



Friday 15th September - Newsletter 2 Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

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BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

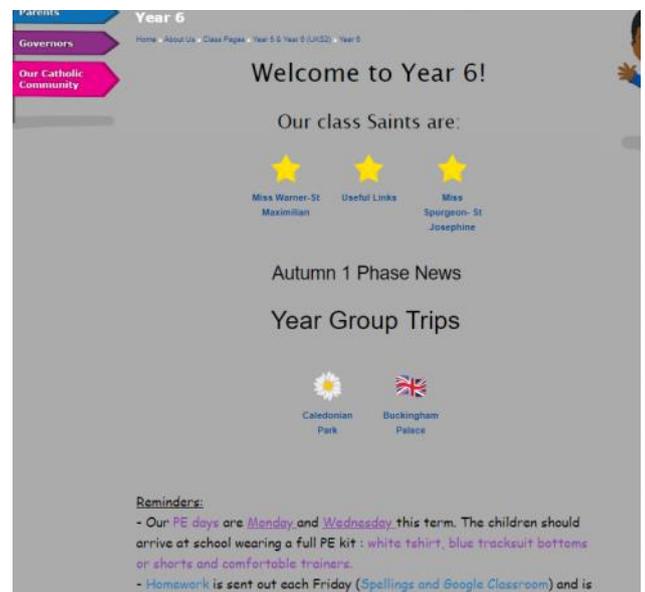
Children in Key Stage 2 attended Church yesterday for a special Mass to mark the beginning of the new school year. It was lovely to have the children gather together in Church with Fr. Spencer who led us in prayer for a positive school year. A special thank you to the children from St Maximilian class who read beautifully.



School Website

This year our website will be arranged a little differently. Each year group will have its own designated page, where weekly updates, in the form of phase news, will be uploaded to showcase what the children have been doing. On these year group pages, you might also find links to individual class pages, useful links and trip information/pictures. On each year group page, there will also be useful reminders, about PE days and homework.

Our school website address is:
www.sacredheart.islington.sch.uk



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER, MR. LANE

Children in Key Stage 2 attended Church yesterday for a special Mass to mark the beginning of the new school year. It was lovely to have the children gather together in Church with Fr. Spencer who led us in prayer for a positive school year. A special thank you to the children who read and sang so beautifully.

Last Sunday 10th September was Education Sunday which is a significant occasion in the calendar of the Church in England and Wales. Taking place at the start of the academic year, this day offers an opportunity for us to pray to Almighty God for all people involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless the work of the year ahead. We give thanks in prayer for all the staff in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities, and pray that our lives will be enlightened always by the truth which comes from the Eternal Word of God. We pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary - not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils - particularly children who started primary or secondary school these past two weeks as well as those students in higher education and vocational training.

We welcomed new pupils and families to our school this week. Some children in Nursery and Reception started school and I know the staff were very impressed with the way they have settled in already. We are looking forward to welcoming more children again next week. A special welcome also to children in Years 1-6 who have recently joined our school.

News from each class is included in this week's newsletter once again. You can read about the many things our children have been learning about since they returned last week. This news will feature weekly and also be uploaded to our school website meaning you can also access it from there. Nursery and Reception children are still settling in so we will find out what they have been learning in the coming weeks.

Last week, your child brought home a leaflet called 'Sacred Heart School Street' which explains the next steps following the consultation that took place earlier this year. The leaflet is included again this week on the next four pages of the newsletter. Further information about this is also available on Islington Council's website - www.islington.gov.uk/roads/people-friendly-streets/school-streets

The Rugby World Cup, which is being held in France this year, started last weekend. Twenty teams from all over the world are taking part and this is one of my favourite sporting events, so I look forward to some great matches. I will of course be cheering for Ireland and hope it is a great tournament.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr. Lane



Sacred Heart School Street

Next steps and traffic filter update



Dear residents, businesses and visitors,

We previously contacted you in July 2023 to update you on our plans to introduce a School Street outside Sacred Heart Primary School. We are continuing to progress with our plans to create a greener and healthier environment at the school gate.

Over the summer, we widened the pavement outside the school gate, introduced seating and cycle parking. Planting will be introduced in October.

As part of the next phase of works, we're now going to be introducing a traffic filter as an 18-month trial. This will help reduce traffic outside the school gate, and will make it easier for all to walk, wheel and cycle.

Introducing a trial traffic filter

Traffic filters are restrictions in the street to prevent motor vehicles cutting through local streets. They improve air quality and encourage safer walking, wheeling and cycling.

From Monday, 25 September we will enforce the trial traffic filter on the junction of Georges Road with Eden Grove.

The filter will apply at all times. All addresses in the area will remain accessible by vehicle following the implementation of the traffic filter. We are not making changes to the direction of traffic.

Non-exempt vehicles driving through the filter will be identified by camera and issued a penalty charge notice of £65.00. Cycles, emergency services and exempt vehicles will be permitted to pass through the filter.

