

Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

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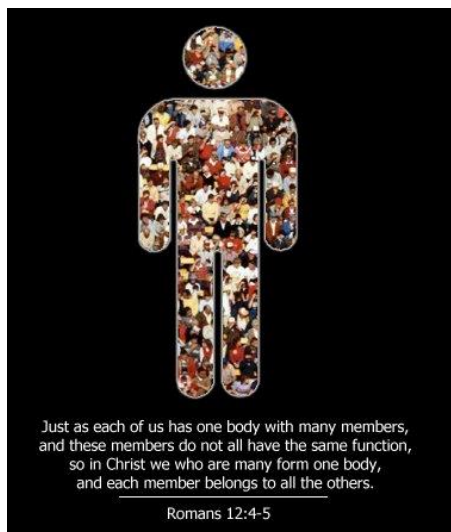
Monday 11th September 2023

Dear parents and families,

WELCOME BACK!

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As we embark upon the 2023-2024 academic year together, we look forward to new learning and the myriad opportunities that await us as a community built on shared faith and ambition. We especially welcome those new to our school community – we are glad to have you as members of **#TeamSacredHeart**! Our 'meet the teacher' open afternoon, this Wednesday, straight after school, will allow parents an early chance to introduce themselves to their child's class teacher and share any relevant messages. Please enter classrooms via the external doors so that our cleaning team are able to work in the break-out areas during this time. This opportunity launches our, now established, **UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE** strategy for this year.



In our assembly last Tuesday, our children were reminded of our mission and the opportunities it provides us to **LEARN | LOVE | LEAD** in their school experience and beyond.

We considered the message of commitment and service which we must live out if Christ works through our words and actions, if we are a school 'family' who show love for one another.

“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” *Romans 12:4-8*

Our children were given 3 tasks linked to this:

- To consider their class 'rules' and how these support us in showing love for one another;
- To contribute to writing a new school prayer, reminding us of our part to play;
- To sign up to a service role within our school – apostles, pupil parliament, wellbeing champions, eco-committee, hope ambassadors, healthy champions, arts council, sports crew, creation ambassadors, subject ambassadors, digital leaders, reading ambassadors, times tables tutors, Sacred Heart singers, safety agents and lunchtime assistants.

LEARN | LOVE | LEAD
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

This year, every class also supports a local charity – this may involve them writing letters to the elderly, singing at events or other active support in the community. Charities include: Westhoughton Age Support Project

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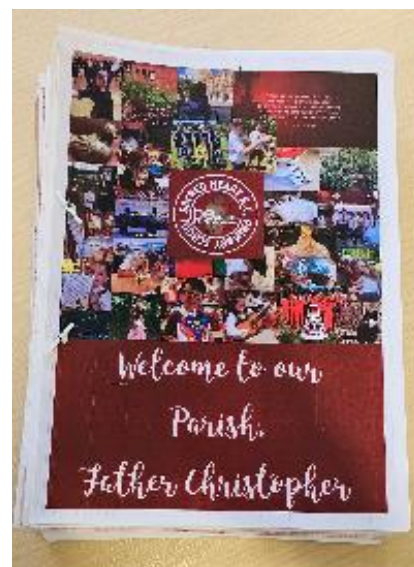


(W.A.S.P.), Bolton Manbassadors, Bolton Green Umbrella, Barnabus, Mustard Tree, The Brick, Backup North West...

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WELCOME: This month we welcome new members of our staff mission team:

- Y1 teachers: Mrs Abby Kakoullis, Mrs Rebecca Purtill
- Apprentice teaching assistant: Miss Chelsea Jones
- Site apprentice: Mr Richard Flanagan
- Wraparound club assistant: Miss Lucy Shackleton
- Cleaners: Mr Ste Bannister, Ms Kirsty Stake



PARISH PRIEST: Our children are also keen to welcome Fr Christopher – and have each written a letter of welcome, sharing some information about them and our school family. Our staff attended Mass on our INSET day last Monday, 4th September. Fr Christopher is due to visit school this week.

