Wonka. The children have been using a variety of exciting and descriptive adjectives to bring the factory to life, showing great creativity in their writing.

In RE, we focused on the story of Jesus' resurrection. The children created thoughtful pieces of artwork, exploring key signs and symbols and discussing their meanings. It was wonderful to see their interpretations and understanding reflected in their work.

We have also begun our new Wimbledon Tennis topic. As part of this, in DT the children took part in a fun and engaging tasting activity, where they sampled different types of scones. They carefully evaluated each one based on its appearance, taste, and smell, developing their skills in observation and discussion.

Maxi: "It was fun, and scrumptiously amazing since we got to try different scones."

Anna: "It was really interesting to find out about the different tastes of scones."

Nathan: "In our DT lesson, we tasted different scones and they tasted great."

George: "I am looking forward to making our own scones. I love playing tennis and I am excited about Wimbledon".

It has been a fantastic week of learning, and we are very proud of all the children's hard work.

Save the date – International Day & Festival Friday 15th May

We are very excited to announce the return of International Day on Friday 15th May! All children will take part in activities during the school day to celebrate the variety of countries and cultures within our school community. The day will culminate in an International Festival after school in the playground with music, food tasting and special performances.

More details to follow next week.



From The PSA

Welcome back! We've got an exciting term ahead, packed with fun events, fundraising and ways to support our school community.

Thanks to your incredible support, the PSA has funded new playground equipment, with more arriving before half term. The new ball hoop game in the back playground is already proving a big hit. These additions give children more to enjoy now, while we continue fundraising for the larger playground improvements needed after the drainage works are complete.

TCS Mini-Marathon in Schools - Sunday 26th April 10:30am - 1:00pm

To celebrate the London Marathon, we're hosting our own official TCS Mini-Marathon in Schools at Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields. Children, families and friends are invited to walk, run, scoot or wheel 2.6 miles (4 laps for older children, 2 laps for younger years).

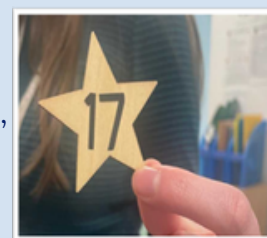
- This is a free community event, and everyone is welcome to participate and support.
- Children are encouraged to fundraise if they'd like to, either through our Sacred Heart JustGiving team page or they can create their own linked page:
https://www.justgiving.com/team/sacredheartminimarathon2026?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL
- For anyone preferring a non-digital fundraising or to collect cash sponsorship, you will have received an emailed fundraising form that can be printed at home and or collected from the school office.
- Please book a start slot via PTA Events:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sacredheartpsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=115974> you'll still be very welcome to come along any time if your plans change.
- Sean McInnes Sports Coaching will lead energetic warm-ups and cheer everyone on so it will be worthwhile being there at the start of a slot.
- Expect a brilliant morning: egg & bacon rolls, tea, coffee, snacks, crazy golf, The Hut open early, litter pick equipment available, and plenty of community spirit. Bring a picnic and stay after if the weather is kind.

Sacred Heart Recipe Book:

We love the enthusiasm for our recipe book idea – now we need the recipes. Please send in your family favourites for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks, bakes, lunchboxes or drinks using the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/GNtPsc7wzfweHRwT7>

PSA Lottery:

Congratulations to March winner Hannah McManus! Numbers are just £10 each, and recent prize pots have more than covered the yearly cost of entry. If you'd like to participate, please contact the PSA.



Summer Fair - 27th June: Planning has begun and we need your help. We're looking for sponsors, stallholders, raffle prizes, an MC, performers and great ideas. If you can help in any way, please get in touch. We'll also be arranging a PSA get-together this half term to plan ahead for summer and next year.

Uniform Donations: We are now accepting donations of clean, good-quality uniform – no stains, no missing buttons, ready to be proudly reused.

Thank you for supporting the PSA and helping make great things happen for our children.

LET'S CELEBRATE

Headteacher's Award

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| Early Years | Keava W | Key Stage 1 | Giselle G |
| Lower Key Stage 2 | Lindsey B | Upper Key Stage 2 | Scarlett H |

| Class | Star of the Week | Laureate |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| St Francis | Robyn | Olivia S |
| St Bernadette | Finley E | Riyan R |
| St Patrick | Aysia J | Aiden B |
| St Rose | Julia F | Diyon H K |
| St Oscar Romero | Jayden P | Anton C |
| St Elizabeth | Lechelle L | Toby B |
| St Joseph Vaz | Sasha P | Giselle B O A |
| St Josephine | Nitika S | Vaisharlie J |
| St Maximilian | Rayne K | Robert H |
| St Clare | Erin L | Alex Z |
| St Peter | Petar S U | Mila R B |
| St Kateri | Isabelle S | Riccardo S F |
| St Paul | Noah F | Kace P |
| St Andrew Kim | Michael McF | Isla F |
| St Teresa | Aaima O | Noah S |