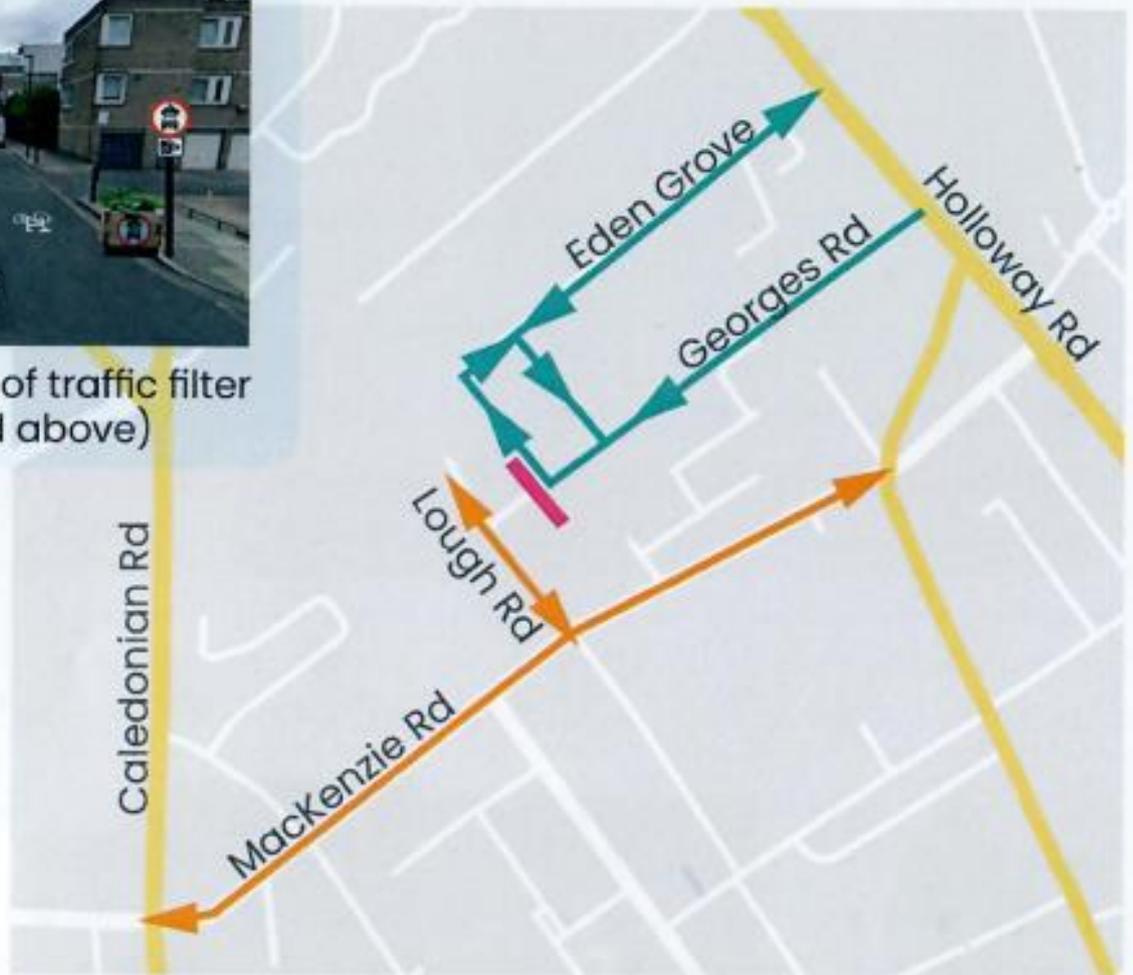
More information about the trial are on the next pages.

Blue Badge exemptions

Blue Badge holders living north of Mackenzie Road, to Caledonian Road to the west, Holloway Road to the east, and Hornsey Street to the north will be automatically exempt. You can email us at pfsbluebadge@islington.gov.uk if you are a Blue Badge holder in the defined area and have not received a letter notifying you of your exemption by Monday, 4 September.



— Location of traffic filter (pictured above)



Map showing new traffic filter and access to the area

The map shows the location of the trial traffic filter (pink line). Vehicles can access all addresses on Georges Road and Eden Grove from Holloway Road (blue lines). Vehicles will also be able to access all addresses on Lough Road and to drive to Piper Close and Watkinson Road via Lough Road (orange lines). However, vehicles will not be able to drive from Georges Road to MacKenzie Road via Lough Road or from Lough Road into Eden Grove. The filter will reduce through-traffic in the area, creating safer, quieter and cleaner streets around Sacred Heart Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Rowena Champion
Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Transport

Implementation by Experimental Traffic Order (ETO)

The traffic filter was introduced as an 18-month trial by an ETO. There is a six-month objection period from when the ETO came into force. A formal objection must be in writing and must state the grounds on which it is made. You can make an objection between 7 July 2023 and 6 January 2024 by email to environment@islington.gov.uk or by post to Environment, 1 Cottage Road, London, N7 8TP.

Please note that any formal objection submitted may become a public document and could be published.



