

Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

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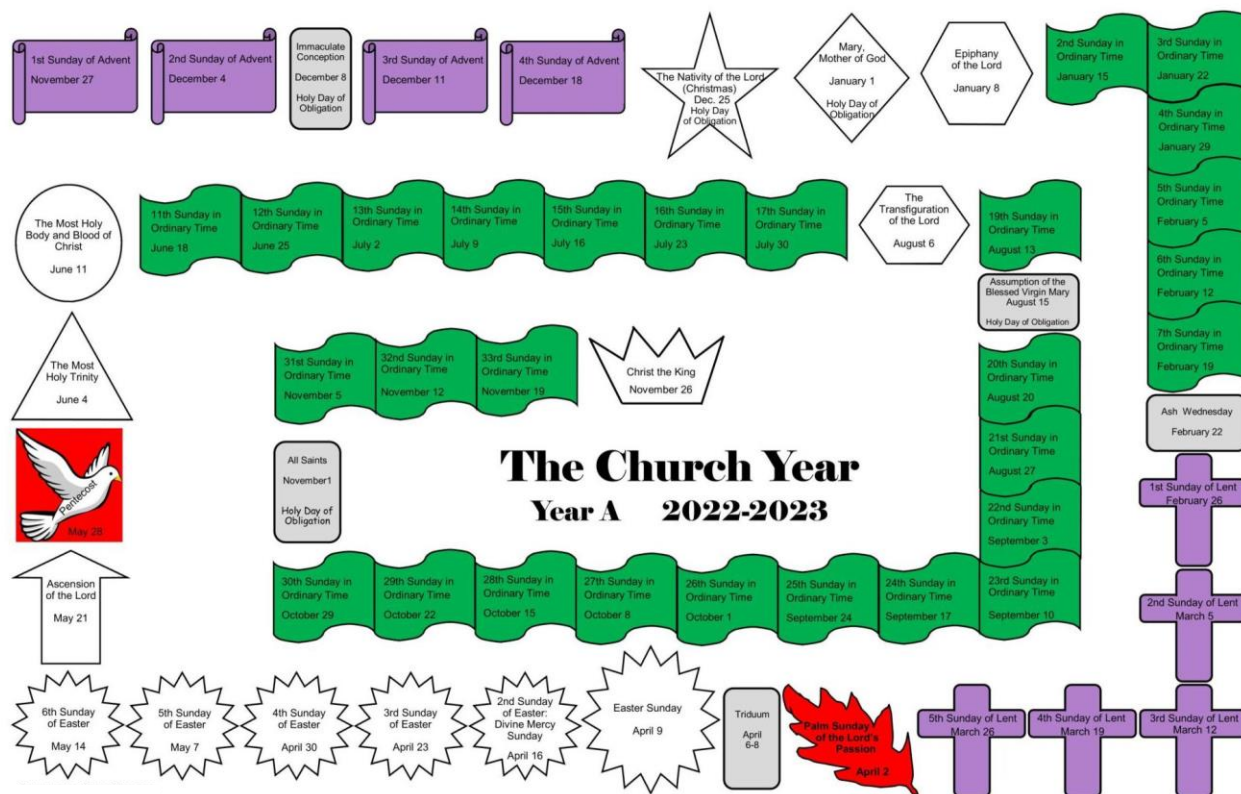
Friday 13th January 2023

Dear parents and families,

CANDLEMAS TERM

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With the arrival of the new year, we start to put away signs of our Christmas celebrations: we finish off festive food, box up decorations, maybe recycling Christmas cards (and Christmas trees) and perhaps generally breathe a sigh of relief about the return to normality. As we busy ourselves discarding all things of the festive season and look ahead to what 2023 might have in store, it's good to pause and remember that whilst in 'ordinary time' we retain our nativity scenes in class until the celebration of Candlemas on 2nd February. We can leave many things behind, but the image of Jesus, God's gift of joy, hope, peace and light for the world remains. Our week began with a staff INSET day focused on Collective Worship – prayer, liturgical prayer and liturgy. Our sacred spaces have been set up for the term and we begin a revised model of pupils planning their weekly class liturgical prayer focusing on *Gather, Word, Response* (symbolic action) and *Mission* (sending out). Classes will focus on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday in their prayer. The Liturgical Cycle is below:



JANUARY PARISH BULLETIN: [The January bulletin](https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/) for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Westhoughton, can be downloaded from our website: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/>



FAST RE-LAUNCH: We will be launching a new school social activity, event and fundraising group this term. Our first FAST meeting is on Monday 30th January, 7pm in the school. FAST means **Families And School Together**. All parents, parishioners and family members are invited.

WE NEED YOU

All parents and parishioners are automatically joined up in the friendly group of FAST members and are welcome to attend our upcoming meetings.