He writes:

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish,

On this first weekend with you as your new parish priest I thought I would pen a few words by way of a short introduction. I am a priest belonging to our Diocese of Salford, though this is not where I was born and brought up. I came to Salford aged 18 to study chemistry at the University of Salford. After my degree, I went to Ushaw College, Durham, where I trained for the priesthood and I was ordained in 1998. My first appointments as an assistant parish priest were to St John Bosco's, Blackley, and then St Bernadette's, Whitefield. During both appointments I was also chaplain to St Matthew's High School in Moston. In 2001, Bishop Brain asked me to undertake some further study in Canon Law, and I went to Rome for three years. On my return, I was appointed to St Augustine's in the centre of Manchester and I began work in our diocesan Tribunal and Chancery Office. In 2008 I was appointed Judicial Vicar; and Diocesan Chancellor in 2010. In 2013, I was asked to serve as a Trustee of the Diocese. I was out of parish ministry for a few years to focus on Tribunal and Chancery work, but since 2014 I have been at Holy Family Parish in Denton. I will continue as Diocesan Chancellor, a trustee, and working in Church Tribunals while I am here at Westhoughton. This means that during office hours I will be at the Cathedral Centre on some days of the week, and there will be occasional travel to other parts of the country. I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding of and accommodation to these other commitments of mine.

I look forward to getting to know you all - I have already heard lots of positive things! I know sometimes people worry about what a priest likes to be called: so, if you prefer to call me Father Christopher or Father Dawson, either is quite alright by me, but I'm always Christopher, never Chris. I would like to thank Father Barry for making my move here as smooth as these things ever can be.

Fr. Christopher Dawson JCL

VOLUNTEERS: We value our existing volunteers and welcome expressions of interest from new volunteers – this can be to help in a variety of ways around school and with learning. We have a playtime reading area – perhaps you would like to come over at lunchtime to read with our children? Alternatively, you might want to help in our Room2Grow farmyard? Get in touch if you would like to volunteer.



SCHOOL MISSION PRAYER: As we begin the new term, we are inviting all families and parishioners to help us formulate a new mission prayer suitable for all year groups. Our children and staff are working on a draft prayer which will be shared with governors next week. If you would like to make any suggestions, please email or write to us before Friday 15th September.

Our idea so far: Jesus lives in our school: in our minds and words and actions.

This links to the following aspect of the Catholic School Inspection framework regarding Catholic Life & Mission - identity, charism and mission:

We continue to pray:

The mission statement is a clear and inspiring expression of the educational mission of the Church and of the school's particular charism. It is regularly revisited and is known, lived and witnessed to throughout the school. As a result, it has a significant impact on the life of the school which excels at being a community based on Catholic tradition and practice. The life and mission of the school are deeply rooted in the Word of God.



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

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

LAST WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

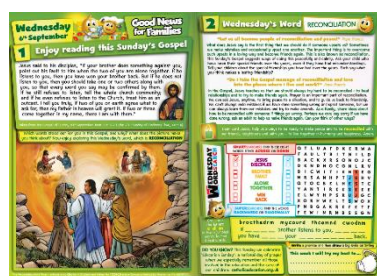
Class	%
Whole School from September 2023	93.59
Attendance	WE 08/09/23
Whole School	93.59%
RB	98.33
RR	91.67
1K	95
1P	96.98
2D	96.12
2W	89.66
3F	93.10
3W	91.67
4C	97.41
4CD	83.62
5A	88.28
5B	97.08
6B	94.08
6E	96.43
6T	98.75



The latest National attendance statistics can be found at:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/pupil-attendance-in-schools>





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



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

CHURCH BULLETIN: Our parish bulletins for August and September can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/>

SEPTEMBER E-SAFETY UPDATE: can be downloaded at [https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Primary-September-2023 Sacred-Heart-Bolton 04-09-2023.pdf](https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Primary-September-2023%20Sacred-Heart-Bolton%2004-09-2023.pdf)

UNIFORM: At Sacred Heart, we believe that wearing a uniform encourages a positive work ethos and instils in the children a better sense of pride and togetherness. In choosing Sacred Heart for your child, you are sharing in our expectations: support us in ensuring that the correct uniform is worn. School uniform, as in the table below, must be worn by all pupils throughout the year.

We offer recycled school uniform, and value donations of washed, good quality uniform.

Our School Uniform...