Get in touch

To find out more about School Streets programme please visit:
www.islington.gov.uk/SchoolStreets

Do you need this information in another language or reading format such as Braille, large print, audio or Easy Read? Please contact us at SchoolStreets@islington.gov.uk or write to:
Environment, 1 Cottage Road, N7 8TP.

OUR 5 KEYS

Our 5 KEYS are part of our '3-5-7' school values, vision and ethos. The 5 KEYS are below. Each key links to an important aspect of school life and the children's successes with the 5 KEYS are celebrated regularly. You will see lots of information about our 5 KEYS this year on the school website, in the newsletter and at assemblies. Why not ask your child what they know about them? The 5 KEYS and their logos are:



CURIOSITY AND WONDER

BEING SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE





One child per class is awarded a VIP certificate in Friday's celebration assemblies, led by Mrs McCormick. They also get lunch on a specially decorated table with table service!

Child's Name	Key	Reason
Bailey St Francis	Hunger to Achieve	Bailey continuously upholds the three school rules; Ready, Respectful and Safe and is always so kind and helpful to both the adults and children in class.
Tilly St Brigid	Hunger to Achieve	Tilly has shown 'Hunger to Achieve' by demonstrating so much resilience this week and she has been very helpful in the classroom.
Enoch St Teresa	Hunger to Achieve	Enoch has shown 'Hunger to Achieve' by being an excellent role model in class and showing Ready, Respectful, Safe all week. Well done and keep it up!
Ethan King St John Paul	Hunger to Achieve	He has consistently shown Ready, Respectful Safe and has been a superb role model to his peers. Well done Ethan-King, keep up the good work!
Jotham St Bernadette	Hunger to Achieve	Jotham has used his great imagination to write a character description this week based on our book the 'BFG'. He has also worked very hard to practise his handwriting every morning.
Khalil St Martin	Safe and Responsible	Khalil has been an amazing role model this week to his peers, always showing Ready, Respectful and Safe. He has also shown fantastic engagement in our lessons. Keep up the great work!
Claudia St Catherine	Hunger to Achieve	Claudia has shown Hunger to Achieve this week in Maths, she demonstrated fantastic skills when rounding to the nearest 10! Keep it up!
Olivia St Elizabeth	Hunger to Achieve	This week Olivia has shown 'Ready' and 'Respectful' at all times in and around the school. She has set an excellent example to the other children with her choices during lessons. Well done Olivia!
Darrian St Benedict	Curiosity and Wonder	Darrian has settled into Year 5 brilliantly and has proved that changes can be the start of something wonderful. He has adapted well to Year 5 and to new class routines effortlessly. Well done, Darrian!
Makda St Faustian	Hunger to Achieve	Makda has demonstrated 'hunger to achieve' this week, she has maintained a consistent positive attitude and tries her best with all of her learning. She has challenged herself in all lessons, particularly in RE and writing where she provided insightful answers. Well done Makda!
Callum St Maximillian	Hunger to Achieve	Callum has consistently shown 'Hunger to Achieve' this week. Well done Callum for always showing Ready, Respectful, Safe and setting an excellent example to your class. Keep it up!
Melanie St Josephine	Hunger to Achieve	A big well done to Melanie who has demonstrated a 'Hunger to Achieve' this week. Melanie has been trying extra hard in Maths and has been trying her very best in all she does. Keep up the hard work!

PARENT/CARER INFORMATION MEETINGS

There will be information meetings for parents/carers with their children's class teachers over the next two weeks. At these meetings you will find out what your child will be learning this year and how we can work together to ensure the very best outcomes for your children. These meetings will start at 9:00 am. The dates of the meetings are as follows:



Year 6: Wednesday 20th September, 9:00-9:20 am (SMMA)

Year 5: Thursday 21st September, 9:00-9:20 am (SMMA)

Year 4: Monday 25th September, 9:00-9:20 am (Top Hall)

Year 3: Tuesday 26th September, 9:00-9:20 am (Top Hall)

Year 1: Wednesday 27th September, 9:00-9:20 am (Top Hall)

Year 2: Thursday 28th September, 9:00-9:20 am (Top Hall)

We look forward to seeing you there.

SOFT START

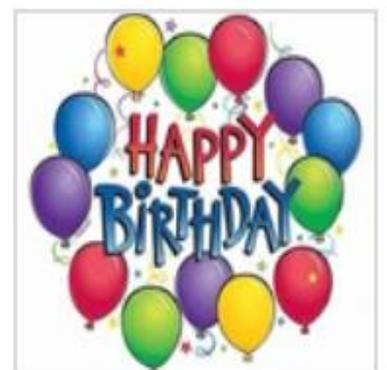
Remember that school starts at 9:00am and that children can arrive at school from 8:45am and go straight to their classrooms where members of staff will be there to help them prepare for the school day. The gates will be locked at 9:00am and children who arrive at school after this time will need to report to the front office and will be marked as late. Thank you for your continued co-operation.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following pupils a very happy birthday for next week:

Joshua (Y6), Zion (Y2), Chanell (Y3), Alai (Y5), Coral (Y2), Jaydon-Prince (Y5) and Eliza (Y2).



THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Parents/carers are emailed the Wednesday Word every week. Please take time to read it with your child(ren). There are some lovely activities which you can do with your child(ren) and also link in with your child's Religious Education lessons in schools and with the liturgical year.

A Weekly Gift to you and your family from your Catholic School

THE WORD **SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and to your family as we begin this new school year.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit.

God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others.

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community. Pope St John Paul II reminds us, "Forgiveness does not come naturally. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic."

See overleaf to enjoy a special time together this evening exploring your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FORGIVENESS**.

Dom Henry Wandrough

To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry

Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother?"

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 17th September 2023

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." Then Jesus told them this story: "There was a king with many servants. One of them owed the king an enormous amount of money. The servant could not pay so he begged for more time to pay his debt. The king felt so sorry for him that he let him go and even cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him a very small amount of money; but he would not give him time to pay and instead had him thrown into prison. When the news reached the king, he sent the unforgiving servant to prison. 'You wicked servant,' the king said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?' Then the king sent the unforgiving servant to prison to be punished."

Adapted from Matthew 18:21-35
The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

"May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about forgiveness" Pope Francis

THE WORD CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Good News for Families

The King, who Jesus speaks about in this Sunday's Gospel, gives us a glimpse of God's compassionate and forgiving nature. We are all part of God's family and, when knowing our faults, God is always ready to forgive us and to help us make a fresh start with him and with each other.

1 Our Special Time Together *Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf for labour for younger children*

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, how often must I forgive someone who does me wrong? Should it be as often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!" Then Jesus told them this story: "There was a king with many servants. One of the servants owed the king an enormous amount of money. The servant could not pay so he begged for more time to pay his debt. The king felt so sorry for him that he even cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him a very small amount of money; but he would not cancel the debt but instead had the poor servant arrested. When the news reached the king, he sent the unforgiving servant to prison to be punished."

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive someone? Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the Gospel picture make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ... FORGIVENESS

"Pray and forgive."
St Teresa of Calcutta

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that we must try to forgive others in the same way that we seek God's forgiveness. Ask your child what the word 'forgiveness' means to them. Has your child ever asked for and received forgiveness? How did it feel to be forgiven? It may help your child if you tell them about a time when you forgive someone, especially when it wasn't easy to do, or when you were forgiven.

3 Loving God & Each Other

"It is by forgiving that one is forgiven."
St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Forgiveness is one of God's greatest gifts to us. Each of you say how it feels to forgive someone and make friends again. As we start this new school year, ask your child if there is anyone whose forgiveness they would like. Is anyone they need to forgive? If so, share ideas about how to do this. Perhaps they can talk gently and bravely to that person if there is a problem; try to recognise some good qualities in that person; pray and ask God to help them forgive. You might like to end tonight by slowly saying the Lord's Prayer together - thinking carefully about the words (please see below).

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH
SMARTSEARCHES FIND THESE DIGIT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

PETER JESUS
HIGH GIFTEN
FORGIVE SOMEONE
DOES WRONG

SUPERSEARCHES FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **us** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.
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said to Jesus, "Lord, how _____ must I _____ someone who does me _____?"

Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

Giving or asking for forgiveness is a powerful way to build stronger relationships with others and with God. We can be certain that no matter how many times we need to forgive or to ask for forgiveness, God will always help us.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to _____

For more, see: wednesdayword.org and cbeesw.org.uk

Place2Be: Parenting Smart Course

Parenting Smart offers practical advice for parents and carers of children aged 5-11. All of the content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

www.parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk



Parenting Smart

We all want the best for our children, but



SECONDARY TRANSFER INFORMATION

For the next few weeks we will include information that we have been sent about secondary school open days.

The are mainly targeted at Year 6 parents/carers but Year 5 and 4 parent/carers might also be interested.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023-2024

This weekend, the parish will start the FHC enrolment process. If your child is 8-year-old or older, or he/she is in Year 3 or above, at school, your child qualifies to be enrolled in the First Communion programme. Application forms are available from this weekend at the back of the church. Please collect one. The deadline to submit the application is on Sunday 15th October.



SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING

We look forward to seeing Year 6 parents/carers at our secondary transfer meeting on Tuesday 26th September at 6:00pm. A letter has already been emailed to you so please check to see that you have received it. We look forward to seeing you there, it is really important you attend as important information will be shared with you.



EYFS Phase News



Nursery: St Anthony & St Nicholas:

This week in Nursery we welcomed back some children who were with us last year and have started to welcome the children who are new to our school. We will welcome the rest of the new children over the next two weeks. The children are enjoying exploring the Nursery environment, are starting to become familiar with the daily routines and are particularly enjoying story times.



Reception: St Peter:

This week we have been settling in and exploring our new classroom!

We have been making new friends, exploring the Home Corner and even taking new risks with our climbing equipment. We have also started work on our special books and created self-portraits! We are having a great time in Reception.