We meet each half term to talk about ideas and events to raise money for the school and the charities we support. We raise money for regular projects such as the provision of iPads, musical instruments, PE equipment and much more as well as co-ordinate the donations and collections for charity.

Events we run include the Christmas Fayre, Easter Bingo and the Summer Fayre. Thanks to the support of parishioners, staff, parents and children, all have been a great success in past years.

The FAST team will meet half-termly at 7pm in the school staffroom (dates can be found on school newsletters and a zoom link will be sent to those able to attend virtually). Our meetings are very informal and last for about an hour with refreshments provided. We are always looking for new members to join us to help out with fundraising ideas. So if you have any ideas and would like to be part of the FAST team, please come along to our next meeting: Monday 30th January at 7pm.

If you have any questions, require further information or you are interested in joining our FAST team, please contact Mrs Bridge (Deputy Headteacher).



Next
Meeting:
Monday
30th
January,
7pm.

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UNITE: Gatherings for Spring (Candlemas & Lenten Terms) take place as follows:

Year 6 | Monday 16th January 2023
Reception | Thursday 19th January 2023
Year 2 | Monday 23rd January 2023
Year 1 | Tuesday 24th January 2023
Year 3 | Thursday 26th January 2023
Year 5 | Tuesday 31st January 2023

ACHIEVE: The upcoming achieve dates offer parents opportunity to meet with Mr Dootson (Pastoral & Safeguarding Lead) or Mr Stubbs (SENDco). To book an appointment, email achieve@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk or call the school office. Thursday 26th January 2023 and Tuesday 28th February 2023

CELEBRATE opportunities coming up, to which you are welcome, include:

Classes attending Mass: Class 4W Mass at 10am on Monday 16th January | Class 4C Mass at 10am on Monday 23rd January | Class 3E Mass at 10am on Monday 30th January

Stay and Pray Class Assemblies: 4C Class Assembly, Friday 20th January at 3pm | 4W Class Assembly, Friday 3rd February at 3pm | 3F Class Assembly, Friday 17th February at 3pm.



Celebration assemblies will be held on dates – Friday 27th January 2023 | Friday 10th February 2023.



Music Recital: Wednesday 15th February 2023 Note the new time - 2pm

An additional recital where classes 5B, 2D & 4W will celebrate their learning takes place on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 2:30pm

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD:

Thursday 2nd March 2023 | World Book Day

Wednesday 8th March 2023 | Parents Evening

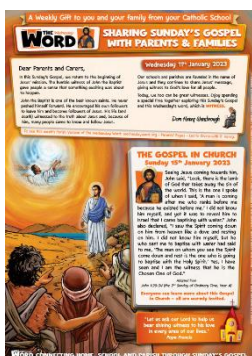
Wednesday 1st February 2023 | Tempest Group Photographs

Thursday 2nd February 2023 | Year 6 SATS meeting for Parents

Friday 17th February 2023 | Break up for Half Term

Monday 27th February 2023 | Return to School

Wednesday 1st March – Friday 3rd March | Ford Castle Residential



THE WEDNESDAY WORD:

This week's Wednesday Word is now available. You can enjoy the Wednesday Word as a family by [following the link to this week's edition.](#)



January's 'prayers for home' is now available on the [newsletter page of our website](#), or by visiting: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/pray.../parent-newsletter/>

OTHER LETTERS ISSUED RECENTLY:

- [National Tutoring Programme Mondays](#)
- [National Tutoring Programme Tuesdays](#)
- [National Tutoring Programme Thursdays](#)
- [National Tutoring Programme Summer TBC](#)
- [Y5/Y6 Healthy Relationships Programme](#)
- [Safeguarding Letter regarding Passwords](#)
- [School Bank Launch letter](#)

BECOME A TEACHER WITH TEACH HEART ALLIANCE: To apply for a place on our successful Primary PGCE initial teacher training programme, visit <https://www.find-postgraduate-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/course/1D8/2C23> or get in touch for further information by emailing THAlliance@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk

The Teach Heart Alliance programme, in partnership with the University of Cumbria and over 20 schools in Bolton, Wigan, Rochdale, Oldham, Preston, Manchester and Salford offers a PGCE with QTS and is aimed at producing outstanding teachers and leaders of tomorrow. Our schools are selected on the basis of their commitment to supporting our future teaching profession.

All placements are planned on an individual basis with the requests of each candidate carefully considered.

Entry requirements - qualifications needed:

- An undergraduate degree, or equivalent.
- Grade 4 (C) or above in English, maths and science, or equivalent qualification.

We will consider candidates with pending GCSEs and those who need to take a GCSE equivalency test in English, maths or science. Third party tests are accepted.