ALL YEAR ROUND UNIFORM:	P.E. UNIFORM:	NOTES:
- White collared long or short sleeve shirt - Sacred Heart tie - Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirt) - Grey long or short trousers, <u>knee-length</u> skirt or pinafore - Grey or white socks or grey, white or maroon tights - Black low-heeled school shoes-no trainers (velcro fastenings preferred for Reception) Reception only: - Wellies - Waterproofs are ordered via the school scheme, and remain in school for everyday use. - Spare socks / underwear may be kept in school.	- White <u>round neck</u> t-shirt (not polo shirt) <u>Black</u> shorts - Dark grey / black pumps - Track suit & trainers for necessary outdoor use. (School black track suit with Be Active logo introduced from Sep 2022 and available from uniform stockists.) <u>Draw-string pump-bag</u> to hang onto cloakroom hook. UNIFORM STOCKISTS: Approved stockists of official logo uniform & bags etc.: - Andrew Leach Schoolwear, Horwich - Aspull Village Embroidery, Aspull - Smart Clothing, Bolton - Whittakers Schoolwear, Bolton Non-logo uniform is available elsewhere.	- Label <u>all items</u> of uniform with name. - Tie must be worn with all-year-round uniform. <u>No jewellery</u> is allowed. - Coat <u>must have a loop</u> for hanging onto cloak-room hook. - School book bag should have a <u>long strap</u> to hang onto cloak-room hook. - Any bag brought into school must hang on cloak-room coat hooks. - Water bottle & lunch box must be sealable and named. - Only plain water is able to be brought into school in water bottles (please do not use one-use plastic and ensure name is on bottle). - Lunch boxes should be tightly sealed and clearly named. - No nut products are to be brought into school.

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UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

THANK YOU to all who embraced our **UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE** strategy last year. We will continue to develop our work with families this academic year.

UNITE are informal gatherings (often with drinks and cake!) for parents, senior leaders and year group teachers – we explore how to unite to ensure your child is happy, progresses well and enjoys learning, School curriculum and homework expectations are shared and explained.

To ensure that all are able to benefit from the initial meeting, every year group will hold an online **UNITE** gathering in the first few weeks of term – this will be recorded for those unable to make the live meeting. Joining links for the relevant classes will be sent out via text message to parents.

Reception: Monday 25th September, at 4:00pm

Year 1: Thursday 28th September, at 4:00pm

Year 2: Tuesday 26th September, at 4:00pm

Year 3: Friday 29th September, at 4:00pm

Year 4: Monday 2nd October, at 4:00pm

Year 5: Tuesday 3rd October, at 4:00pm

Year 6: Thursday 5th October, at 4:00pm

Parents' Evenings (Achievement, Wellbeing & Development Review): **Wednesday 8th November 2023** & **Wednesday 6th March 2024** 4:00-5:00pm; 6:00-8:00pm

ACHIEVE are monthly drop in days (with drinks and biscuits) where you can share concerns or gain clarity on matters relating to your child's welfare and progress with our SEND, Safeguarding and Pastoral leads. Anyone is welcome – appointments for **ACHIEVE** can be made via the main office or by emailing achieve@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk Of course, the first point of contact for day-to-day matters is always your child's teacher, and Mr Dootson, our senior pastoral lead, is always available to speak to parents.

September: Wednesday 27th September, 8:30am-4pm

October: Thursday 26th October, 8:30am-4pm

November: Wednesday 29th November, 8:30am-4pm

December: Wednesday 20th December, 8:30am-4pm

January: Wednesday 31st January, 8:30am-4pm

February: Wednesday 28th February, 8:30am-4pm

March: Wednesday 27th March, 8:30am-4pm

May: Wednesday 22nd May, 8:30am-4pm

June: Wednesday 26th June, 8:30am-4pm

July: Wednesday 17th July, 8:30am-4pm

CELEBRATE are those regular opportunities to share in your child's learning and progress in a range of ways. As well as stay and pray opportunity (class assemblies) we will be celebrating musical achievement every half term in special recitals. Sporting and artistic celebrations will also take place throughout the year. Look out for dates on our newsletters and social media – add them to your diary and join us to **CELEBRATE** together...