Reception: St Jude:

Reception have made a fantastic start this week and are slowly getting close to having all of our classmates started!

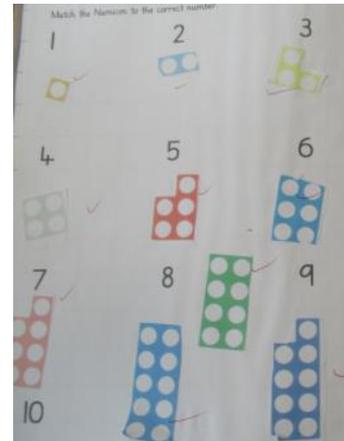
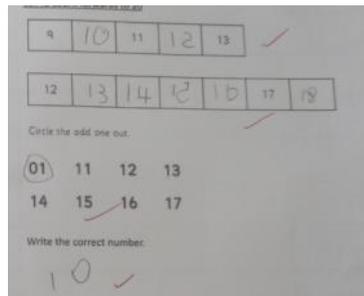
We have been loving the warm, sunny weather and have engaged in lots of outdoor play this week: including catching a huge spider with our bug-hunting resources & washing our babies in the water area!



KS1 Phase News

Year 1-St Brigid

The children in St Brigid's class have settled in well. There has been lots of lovely learning taking place. Our focus in Maths has been sorting objects and ordering numbers.



Year 1-St Francis

St Francis have made a fantastic start to Year 1! They have been working very hard to learn the numbers to 20, practicing Phase 3 sounds and writing sentences. In Maths, they have been learning to identify numbers to 10 using Numicon and counting to 20. Poppy and Lucas produced some fantastic work- they presented their work very neatly and used a number square to help.

Year 2-St Teresa

We spent time in our first Art lesson of the year looking at the Paul Klee. We learned what a self-portrait was and how we could recreate one in the same style as Klee. First, we sketched a portrait of ourselves. Then, we layered wet tissue paper on top and let the colour from the paper bleed onto our self-portraits. We loved how they turned out and enjoyed showing them off to each other!



Year 2-St John Paul

In our RE lessons this week Year 2 have been learning about the Holy Spirit. We wondered why Pope John XXIII wanted the church windows open at all times so we blew bubbles inside our classroom and outside to compare what happened to them. Outside the bubbles were free and flew high! Just like the Holy Spirit.



Lower KS2 News

Year 3- Saint Bernadette

This week in Saint Bernadette we began to explore our class Saint. We were able to identify why Saint Bernadette is a Saint and how we can use her as an example in class. For example, to pray and do acts of kindness. We created some artwork of Saint Bernadette and her experience and displayed it on our door. We decorated Rosary beads and red roses to symbolise Saint Bernadette's vision of Mary.



Year 3– St Martin de Porres

In St Martin de Porres class we have been learning about our class Saint. We drew pictures to represent all the wonderful things he did in his life which earned him the title of Saint.



We also wrote about how we could reflect St Martin's actions in our own lives.



Year 4– St Catherine

This week, St Catherine's class have been learning about negative numbers.



We made our own number lines in pairs. We learned that although the numbers look like they are getting bigger as you go back from 0, they are actually



Y4- St Elizabeth

We kicked off our maths learning for the term with a recap of Year 3 work. We used resources like Dienes, place value counters and arrow cards to represent numbers up to and beyond 1000. Then we progressed to rounding numbers to the nearest 10, which was challenging but we tried our best! Finally, we started to look at negative numbers to -10. We explored the symmetry of the number line either side of 0 and discussed how negative numbers are used for real-life maths, such as temperatures and bank accounts!



UKS2 Phase News

Last week, **Saint Benedict** created a self-portrait based on the artist Amedeo Modigliani. They used pastel colours and elongated their features to imitate the artist style. We have also started our new book 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo, the class have been creating their own expanded noun phrases.

St. Benedict have settled in well to their new environment, so well done for a great first week in year 5!



This week, **Saint Faustina** have been learning about place value in Maths. We have looked at part-whole and bar models as well as place value charts. We have been creating our own 4 and 5 digit numbers using a dice and looking at the value of the digits. Well done to all of Saint Faustina class for your fantastic, collaborative work and your understanding of place value!

This week **St Maximilian** learnt all about their class saint and thought about ways in which we could be more like him this year. We created some art work based on what we found out which we are using to decorate our classroom



This half term in PE, **Saint Josephine** class have been learning how to play hockey. So far, we have learnt about the slap shot, push shot and the long corner rule. Well done to Saint Josephine class for showing excellent sportsmanship!

P.E. LESSON DAYS

Thank you for ensuring your child/ren attended school last year in their PE kit on their PE days. This will continue to be the arrangement moving forward. As a reminder, the PE uniform is:

- Standard white Sacred Heart PE top
- Blue Sacred Heart PE shorts
- Suitable trainers
- Plain grey or navy blue tracksuit bottoms



The children should not be wearing football kits or brightly coloured sports clothing. If your child does not have the correct PE kit, please ensure they do so as soon as possible. The uniform is sold at Rough Cut Casuals, [16 Chapel Market, London N1 9EZ](#).



