



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

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Dear parents and families,

CANDLEMAS TERM: EPIPHANY WEEK

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Welcome back! We began our week by reflecting on the solemnity of Epiphany. The magi show us that Christ came for all peoples. It is now our responsibility to be the light of Christ for others. We considered how we can show love, becoming treasure seekers who look for good in others.

Watch at <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/> - Episode 16, The Epiphany.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east... And suddenly the star they had seen rising went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:1, 9-12)



The Epiphany Mission

At some point in your day, pause and 'pay homage' to Jesus. Remember that Jesus is with you and loving you. You can say thank you to him in your own words.

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER





LET US PRAY: Jesus, Guide on our journey, let us see with your eyes, so that we may recognise you in every person of every race, nationality and colour.
 Jesus, Light of the world, may we be a light for those whose lives we share; may our kindness and care bring courage and hope to those who are sad.
 Jesus, bringer of comfort, help us to realise that we have gifts to offer to you through your people every day, and these gifts are precious to you.
May we show our thanks to you, by serving our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Loving God,
 We believe that people who make
 decisions should listen to everyone.
 Help us make sure everyone is
 treated fairly and can have a say.

Lord in your mercy
 Hear our prayer



Everyone should have a say
 Subsidiarity

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: This week's theme is **thinking of everyone**. We aim that our children are guided to **LEARN** | **LOVE** | **LEAD** in their school experience and beyond. **Jesus lives in our school: in our minds and words and actions...**

MASS: This morning, our Y1 & Y6 pupils will attend Mass, at 10am, in church. Further Mass dates for the term are at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/celebrate/>

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...

LEARN | LOVE | LEAD
LOVE ONE ANOTHER



What we do...

- We manage the data in the school
- We check that data is being used correctly
- We investigate when things go wrong
- We help you, if requested

Data Protection Act 2018

You have the right to:

- View data being held by the school
- Ask for data to be changed
- Ask for data to be deleted

How to contact us

Tel: 0161 610 2990
Email: dsarequests@globalpolicing.co.uk
Web: www.globalpolicing.co.uk/data



Share Williams
School Data Protection Officer (DPO)

GDPR & PRIVACY NOTICE: We have a new privacy notice because our data management service provider has now changed to Global Policing. Global Policing will manage any freedom of information or subject access requests. For more information, visit or virtual office:

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

Parents must read the information supplied in the new policy and return this signed document to the school:

<https://bit.ly/4agdQ9>

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	95.03
Attendance	22/12/2023
Whole School	92.39
RB	90.83
RR	82.50
1K	92.50
1P	92.67
2D	93.33
2W	91.25
3F	92.34
3W	95.83
4C	91.67
4CD	95.83
5A	88.28
5B	94.17
6B	96.05
6E	97.62
6T	95

ATTENDANCE: SEE MATERIALS FROM DFE

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child."
#AttendanceCounts



Attendance: the top facts to know & share

**MOMENTS MATTER,
ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

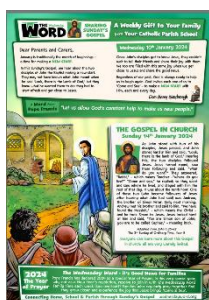
And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

- **More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs**, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor for mental health and wellbeing**.³

1: [The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/)
2: [Missing Children, Missing Grades | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/)
3: [Mental Health and Attendance at School \(Chapter 1\) - Mental Health and Attendance at School \(cambridge.org\)](https://www.cambridge.org/core/)



THE WEDNESDAY WORD: You can enjoy this week's edition of the Wednesday Word as a family by following the link to the latest edition.



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



CHURCH BULLETIN: Our parish bulletin for the last 3 weekends can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/>

JANUARY E-SAFETY UPDATE: can be downloaded at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/online-safety/>



UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

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CANON LAW: Our **UNITE** | **ACHIEVE** | **CELEBRATE** 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.

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: All starting at 2:00pm	Other key dates to celebrate:
5B Assembly, Friday 19 th January 2023	Wednesday 14 th February	Reception Maths Meeting for parents on Mon 15 th Jan 2024 Year 5 Bikeability starts w/b Mon 5 th Feb 2024
2D Assembly, Friday 2 nd February 2024	Wednesday 27 th March	
2W Assembly, Friday 16 th February 2024	Wednesday 3 rd July	
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		



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS:

Spring 1		
Monday		
Football Club Mr Pinches KeyPE Sports	School Hall 3:35pm to 4:30pm £18	Years 5 & 6 Max 20 children
Wednesday		
Dodgeball Club Mr Spencer KeyPE Sports	School Hall 3:35pm to 4:30pm £18	Years 1 & 2 Max 20 children
School of Art, Craft and Wizardry Mrs Barnes (Fall and Roll)	KS2 Breakout Area 3:35pm to 4:30pm £18	Years 3 to 6 Max 16 children
Thursday		
Computing Club Mrs Kakoullis	1K Classroom 12pm to 12:30pm Free	Children are selected to take part.
Football Mr Pinches KeyPE Sports	School Yard 3:35pm to 4:30pm £18	Years 3 & 4 Max 20 children

Spring 2		
Monday		
Tri-Golf Club Mr Spencer KeyPE Sports	School Field 3:35pm to 4:30pm £15	Years 3 & 4 Max 20 children
Tuesday		
Outdoor Explorers Mrs Baldwin	RB Classroom 3:35pm to 4:30pm £15	Years Reception to Year 2 Max 8 children
Craft Club Mrs Ratchford	KS1 Breakout Area 3:35pm to 4:30pm £15	Years 3 & 4 Max 20 Children
Wednesday		
Football Club Mr Pinches KeyPE Sports	School Field 3:35pm to 4:30pm £15	Years 5 & 6 Max 20 children
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French Linguascope Club Madame Harrison	6E 12pm to 12:30pm Free	Years 1 to Year 6 Max 20 children
Multi-Sports Club Mr Pinches KeyPE Sports	School Hall 3:35pm to 4:30pm £15	Years 1 & 2 Max 20 children



AND FINALLY: Our school is alive with human rights activists today – well done to those who have joined in with our celebrations.



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

We find the God who comes down to visit us, not by basking in some elegant religious theory, but by setting out on a journey, seeking the signs of his presence in everyday life, and above all in encountering and touching the flesh of our brothers and sisters.
Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 6th January 2024.



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