



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

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Dear parents and families,

TRINITY TERM

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Already, we are in the final term of the academic year. When we began the year, we reflected on our intent to make Christ known, to fuel our community with Spirit, so that their decisions would be good ones – it is in this way that the world changes for the better and we are both hope itself; and given hope for the future. Most times we pray, we begin, *'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'* In naming this term *Trinity* we remember that the Spirit, God fully with us, means that in all our actions we can positively impact on others and all of creation if, at the heart of our intent, we *'love one another'*.



This week, in our 'Like Jesus' liturgical prayer, we considered the solemnity of Corpus Christi, which is celebrated on Sunday. We reflected on the feeding of the 5,000 and the significance of communion.



CAFOD Leading Agency for Human Development We listen... A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 14: 14-20) <i>Glory to you O Lord</i> "As Jesus stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There's no need for them to go: give them something to eat.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.'" So Jesus said, 'Bring them here to me.' He took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples, who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps left over, twelve baskets full. The Gospel of the Lord <i>Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ</i>	CAFOD Leading Agency for Human Development We respond... COMMUNION The Eucharist is a sacrament of love and a sign of unity. The word communion reminds us of union and community. We celebrate our union with Christ and our community with people locally and globally.  Maiduguri, Nigeria
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LOVE ONE ANOTHER



This week's focus for our Caritas Catholic Social Teaching award is putting people most in need first, the option for the poor.



Loving God,
We believe that when we
serve the poor we serve
you.
Help us to take special
care of those people
most in need.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer



As we broke up for half term, many of our children who had worked on our behavioural policy revisions, spoke their important messages to the 'more than minutes' artists, who visually represented their messages.

They focused on how we show love to others through our Catholic Social Teaching principles –

- solidarity;
- human dignity;
- participation;
- stewardship;
- promoting peace;
- option for the poor;
- subsidiarity;
- distributive justice;
- the common good.

Also, the strategies and rewards in place for being positive role models and witnesses to our values – Fr Quinlan Award for Witness, Thumbs up, Caritas Catholic Social Teaching Award, Respect Campaign, Walk to School etc.



Y6 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL: Today, our Y6s embark upon their [Kingswood Dearne Valley](#) residential. We are confident they will have a great experience there!

*God Our Father, we come to say thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night. And in the morning send your light. Amen.*

WELCOME MEETING: This Wednesday, we welcomed the families of children who will be joining us in Reception this September. They will return for our coffee morning on Wednesday 28th June and for move-up day on Wednesday 5th July.



TERM DATES 2023-2024: A reminder of our term dates for the next academic year.

<https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/term-dates/>



TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023	SPRING TERM 2024	SUMMER TERM 2024	STAFF INSET DAYS 2023-2024
Term begins: Tue 5 th September 2023	Term begins: Mon 8 th January 2024	Term begins: Mon 15 th April 2024 Bank Holiday: Mon 6 th May 2024	1. Fri 1 st September 2023 2. Mon 4 th September 2023 3. Fri 5 th January 2024 4. Fri 19 th July 2024 5. Transferred to Twilights for Triangulation: 1 hour attached to Wednesday staff meetings on 3 rd Wednesday of each half term.
Half-term: Mon 30 th October - Fri 3 rd November 2023	Half-term: Mon 19 th February - Fri 23 rd February 2024	Half-term: Mon 27 th May - Fri 31 st May 2024	
Term ends: Thur 21 st December 2023	Term ends: Thurs 28 th March 2024 (Easter Sunday: 31 st March 2024)	Term ends: Thurs 18 th July 2024	
73 DAYS	54 DAYS	63 DAYS	5 DAYS
190 PUPIL DAYS			
195 STAFF DAYS			

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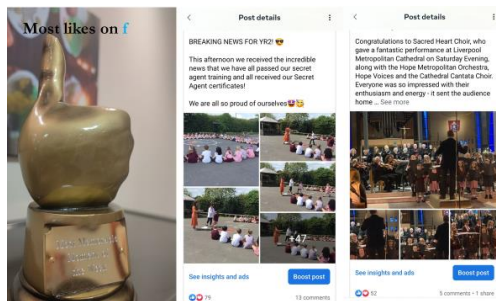