Class led assemblies - 3pm	Musical achievement recitals	Other key dates to celebrate
5A Assembly Friday 6 th October 2023 6B Assembly Friday 13 th October 2023 6E Assembly Friday 27 th October 2023 6T Assembly Friday 17 th November 2023 5B Assembly Friday 19 th January 2023 2D Assembly Friday 2 nd February 2024 2W Assembly Friday 16 th February 2024 3F Assembly Friday 8 th March 2024 3W Assembly Friday 22 nd March 2024 4C Assembly Friday 26 th April 2024 4CD Assembly Friday 10 th May 2024 1K Assembly Friday 24 th May 2024 1P Assembly Friday 14 th June 2024 RB Assembly Friday 28 th June 2024 RR Assembly Friday 12 th July 2024 Y6 Leavers' Assembly, Friday 5 th July 2024, 1:30pm	Wednesday 25 th October Wednesday 20 th December Wednesday 14 th February Wednesday 27 th March Wednesday 3 rd July All starting at 2:00pm.	Christmas Fair Friday 8 th December 2023, 3:35pm KS1 Christmas Service Monday 11 th December 2023, 2:00pm & 6:30pm LKS2 Christmas Service Tuesday 12 th December 2023, 2:00pm & 6:30pm UKS2 Christmas Service Wednesday 13 th December 2023, 2:00pm & 6:30pm Reception Christmas Service Thursday 14 th December 2023, 2:30pm & 5:30pm

EDUCATIONAL VISITS: We have four strands of educational visit / experience, for which we ask your support this year.

- (i) Visits in the locality – where we walk to / from the place – examples may be to the local nature reserve, park or to church. We often need parent volunteers to accompany us on these occasions.
- (ii) Visits by educational groups to school – These can offer our children the experience of a visit without the expense of travel. Examples include the 'bug-man', or ceramic artist in residence. A contribution is asked for to support school in providing these events, which may be cancelled if we don't receive enough contributions.
- (iii) Off-site visits – the traditional school trip, for which contributions are asked for, and parents are asked to accompany by arrangement with the office. Some pupils who are part of teams, or who are selected to represent the school may also make off-site visits, accompanied by members of staff. For all of the above, school uniform is worn.
- (iv) Residential experiences – These have a much longer lead-in period so that payments can be made more easily. Examples include our Y5 visit to medieval Ford Castle & Lindisfarne pilgrimage; the Y6 action-adventure experience at Kingswood Dearne Valley, and the UKS2 France experience. Guidance is provided on clothing to be worn, spending money, and other factors. The trips are accompanied by school staff who volunteer to take part. High standards of behaviour and respect are expected on all educational visits.



NORMANDY RESIDENTIAL: Our UKS2 residential visit to France departs early morning on Monday 25th September, with an exciting programme of experiences. Keep an eye out for updates of what they are experiencing. #Normandy23 #France23





PARKING: Please respect that over 400 children must enter and exit school safely each day. This partly relies upon everyone parking safely and with due regard for others, including our neighbours. Please do not park across drives or in restricted areas. There is no right of vehicular access to the main school driveway for any parents, except by prior permission- the access control barrier, fitted during the summer break is a reminder of this. Please follow the code of use for our **PARK & WALK** facility, which has a speed limit of 5mph. There is strictly no pedestrian access through the **PARK & WALK** gates. Gates open at 8:30am and 3:30pm. Permits, which must be on display,

can be applied for via the main office or by completing the google form at [Park & Walk Permit](#). Please remember that animals are not to be brought onto the school site without prior permission.

KEY INFORMATION: Details of our [term dates](#), [session times and drop-off / pick-up arrangements](#), [attendance and absence policy](#), [uniform](#), [behavioural code](#), [curriculum](#), [staff team](#) and [safeguarding arrangements](#) are all available on our [school website](#).

SCHOOL MEALS: Meals are provided, at no cost, to children in Reception, Y1 & Y2. For KS2 children, the price of school meals is currently £2.47 per day. Meals are ordered on a half-termly basis. The cost for this half term will be **£96.33** which covers 5th September until we break on 27th October. Payment can be made via [Parent App - School Money](#). If paying by cheque, it should be made payable to BMBC, and sent directly to the school office. Please ensure that you inform the office prior to changing your child's meal arrangements.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS: The NEW School Money app has recently been launched. Follow the link to download [Parent App - School Money](#).



OPERATION ENCOMPASS: Our school takes part in a project that runs jointly with the Greater Manchester Police Force. Operation Encompass is the mechanism for reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, where a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse. Operation Encompass ensures that a member of the school staff (DSL), known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been experienced a domestic abuse incident.



