

4th September 2026

Sacred Heart Herald



Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Word of the Week: Selfless



KEY DATES

Thur 10th Sep - 9am

Celebration of the
Word - St Andrew Kim

Friday 11th Sep

Meet the Teacher in
Classrooms
9am & 2:45pm

Mon 14th Sep - 6pm

Secondary Transfer
meeting for parents
in the hall

Thur 17th Sep - 9am

Celebration of the
Word - St Peter

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to a new school year at Sacred Heart. We have been particularly impressed with all our new starters, especially in Reception and Nursery, who have come in with huge smiles and great confidence.

It has also been lovely to welcome Miss Nobrega as a new teacher at Sacred Heart. She will be working across a number of classes in the school. We also welcome Mrs Mirna and Miss Turner to St Mary class. We also formally welcome Miss Barker and Miss Mason who, whilst they were with us as students last year, are now back as teachers.

Thank you to our amazing staff team who have worked so hard over the summer holidays to get the classrooms and grounds ready for the children to start. I would especially like to thank Mr Daws, Mrs Pringle, Mrs Bastian and Mrs Minns who spent many hours getting St Mary classroom ready for the children to start.

As you will notice, there is a great deal that has been done over the summer. The new outside areas for Early Years (St Bernadette, St Patrick, St Francis and St Mary) have been completed and look fantastic. This week parents have been able to go into these areas with their children at the beginning and end of the day but, from Monday, we will ask parents to wait outside the gates. Children should not be playing in these areas before and after school.

The drainage work, whilst much less glamorous than the play spaces, is finished, but there is some snagging work that needs to be completed. The quality of the tarmac has already been spotted by some parents. Please be reassured that this is not the finished surface! The contractors unfortunately ran out of time at the end of the holidays and the priority was to fill the large hole in the playground ready for school to open.

The PSA are committed to a new trim trail for the front playground, to replace the old one that had to be removed, and we hope that this will be done over October half term.

Secondary Transfer Meeting – year 5 and 6 parents

We will be holding a meeting for parents on Monday 14th September at 6pm to talk through the process of applying to Secondary School. **We strongly advise Year 6 parents to attend this meeting** if they have never done this application before, or if they have not done it for a few years. Last year we had children who did not have a place on offer day simply because the forms had not been completed correctly. At the meeting we will talk through exactly what you need to do. Parents of children in year 5 are welcome to attend if they would like to hear about the process in advance of their application next year.

Medication in School

If your child has a health condition which requires them to regularly keep medication in school, please can you ensure that you have sent this into school and it is in date. We are in the process of approving a new allergy policy and this will be shared with parents in due course.

Education Sunday

Sunday 13th September is Education Sunday. Sacred Heart families have been invited to attend the 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Some children will be asked to undertake ministries within the Mass. All families are welcome and children are encouraged to wear their school uniform so that the Parish can identify which children attend their Parish school. We look forward to welcoming families to Mass on 13th September.

Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children looking smart in their school uniform. Please can you remember the following points:

- Coloured trainers are fine for school but please do not send children in neon or flashing trainers
- Hair accessories should be small and be in school colours – red, navy or yellow
- Children who have hair long enough to touch their collar need to have it tied back
- Children are not permitted to wear jewellery other than a watch (smart watches that can take photos or record are **not permitted**) and small stud earrings. Hoops or dangling earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons

Thank you for your support with this.



The refurbishment of our new Early Years outdoor space which was made possible by DfE funding.



Before and after - the new St Mary (2 year old nursery class) outdoor play area.



Our new 2 year old provision St Mary led by Mrs Minns and her team is already full for this term.

If you're thinking of applying for a place in our nursery for 2027 please talk to us! Remember, we now offer 48 weeks of nursery for children aged 2 and over and we're open from 7.30am to 6pm daily.

♥ Meet the PSA!

A very warm welcome to all our new families, and welcome back to those who are already part of our school community!

You may have heard of the PSA (Parents, Staff & Friends Association), but we wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves and explain what we do.

The PSA is a group of parents, carers, staff and friends who work together to organise events and fundraising activities throughout the year. Our aim is simply to raise money that directly benefits our children and makes their time at school even more enjoyable 🎉

We're incredibly excited that one of our fundraising projects this year is helping to fund a brand-new trim trail for the playground, which we hope will be in place this term! 🏃🌳

Every cake sale, raffle, uniform sale, fair and event helps us make things like this possible. So, whether you volunteer, donate, attend an event or simply support us when you can we sincerely thank you! Every contribution really does make a difference. ❤️

☕ PSA Coffee Morning & AGM

We'd love to meet more of you, especially our new families!

Join us for a coffee morning on Friday 18th September straight after the school drop off ☕ Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will also take place during the coffee morning, so it's a great opportunity to find out more about the PSA, what we've been up to and what we have planned for the year ahead.

Everyone is welcome — come along, grab a coffee and say hello!

👕 Uniform Sale

Our next uniform sale will be held on:

- 📅 Monday 7th September at pick-up
- 📅 Friday 11th September at drop-off

And if your children have grown out of any good-quality uniform, please consider giving it a second life by donating it to the PSA for our uniform sales.



♻️ Happy Bags

Our Happy Bags fundraiser is coming up on **Wednesday 30th September** so keep hold of any good quality items you may have gathered over the summer holidays (we all know how quickly they grow in the holidays!)

More details will be shared soon on this!

Thank you for supporting the PSA and helping us make a difference to our school. We can't wait for another fantastic year together!

The PSA Team x

Headteacher's Award

Early Years	Kenji M	Key Stage 1	Roela G
Lower Key Stage 2	Elikem A	Upper Key Stage 2	Paulina N

Class	Star of the Week	Maths Champ
St Mary	Ben B G	Enzo L
St Francis	Elidh B	Lucie B
St Bernadette	Jack P	Omari S
St Patrick	Teddy G	Milo Y
St Oscar Romero	Monrae	Finn McM
St Rose	Ryan	Aysia
St Elizabeth	Ana Sofia A	Julia F
St Joseph Vaz	Grace M	Samuel T
St Josephine	Michael L	Evie K
St Maximilian	Emil H	Imogen G
St Clare	Naomii M	Vita S
St Peter	Stephen G	Alice D
St Kateri	Maxi H M	Hei-Yin K
St Paul	George D	Zachary L
St Andrew Kim	Anthony T	Kace P
St Teresa	Harry L	Jeevan V