Most likes on f Witness Respect shown Walking to school Caritas in Action

LIKE JESUS: Well done to this week's award winners:

- Posts with most likes on Facebook
- Fr Quinlan Award for Witness
- Respect Campaign
- Walk to School class champions for May
- Caritas Catholic Social Teaching Award



PENTECOST PARTY: Thank you to all who came to our Pentecost Party on Friday 26th May, celebrating the Church's birthday and the gifts and fruits that come from the Holy Spirit.



BEST WISHES: Next Friday, Mrs Adam will begin her maternity leave – we send her off with our very best wishes for the new arrival! **Class 2A** will be taught, until the end of term, by Mr M Stubbs, who has already been working alongside Mrs Adam in order to get to know the class well and ensure an effective transition.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Miss D Egan who has been promoted to a TLR post at Hindley Junior & Infant school (the school she joined us from four years ago). Miss Egan will leave us at the end of this term.

WELCOME: to Mrs A Kakoullis, who has been appointed to the teaching team at Sacred Heart. She joins us, with 9 years teaching experience, from SS Simon & Jude Primary School. Mrs Kakoullis visited school yesterday and will return for our move-up day on Wednesday 5th July.



Y6-Y7 ONLINE SAFETY: As our current Year 6 pupils start to look forward to their next chapter in education, we feel it's important that parents are made aware of how their child's online world and activities may start to expand. This week our Year 6 pupils will be bringing home a [handy guide, created by Internet Matters](#), which contains some helpful tips for supporting your children.



THE BIG SLEEP: Following a break enforced by pandemic, our popular big sleep returns for KS2 pupils this summer, on Friday 30th June, 8pm to Saturday 1st July, 8am.

Register your child's taking part at:
<https://bit.ly/BigSleepIn23>

KS2 children are invited to a sleepover, at the school, in aid of CARITAS Diocese of Salford's Morning Star Hostel. Entertainment & breakfast will be provided. Bring your own snacks, sleeping bag or blanket & pillow. £10 minimum sponsorship or admission, to be brought on the night. ...LIKE JESUS



THE WEDNESDAY WORD: You can enjoy the Wednesday Word as a family by [following the link to the special bumper edition](#).



June 'prayers for home' is also available on the [newsletter page of our website](#), or by visiting: https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/CW_PARENTS_NEWSLETTER_2023_06_JUNE.pdf
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/the-hub/parent-newsletter/>

JUNE CHURCH BULLETIN: Our [parish bulletin for June](#) can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/>

Fr Barry's successor has been announced. Fr Christopher Dawson, who is currently Parish Priest at Holy Family, Denton, a Diocesan Trustee and the Chancellor, will join us in September. I had the privilege of meeting Fr Christopher on Tuesday this week, and am sure you will all welcome him when he joins us next term.

JUNE E-SAFETY UPDATE: can be downloaded at https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Primary-June-2023_Sacred-Heart-Bolton_05-06-2023.pdf



UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

UNITE: Our curriculum for this Trinity half-term is on our website. The CMAPS for every subject can be found at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/curriculum-map/> with summary on this term's **UNITE** letters which have been uploaded to our website at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/newsletters/> or are available here: [Reception](#) | [Y1](#) | [Y2](#) | [Y3](#) | [Y4](#) | [Y5](#) | [Y6](#)

ACHIEVE: Thank you to all who benefit from our monthly **ACHIEVE** meetings. The upcoming achieve dates offer parents opportunity to meet with Mr Dootson (Pastoral & Safeguarding Lead) or Mr Stubbs (SENDco).

- Wednesday 28th June.
- Wednesday 19th July

To book an appointment, email achieve@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk or call the school office.

