

Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

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Friday 24th November 2023

Dear parents and families,

TALENTS

The Sacred Heart Standard

This week, in our Like Jesus assembly, we gathered to consider the parable of the talents.

Generous God, we give you thanks for the gifts and talents that you have given us. Help us to make the best use of them that we can and to serve you in all that we do. Amen.

Our big question was: **How do we make the best use of the talents we have been given by God?**

Jesus said: "At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to go on a journey; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. He gave to each one according to his ability: to one he gave 5,000 gold coins, to another he gave 2,000, and to another he gave 1,000. Then he left on his journey. The servant who had received 5,000 coins went at once and invested his money and earned another 5,000. In the same way the servant who had received 2,000 coins earned another 2,000. But the servant who had received 1,000 coins went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The servant who had received 5,000 coins came in and handed over the other 5,000. 'You gave me 5,000 coins, sir,' he said. 'Look! Here are another 5,000 that I have earned.' 'Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. 'You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!'

Then the servant who had been given 2,000 coins came in and said, 'You gave me 2,000 coins, sir. Look! Here are another 2,000 that I have earned.' 'Well done, you good and faithful servant!' said his master. 'You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in and share my happiness!'

Then the servant who had received 1,000 coins came in and said, 'Sir, I know you are a hard man; you reap harvests where you did not sow, and you gather crops where you did not scatter seed. I was afraid, so I went off and hid your money in the ground. Look! Here is what belongs to you.'

'You bad and lazy servant!' his master said. 'You knew, did you, that I reap harvests where I did not sow, and gather crops where I did not scatter seed? Well, then, you should have deposited my money in the bank, and I would have received it all back with interest when I returned. Now, take the money away from him and give it to the one who has 10,000 coins. For to every person who has something, even more will be given, and he will have more than enough; but the person who has nothing, even the little that he has will be taken away from him. As for this useless servant—throw him outside in the darkness; there he will cry and grind his teeth.' (Matthew 25:14-30)

In some versions of the story, instead of talking about gold coins, it uses the word "talents". A talent was a word for money in Jesus' time. Jesus is telling us that it is important to use the gifts that God has given us. We are all good at different things. We all have different skills and talents. **What is your talent?**

Some of us are good at singing, some of us are good at sport. Some of us are good at dancing, some of us are good at drawing. Some of us are good at baking, some of us are good at building Lego. Some of us are good at speaking out when we see that something is wrong or unfair, some of us are good at helping others.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