There may have been some changes to your child's PE days from last year, so please look carefully at the below information:

The PE days are as follows:

Year 1 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 2 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 - Thursday and Friday

Year 4 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Friday

Year 6 - Monday and Wednesday

Both Year 5 classes will be swimming for 2 weeks this term- more information to come.

Mrs Harney (Sharon) will send morning reminders on your child's PE days.

MEET THE STAFF AT SACRED HEART

What do you know about Miss Cook?

Where were you born?

I was born in Shrewsbury, a large town in the West Midlands.

What is your favourite school memory?

My favourite school memory was creating Papyrus as part of a history project on the Ancient Egyptians.



What is your job at Sacred Heart and what do you do?

I am a Year 1 Class Teacher, I teach in St Francis class alongside Miss Huddart.

What is your favourite thing about Sacred Heart School?

The amazing community of adults and children I work with.

What is your favourite food?

My favourite food is mutton curry.



What is your favourite sports team?

I support my local football team, Leyton Orient.

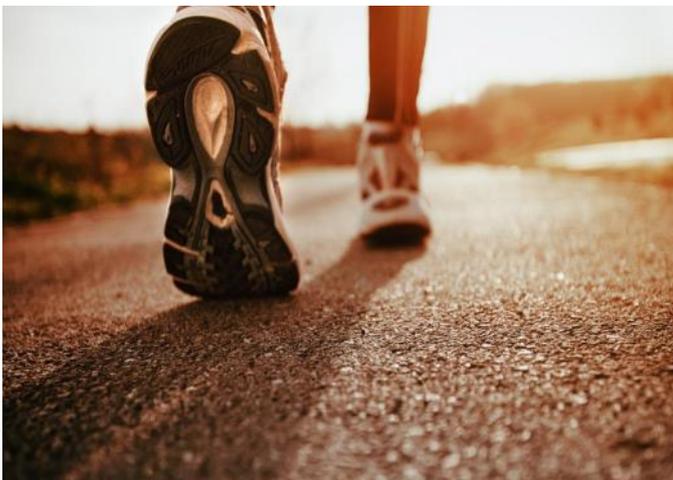


What do you like to do when you are not at work?

I love going for walks and swimming in my spare time.

Tell us an interesting fact:

One of my first jobs was working in the complaints department at a Clingfilm factory.





Do you think you're a

**class
act?**

If so, come and show us your talents...

You can sing a song, read a poem, play a tune on your own or with others, tell a joke, or perform a dance.

Whatever your talent, **Class Act** gives you the opportunity to stand up, shine and experience the joy of performing in front of an appreciative audience.

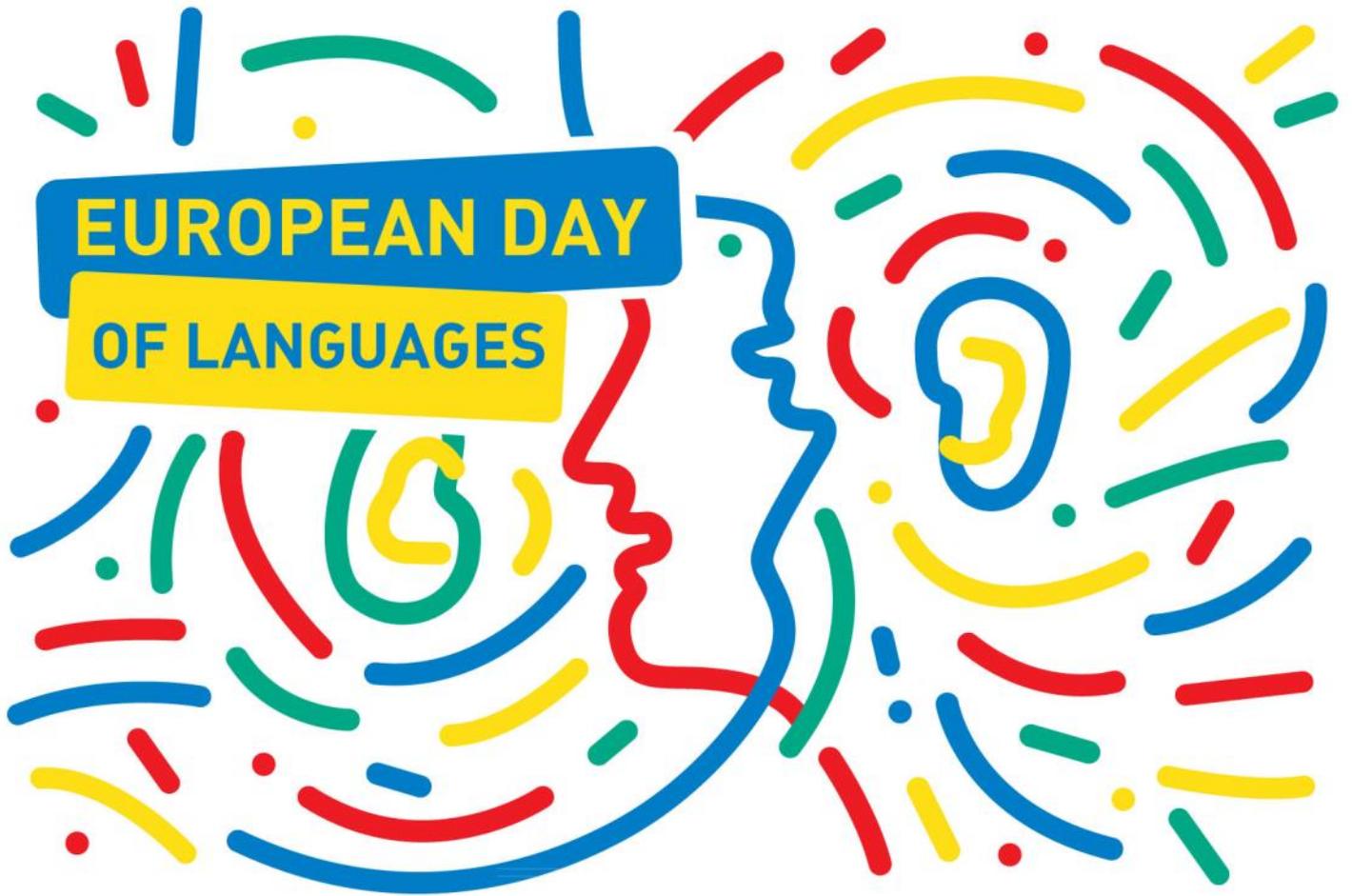
Class Act will take place at:

The Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

On:

19/10/23

**Sign up with your school receptionist today
and show us you're a class Act!**



Join us to celebrate European Day of Languages 2023.

We will be having a special Spanish lunch to celebrate the language taught in our school.

Show off your heritage and bring in one item to share with your class or maybe share your language with your friends and teach them how to say hello in your home language!

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Celebrating 175 Years of Catholic Education



Last Sunday was Education Sunday, where we celebrated the 175th anniversary of Catholic schools. That means, for generations, our communities have had the wonderful opportunity of being educated in a Catholic school. So for some of our children, their parents, grandparents, great grandparents and even their great, great grandparents could have attended a Catholic school!

So what makes a Catholic school so special?

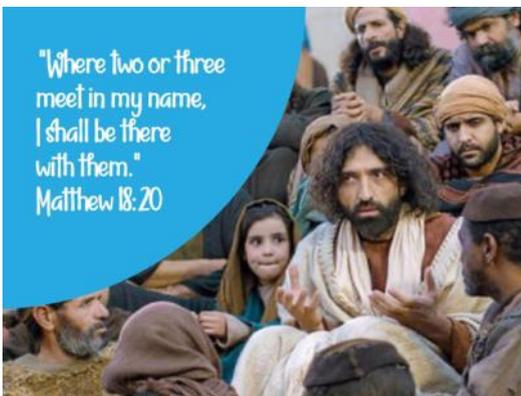
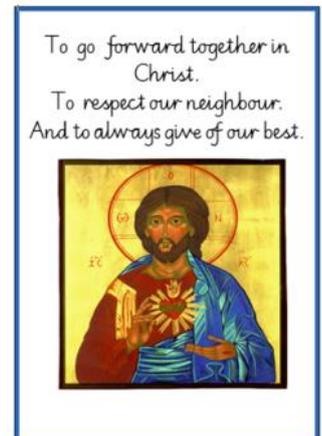
All Catholic schools are faith communities that share the same distinctive ethos and shared values. These are Catholic values, Gospel values that Jesus shared with us within his teachings and the example that he demonstrated throughout his life.

So how old is Catholic Education?

Unsurprisingly, Catholic education is actually far older than 175 years. As early as 600 AD, the Catholic Church founded some of the first schools in England. In 1100 AD the Catholic Church founded University Colleges in both Oxford and Cambridge, even in 1534, when it was very difficult to practise Catholicism in England at that time, due to the Reformation, Catholic children were still receiving education in secret! In 1847, Bishops in England & Wales established the Catholic Poor School Community, which preceded the Catholic Education Service, that we know today.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has passionately supported schooling as they have always recognised the importance of teaching people about Jesus and making lives better for our children, in mind, in body and in spirit.

Here at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, we are also a faith community who are inspired 'To go forward together in Christ' which we are reminded of in our Mission Statement (right).