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

Stay and Pray Class Assemblies:

1D Class Assembly: Friday 9th June, 3pm

RR Class Assembly: Friday 23rd June, 3pm

RB Class Assembly: Friday 30th June, 3pm

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD:

Monday 5 th June	Multiplication Check starts x3 weeks
Monday 12 th June	Phonics Screening
Fri 16 th June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday 23 rd June	Non uniform Day – Bring a bottle
Friday 30 th June	Non uniform Day – Chocolate or Sweets
Fri 30 th June - Sat 1 st July	The Big Sleep (KS2 pupils)
Thursday 13 th July	Summer Fair
Friday 7 th July	Year 6 Leavers Party Night
Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Celebration afternoon, 2pm

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE SUMMARY: The latest National attendance statistics can be found at: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/pupil-attendance-in-schools>

Class	Percentage %
Whole School from September 2022	95.31
Attendance	WE 26 th May
Whole School	94.11
RB	99.33
RR	97.33
1D	84.33
1E	89.66
2A	94.67
2D	96.67
3W	92.76
3F	96.21
4C	95.33
4W	93.13
5A	92
5B	98
6B	98
6E	87
6BT	97.37





EMPATHY DAY: Yesterday, we celebrated Empathy Day 2023! Encouraging our children to develop empathy is vitally important, to both their relationships and also their current and future happiness. Empathy is free and within us all, it is up to us to celebrate and use it as our own human superpower. See the light in each other, Be the light for each other. 'You can only understand people if you feel them in yourself' - John Steinbeck #EmpathyDay



BEYOND IMAGINATION: St Joseph's, Horwich, PTA have asked that we share this with all families: Parents/carers, young people and adults who work with children are invited to attend "Beyond Imagination – a truly inclusive event at St Joseph's with key notes speeches from some of the world's most inspiring people." Monday 26th June at 6:30pm at St Joseph's RC High School. We live in a world where people are too often limited by their own expectations or self-perceptions. In schools and businesses all over the country, there are people who stand at the edge of possibility daunted by their special educational need or physical limitation. You might have a child who is struggling due to their mental health or adverse experience? Listen to these inspiring speakers who live by two rules in life, "Nothing is impossible" and "Never give up". Reprogram faulty thinking...be a person of possibility. Come and join us for our inclusive event hosted by The Houghton Weaver's one and only Norman Prince to inspire a generation of people who will succeed, where setbacks develop strengths, where limitations turn resilience into a powerful gift and where everyone becomes a person of possibility.

Tickets are available via Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-imagination-tickets-638654541927>



DONATIONS: In 2010, Gary Parkinson, one of our school parents, and ex-professional footballer, suffered a life changing stroke and is left with locked-in-syndrome. Regular fundraising takes place to ensure that Gary receives all needed to live life to the full. If you would like to donate towards this cause, donations can be made via the office or with your child in a clearly labelled envelope over the next 2 weeks. Thank you very much for all your support!

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS: Keep an eye on our social media at

<https://www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters/> to keep up with images from our learning journey...





Y1 & 2 PHONICS & Y4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK: These statutory national tests commence in June – please ensure your child is well rested and attends school on time.

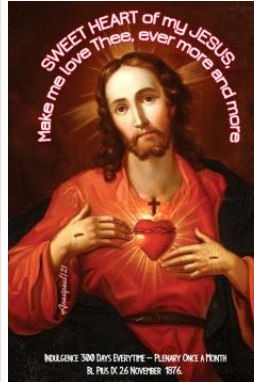
AND FINALLY: Next Friday we celebrate our school feast day – it is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. In our assembly this week we learnt a new indulgence prayer and are praying it each day in class during June.

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
I place all my trust in you**

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.



Indulgence Prayer – helps us make things right with God

**“Sweet Heart of my Jesus,
make me love thee ever more
and more!”**

(Nov 26, 1876, Pope Pius IX)

Thank you for your continued support and trust as we walk together.

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It is necessary to accelerate the change of course in favour of a culture of care that is centred on human dignity and the common good, one nourished by an alliance between human beings and the environment that must mirror God's creative love.

#EnvironmentDay

Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 5th June 2023.