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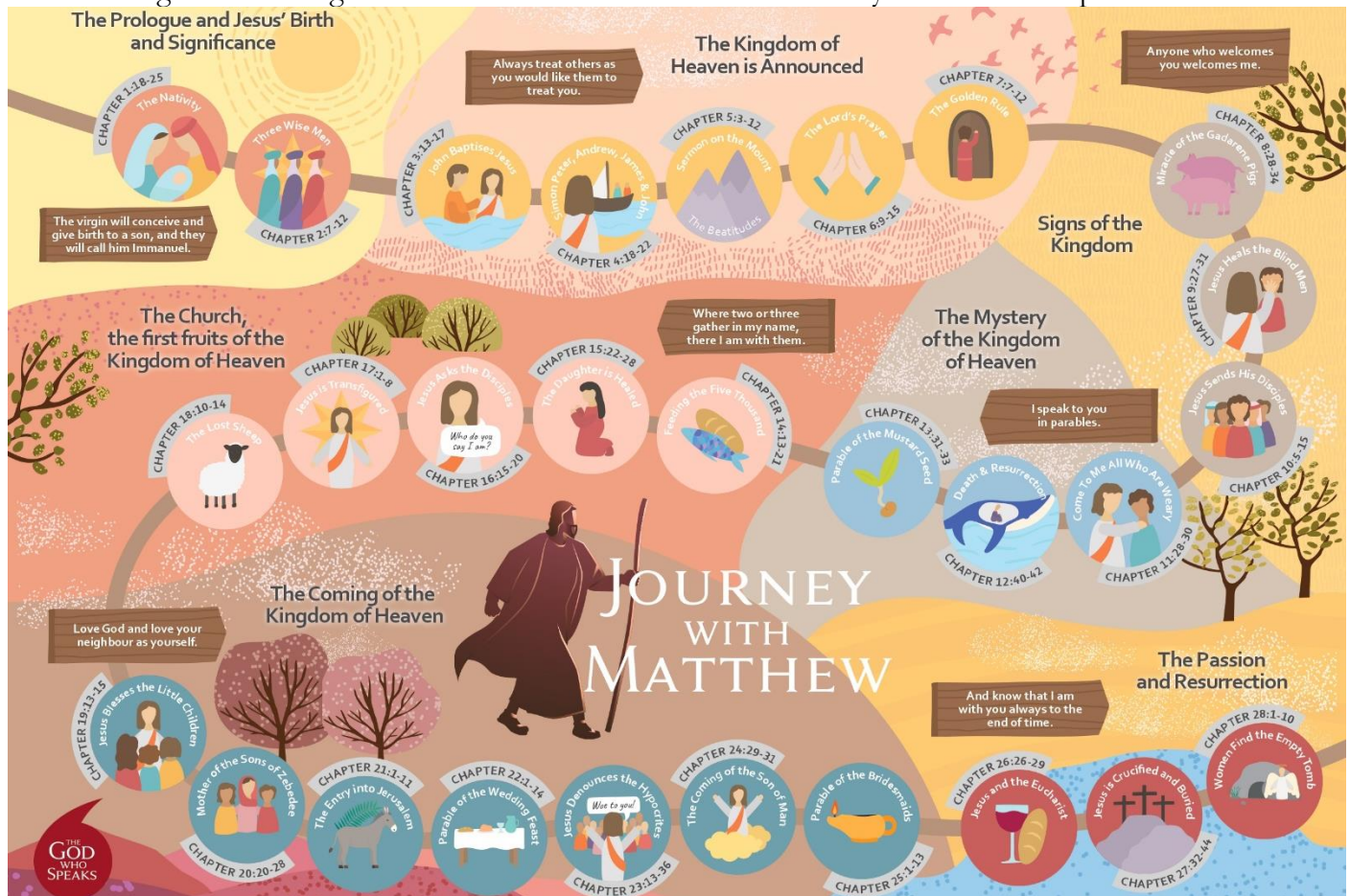
 We gather

Ask Father Christopher...



Children all around the world are using their talents to make the world a better and fairer place. By using our skills to help others in our world, we are also serving God.

CHRIST THE KING: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/> - Episode 12. This Sunday is the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe, when we conclude our Year A journey with Matthew's Gospel, the following week moving into Advent with Year B of the church's cycle and the Gospel of St Luke.



right and fair. You gave us ears. Help us to listen to those in need.
multiply them for the good

Loving God,
with all our hearts, minds, and strength,

Loving God,
We believe that the gifts of the
world should be shared fairly.
Help us to always be grateful for
what we have and share
generously with others.

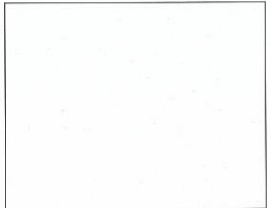
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer



Sharing fairly
Distributive Justice

MP CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION ENTRIES: Please return Chris Green MP's Christmas Card competition entries, on the attached form, to the **SCHOOL OFFICE** no later than Monday 27th November, enabling us to deliver them in time.

**BOLTON WEST AND ATHERTON
CHRISTMAS CARD
COMPETITION**
PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW TO DESIGN YOUR CARD.



Full Name: _____
Age: _____
School: _____

Please return to Chris Green MP, 12 Market Street, Manchester, M1 1JH
by Friday 1st December

MASSES: Every Friday, a year group will be attending the **CELEBRATION** of Mass at 10am, in church. Whole school Masses, in the school hall, with readings led by our children, will take place each half term. Families are welcome to join us. A list of which classes are attending Mass on which dates is found at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/celebrate/> or by following the Celebrate link, within newsletters, in our Virtual Office on the school website.