Gospel

This week, we have shared the Gospel reading from Matthew 18:20 where we are reminded that Jesus is with us when two or more of us are together in his name. At this time of year, we pray for everyone involved in Catholic education both in our community, our diocese, our nation and globally. We pray that our children will continue:

- To go forward together in Christ
- To respect their neighbour
- And to always give of their best

Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

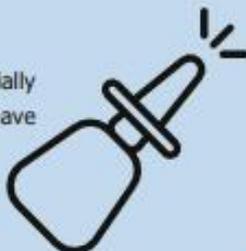
To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/islington>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

THE NASAL FLU VACCINE

- ✓ Protects your child from the flu.
- ✓ Protects your family and friends from the flu (especially those who are elderly, young babies, or those who have serious health conditions).
- ✓ Is painless, quick and effective.
- ✓ Is free



THE IM FLU VACCINE



We also offer the flu vaccine as an injection, which is **gelatine-free**. This may also be the vaccine of choice for vegans. Please go to our website where you can find out more about the manufacturing of the flu injection, and then decide if the injection is more suited to your child.

You only need to complete one consent form for each child. If you later change your mind, please call your local team. If your child has this immunisation elsewhere after you have submitted the consent form, you MUST inform Vaccination UK rather than the school.

We understand that you may have questions about the vaccine. For more information, please go to our website, where you can find a list of FAQ's, as well as details of our community catch up clinics. We also have some FAQ's enclosed below.

You can also find informational videos on our YouTube channel, including subtitled versions for other languages.

Yours Faithfully,

Your Local Immunisation Team
Vaccination UK



ISLINGTON

Immunisation Team
Contact Details



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We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If they are absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, you will need to attend one of our community clinics for the vaccine. Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.



PLEASE NOTE the flu vaccine will NOT be available to otherwise healthy children after December 15th at all, and so we urge you to return the consent form as soon as possible in case we are not able to visit your child's schools for a second visit this year.



Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

USEFUL LINKS



www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu

www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk



PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2023/24 policy can be viewed here:

www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy

For data protection queries, please contact:

dpo@vaccinationuk.co.uk



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are there any side effects of the vaccine?

Possible side effects are: decreased appetite, headache, a runny or blocked nose, and sometimes a raised temperature. These are common, but they pass quickly and can be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel your child needs it.

Are there any children who shouldn't have the nasal vaccine?

You should let us know if your child has any of the following:

- A very severe allergy to eggs, egg proteins, gentamicin or gelatine – it is important for us to know if your child has been admitted to hospital with a condition called anaphylaxis, triggered by these things.
- Are currently wheezy or have been wheezy in the past 72 hours with asthma. There is an alternative flu vaccine that we can talk to you about to ensure that your child is protected as soon as possible.
- Have a condition that severely weakens their immune system.

Also, children who have been vaccinated should avoid close contact with people with *very severely* weakened immune systems for around two weeks following vaccination (By severely weakened, we generally mean people who are isolating, such as those who have received some types of chemotherapy or people who have had a bone marrow transplant, for example). This is because there's an extremely remote chance that the vaccine virus may be passed to them.

Contact with other healthy children or adults does not need to be limited after having the vaccine.

We do not eat pork products.

Can my child have a different flu vaccine?

Yes. There is a flu vaccine available, in the form of an injection.

The nasal flu vaccine is the best vaccine for children and young people under 18 years of age as it is more effective at stopping the spread of flu and it is painless, but it does have a highly processed form of gelatine (porcine gelatine), which is used in a range of many essential medicines. The gelatine helps to keep the vaccine viruses stable so that the vaccine provides the best protection against flu.

If your faith or beliefs mean you would prefer a vaccine that has no pork (porcine gelatine) in it, please complete the consent for the flu injection only. You do not need to complete a form for both.

If your child is vegan, please note that the flu injection is a cell based vaccine. For more information, please see our FAQs page on our website:

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/nasal-flu>



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AUTUMN TERM 2023 <i>Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 22nd December 2023</i>		TOTAL DAYS
Start Date	Monday 4 th September 2023	75
Finish Date	Friday 22 nd December 2023	
INSET DAY(S)	Monday 4 th September 2023	
	Friday 22 nd December 2023	
Children return to school	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	23 rd - 27 th October 2023	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 21 st December 2023	
Last day of term	Friday 22 nd December 2023	

SPRING TERM 2024 <i>Monday 8th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024</i>		TOTAL DAYS
Start Date	Monday 8 th January 2024	54
Finish Date	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
INSET DAY	Monday 19 th February 2024	
Children return to school	Monday 8 th January 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	12 th – 16 th February 2024	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
Last day of term	Thursday 28 th March 2024	

<i>Good Friday (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Friday 29th March 2024</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday 31st March 2024</i>
<i>Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Monday 1st April 2024</i>

SUMMER TERM 2024 <i>Monday 15th April 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024</i>		TOTAL DAYS
Start Date	Monday 15 th April 2024	66
Finish Date	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	
INSET DAY(S)	Monday 22 nd July 2024	
	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	
Children return to school	Monday 15 th April 2024	
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	27 th – 31 st May 2024	
Last day of term for children	Friday 19 th July 2024	
Last day of term	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	

TOTAL DAYS	75 + 54 + 66	195
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INSET DAYS (5)	
1	Monday 4 th September 2023
2	Friday 22 nd December 2023
3	Monday 19 th February 2024
4	Monday 22 nd July 2024
5	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024