HIGHLIGHTS SINCE THE LAST SACRED HEART STANDARD: Y6 Speak Truth to Power, end of term 1DC connect 4 challenge, Y2 watch The Room on the Broom at The Lowry, Music Recital, Choir at Westhoughton Library, Y3 Art & Design, 4W Christmas jumper day, Squirrel has her eye operation, Y5 Egyptology experience at Bolton Museum, Y1 respect human rights, Christmas party lunch, Hope in the Future ambassadors visit Cornerstone; End of Term Assembly, Y3 Human Rights, 6BT Liturgical Prayer, 3W Geography 'Europe', Multiples of 10 Maths, Y5 Swimming success!

Keep an eye on our social media at <https://www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters/> to keep up with images from our learning journey...





PARENT DROP-IN: Early Help drop-in sessions, taking place this term, offer a chance for parents to share any growing concern and to seek additional support for themselves and/or their children:



Early Help Parenting Drop-in

For all families with children under 18

We know that being a parent is not always easy and that families need extra support at some stage as children grow up.

Targeted Early Help Workers will be on hand to offer advice and support.

We can offer signposting to helpful services, organisations and community groups.

Are you struggling with your child's behaviour?

Not sure what services there are available that can help to support you?

Are they anxious or struggling with self-esteem?

Poor school attendance?

Are they being excluded from school?

Come and join us for a cup of tea and a chat if you want any advice or information about parenting.

Drop-in sessions, 10am-1pm

Farnworth King St Centre	14th Jan	4th Feb	25th Feb	18th Mar	15th Apr
Oxford Grove Children Centre	21st Jan	11th Feb	4th Mar	25th Mar	22nd Apr
Tonge Children Centre	28th Jan	18th Feb	11th Mar	1st Apr	

For more information please contact:
Targeted Early Help Tel: 01204 336215
Email: earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk

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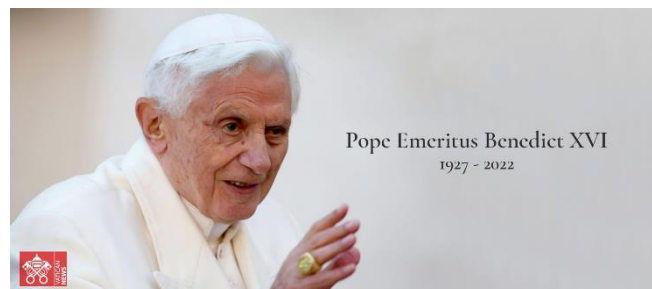
Autumn 100% attendance:



CONGRATULATIONS: We send our best wishes to Miss Coxon, our Reception Class TA, on the safe arrival, of a beautiful daughter, Emmie!

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who died on 31st December.

*Father, eternal shepherd,
hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict,
who governed your Church with love.
In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care
to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.
May he who faithfully administered the mysteries
of your forgiveness and love on earth,
rejoice with you for ever in heaven. Amen*



"I know that there are many non-Catholics studying in the Catholic schools in Great Britain, and I wish to include all of you in my words today. I pray that you too will feel encouraged to practise virtue and to grow in knowledge and friendship with God alongside your Catholic classmates. You are a reminder to them of the bigger picture that exists outside the school, and indeed, it is only right that respect and friendship for members of other religious traditions should be among the virtues learned in a Catholic school. I hope too that you will want to share with everyone you meet the values and insights you have learned through the Christian education you have received... A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Teachers and Religious, 2010

"Where does true education in peace and justice take place? First of all, in the family, since parents are the first educators. The family is the primary cell of society; "it is in the family that children learn the human and Christian values which enable them to



have a constructive and peaceful coexistence. It is in the family that they learn solidarity between the generations, respect for rules, forgiveness and how to welcome others. The family is the first school in which we are trained in justice and peace."

Pope Benedict XVI , World Day of Peace Message, 2012

AND FINALLY: Our pupil parliament representatives visited Westminster this Wednesday, experiencing activity in the Houses of Lords and Commons and learning about how to have your voice heard...



With every best wish for the New Year and all it brings,

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S Bridge

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Executive Headteacher

Mrs S Bridge
Deputy Headteacher

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023 FROM ALL AT
SACRED HEART, WESTHOUGHTON!**

be... life-changing, world-shaping,
wonderful, purposeful, awe-inspiring,
incredible, fantastic, magnificent,
extraordinary, blessed, thrilling, blissful,
grace-filled, jubilant, delicious,
unbelievable, astonishing, mind-blowing,
spectacular, and ridiculously happy
...because the journey matters!



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Let us always remember that the way we treat the last and the least of our brothers and sisters speaks of the value we place upon all human life.

Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 12th January 2023.



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A photograph of Pope Francis, dressed in his white papal attire, warmly hugging a young woman with long brown hair. She is wearing a bright green t-shirt. The background is a red wall with large, dark, stylized leaf patterns. The scene is lit with soft, warm light.

"Education today is dealing with
a generation that changes..."

Every teacher and the entire church...
is called to change, in the sense of
knowing how to communicate
with the young people before them."

*Pope Francis to Congregation for Catholic Education,
Feb. 13, 2014*

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