- Friday 1st December 2023, 10am – Y2 Mass, church
- **Friday 8th December 2023, 10am – Whole school Mass, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 10am, school hall**
- Friday 15th December 2023, 10am – Y1 Mass, church

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



BE INFLUENTIAL: Many of our children follow influencers online. Pope Francis challenges our thinking:

With her 'yes', Mary became the most influential woman in history
Without social networks, she became the first 'influencer': the 'influencer' of God.



With her "yes", Mary became the most influential woman in history. Without social networks, she became the first "influencer": the "influencer" of God. #Panama2019

1:00 AM · Jan 27, 2019

"The young woman of Nazareth was not part of the 'social networks' of the time. She was not an 'influencer,' but without wanting or trying to, she became the most influential woman in history," Francis told the crowd on Saturday. "Are you willing to be an 'influencer' like Mary?" he asked.



AWARDS: Congratulations to this week's assembly award winners: #LikeJesus



LEARN | LOVE | LEAD
LOVE ONE ANOTHER



UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

Jesus lives in our school: in our minds and words and actions...

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 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 2023	95.52
Attendance	WE 17/11/23
Whole School	96.31
RB	99.33
RR	90.67
1K	95
1P	93.45
2D	99.33
2W	93.33
3F	99.35
3W	94.52
4C	98.67
4CD	95.33
5A	95
5B	99.33
6B	96.32
6E	97.14
6T	99



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



NOVEMBER '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 bulletin for last weekend can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/>

NOVEMBER E-SAFETY UPDATE: can be downloaded at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Primary-November-2023-Sacred-Heart-Bolton-31-10-2023.pdf>



UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

CANON LAW: Our strategy is rooted in the law of the universal Catholic church:

Can. 796 §1. Among the means to foster education, the Christian faithful are to hold schools in esteem; schools are the principal assistance to parents in fulfilling the function of education.

§2. Parents must cooperate closely with the teachers of the schools to which they entrust their children to be educated; moreover, teachers in fulfilling their duty are to collaborate very closely with parents, who are to be heard willingly and for whom associations or meetings are to be established and highly esteemed.

KEY DATES as part of our **UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE** strategy:

Our **UNITE** meeting recordings can be accessed on our school website at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/unite/>.

ACHIEVE are drop in days, 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.

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

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

CELEBRATE learning and progress in a range of ways:

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

Class led assembly – All starting at 3pm	Musical achievement recitals	Other key dates to celebrate
5B Assembly, Friday 19 th January 2023	Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Fair , Friday 8 th December 2023, 3:35pm
2D Assembly, Friday 2 nd February 2024	Wednesday 14 th February	KS1 Christmas Service , Monday 11 th December 2023, 2:00pm & 6:30pm
2W Assembly, Friday 16 th February 2024	Wednesday 27 th March	LKS2 Christmas Service , Tuesday 12 th December 2023, 2:00pm & 6:30pm
3F Assembly, Friday 8 th March 2024	Wednesday 3 rd July	UKS2 Christmas Service , Wednesday 13 th December 2023, 2:00pm & 6:30pm
3W Assembly, Friday 22 nd March 2024	<i>All starting at 2:00pm</i>	Reception Christmas Service , Thursday 14 th December 2023, 2:30pm & 5:30pm
4C Assembly, Friday 26 th April 2024		
4CD Assembly, Friday 10 th May 2024		
1K Assembly, Friday 24 th May 2024		

OTHER NEWS: Newsletters issued over the last week:

[Y6 Knife Angel Trip](#)



CURRENT SCHOOL STATISTICS: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/current-school-statistics/>

Number of pupils on roll: 422

Baptised Catholic: 249 (59%)

Girls: 216 (51%)

Boys: 207 (49%)

SEND: 29 (7%)

EHCP: 9 (2%)

Pupil Premium: 34 (8%)

EAL: 40 (9%)

LAC: 0

Reception: 60 | Year 1: 59 | Year 2: 60 | Year 3: 61 | Year 4: 60 | Year 5: 62 | Year 6: 60



Paul Hamlyn Teacher Development Project.. This is Manchester we do things differently here.....

After a very long application process, Sacred Heart was successful in being awarded £165,000 from the Paul Hamlyn Teacher Development Fund.