Furthermore, any police involvement with children, out of school, will be alerted to school through this mechanism.



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



TERM DATES 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR:



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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TERM DATES 2024-2025: Our Governing Board have approved the 2024-5 academic year term dates:



TERM DATES 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	SPRING TERM 2025	SUMMER TERM 2025	STAFF INSET DAYS 2024-2025
Term begins: Wed 4 th September 2024	Term begins: Tues 7 th January 2025	Term begins: Wed 30 th April 2025 Bank Holiday: Mon 5 th May 2025	1. Mon 2 nd September 2024 2. Tues 3 rd September 2024 3. Mon 6 th January 2025 4. Fri 18 th July 2025 5. Transferred to Twilights for Triangulation: 1 hour attached to Wednesday staff meetings on 3 rd Wednesday of each half term.
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AND FINALLY: Our first half term is named the 'Marian Term' as we began, last week, by celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.



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

M Johnson

Mr M Johnson
Executive Headteacher

B Furey

Mrs B Furey
Director of Teach Heart Alliance

God places his hope not in the great and the powerful, but in the small and the humble.

#NativityOfMary

Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 8th September 2023.



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Wednesday
6th September

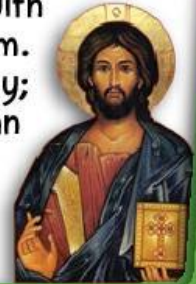


**Good News
for Families**

1

Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother does something against you, point out his fault to him when the two of you are alone together. If he listens to you, then you have won your brother back. But if he does not listen to you, then you should take one or two others along with you, so that every word you say may be confirmed by them. If he still refuses to listen, tell the whole church community; and if he even refuses to listen to the Church, treat him as an outcast. I tell you truly, if two of you on earth agree what to ask for, then my Father in heaven will grant it. If two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 10th September. Matt. 18:15-20 (the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **RECONCILIATION**



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Wednesday's Word

RECONCILIATION



"Let us all become people of reconciliation and peace!" Pope Francis

What does Jesus say is the first thing that we should do if someone upsets us? Sometimes we make mistakes and occasionally upset one another. The important thing is to overcome such upsets in a loving way and become friends again. This is also known as reconciliation. This Sunday's Gospel suggests ways of doing this peacefully and calmly. Ask your child who have been their special friends over the years, even if they have had misunderstandings. Tell your children about the special friendships you have had over the years. Each say what you think makes a lasting friendship?

"Do I take the Gospel message of reconciliation and love into the places where I live and work?" Pope Francis

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we should always try hard to be reconciled - to heal relationships and to try to make friends again. Prayer is an important part of reconciliation. We can ask Jesus, anytime, to bring peace to a situation, and to guide us back to friendship. We can't always undo mistakes if we have done something wrong and upset someone, but we can always learn from our mistakes and try to make amends. As a family, share ideas about how to be reconciled with someone if things go wrong. Perhaps we can; say sorry if we have done wrong; ask an adult to help us make friends again. Can you think of other ways?



Dear Lord Jesus, help us always to be ready to make peace and to be **reconciled** with our friends, neighbours and with you - to live together in harmony and happiness. Amen.

**WEDNESDAY
WORDSEARCH**



Cross out the letters **c d m** in the 4 jumbled words to find 4 real words.

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

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**JESUS
DISCIPLES**
**BROTHER
FAULT**
**ALONE
TOGETHER**
**WIN
BACK**

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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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F	A	U	L	T	B	I	T	N	I	L	D
B	A	C	K	X	R	S	O	N	O	J	C
D	K	N	D	N	O	C	G	N	L	R	V
B	I	C	W	I	T	I	E	N	S	E	G
M	R	S	A	N	H	P	T	J	U	H	V
Q	T	O	C	B	E	L	H	E	S	T	C
Y	A	N	T	I	R	E	E	S	E	E	E
E	L	W	Y	H	P	S	R	U	J	G	C
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If _____ brother listens to you, _____
you have _____ your _____ back.

DID YOU KNOW? This Sunday we celebrate 'Education Sunday': a national day of prayer when we especially remember all those involved in the education and the care of our children: catholiceducation.org.uk

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to ...

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