The Teacher Development Project represents a unique opportunity for teachers to enrich their knowledge and teaching abilities in the domains of poetry and music. By combining the resources and expertise of Manchester Poetry Library and Digit Music, this project aims to equip teachers with the tools and inspiration to foster a deep appreciation for these art forms in their students, ultimately enhancing the educational experience and nurturing creativity in the next generation. The infusion of creativity across the curriculum is a transformative educational approach that has a profound impact on both students and teachers. By embracing creativity in subjects beyond the arts, such as English, history, and PSHE pupils are encouraged to think critically, problem-solve, and approach learning with a fresh perspective. Ultimately, the impact of infusing creativity across the curriculum extends beyond the classroom, as it equips pupils with the skills and mind-set necessary to navigate an ever-evolving, innovative world.

The project is an innovative initiative aimed at empowering teachers to cultivate their skills in poetry and music. This collaborative endeavour brings together teachers from 5 schools across Salford Diocese, Manchester Poetry Library, and Digit Music to create a comprehensive teacher professional development programme underpinned by research.





CHRISTMAS FAIR & NON UNIFORM DAYS FOR DONATIONS:

Friday 1st December – in exchange for chocolate items

Monday 4th December – in exchange for bottle items

Wednesday 6th December – in exchange for baked items

Please display a poster to let everyone know about our fair! We look forward to seeing you all there – and of course, to welcoming Father Christmas!

Our annual **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** operates again this year, including the annual St Nicholas giving of a gift to those who might otherwise have none. Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumper on Monday 11th December (St Nicholas Day).



ADVENT

SUPPORTING CARITAS CORNERSTONE

Be inventive in hospitality. ROMANS 12:13

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE **Jesus** THIS CHRISTMAS

27 NOV	TOILETRIES SHOWER GEL	11 DEC	ST NICHOLAS DAY GIFTS
28 NOV	TOOTHBRUSH TOOTHPASTE	12 DEC	BISCUITS
29 NOV	TINNED FISH	13 DEC	CHOCOLATES & SWEETS
30 NOV	TINNED POTATOES TINNED VEGETABLES	14 DEC	CHRISTMAS PUDDING
01 DEC	TEA COFFEE HOT CHOCOLATE	15 DEC	NAPPIES & BABY SUPPLIES
04 DEC	GRAVY GRANULES		
05 DEC	TINNED MEATS TINNED SOUPS		
06 DEC	MINCE PIES		
07 DEC	JELLIES ANGEL DELIGHT		
08 DEC	TINNED DESSERTS		

THESE ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS

ANYTHING THAT WILL MAKE CHRISTMAS JOYOUS FOR OUR VULNERABLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

St Nicholas Day Gifts:
 Reception – For anyone
 Y1 and Y2 – For children
 Y3 and Y4 – For ladies
 Y5 and Y6 – For gentlemen





THE BIG AMBITION: The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.

If you and your child could take 10 minutes to complete the survey, at the link below (or by scanning the QR code), this would be much appreciated.

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKxrjYeSg_w



GOVERNING BOARD: We still have one vacancy for [foundation governor](#). You must be a practicing Catholic to qualify for this role. If you are interested and think your skills would be useful to our governing board, please let us know. Governor diversity information for our school can be found at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/governor-diversity-information/>

AND FINALLY: We wished Miss Butler well on Wednesday as she went off on her maternity leave. Congratulations too to Mrs Purtill and our PGCE graduates who celebrated their graduation at Carlisle Cathedral... #TeachHeartAlliance



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

M Johnson

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Executive Headteacher

B Furey

Mrs B Furey

Director of Teach Heart Alliance

Adoration is not a departure from life; rather, it is the space to give meaning to everything, to receive the gift of God's love and to be able to bear witness to it in fraternal charity.

Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 23rd November 2023.



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by Friday 1st December



The background of the poster features a red and green color scheme with a string of Christmas lights and gift boxes along the top edge. A holly leaf with red berries is positioned on the right side.

CHRISTMAS FAIR:

SACRED HEART SCHOOL HALL

CENTRAL DRIVE | WESTHOUGHTON

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023

3:30 PM

STALLS | FATHER CHRISTMAS | REFRESHMENTS