



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The *sacred Heart* Standard

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Friday 9th February 2024

Dear parents and families,

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

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This week, we joined in with the national assembly for [Children's mental health week](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/). The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. This year, we want to empower children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing. Download CMH resources for families, so you can take part at home! <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Our Gospel tells about Jesus healing people who were sick. *How are we healers to others?*



Jesus and his disciples, including James and John, left the synagogue and went straight to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, and as soon as Jesus arrived, he was told about her. He went to her, took her by the hand, and helped her up. The fever left her, and she began to wait on them. After the sun had set and evening had come, people brought to Jesus all the sick and those who had demons. All the people of the town gathered in front of the house. Jesus healed many who were sick with all kinds of diseases and drove out many demons. He would not let the demons say anything, because they knew who he was. Very early the next morning, long before daylight, Jesus got up and left the house. He went out of the town to a lonely place, where he prayed. But Simon and his companions went out searching for him, and when they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you." But Jesus answered, "We

must go on to the other villages round here. I have to preach in them also, because that is why I came." So he travelled all over Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and driving out demons. (Mark 1:29-39)

Jesus cared for people and wanted to help them. He was able to make people well again because he is God's son. When people saw what he could do, they believed in him.

In El Salvador it is hard for some people to get the health care that they need. In some parts of the countryside there are very few health services available, so families have to travel long distances to get the care that they need. The poorest families can't afford the cost of health care which is very expensive.

Many years ago CAFOD supported villagers in Guarjila, in El Salvador, to set up a health clinic, and to train as health workers. The clinic is still going strong, helping pregnant women and their babies to keep well, and helping the community to stay safe from coronavirus. They also make home visits, talk to patients over the phone and share important information about how to stay healthy on the local radio.

Head Doctor, Dagoberto Menjivar says, "The clinic is very important for people here because it's local and provides quality healthcare." Lurvin lives near to the clinic and she was looked after there when she was pregnant. She says, "Here, you receive support. Here, they take care of you even for small things."

Jesus healed all those who came to him for help. Although we cannot heal people the way Jesus did, we can help them by making sure that wherever they are in the world, they are able to reach a doctor, or that the doctor can reach them, and that they get the medicine that they need. We can also show people here who are ill that we care about them by looking after them, taking them some food or drink, by sending them a card or letter in the post, by phoning them or perhaps by going to the shops for them if they can't get out.

What will you do to show someone who is sick that you care this week?

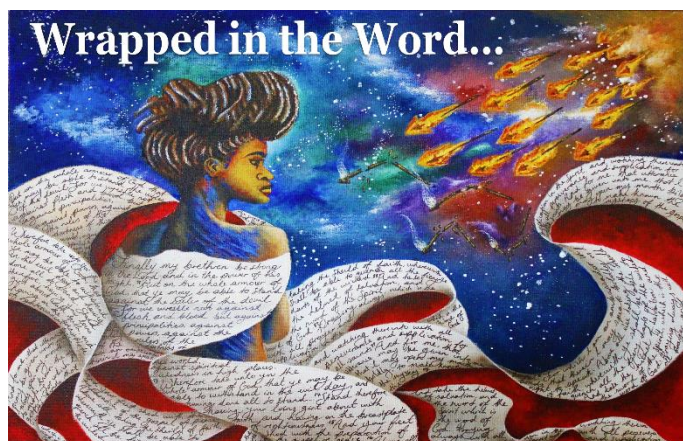
Merciful God, look after all those who are sick. Help us to bring them comfort and make them feel better in any way that we can. Watch over all doctors, nurses and carers and give them strength in their difficult job. Amen.

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER



This Sunday celebrates the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Father will be wearing a green vestment. This is why this week's newsletter title is green.



LET US PRAY: We believe in Jesus who loves and cares for us and so we pray for people who are sick around the world: that they receive the care and comfort that they need. We pray for all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers: that they may find strength in these difficult times as they continue to treat their patients with love, compassion and care. We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may care for one another when we are ill and work together to make sure that all people have the chance to get the care they need when they are sick. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of love, help us all to follow Jesus' example of loving care, and to treat all those who are ill with kindness and tenderness. Amen.

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So that in all things God may be glorified...

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... **LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**



SOME OF OUR AWARD WINNERS:



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

Global Policing



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 510 2990
Email: dataprotection@sacredheartbolton.co.uk
Web: www.globalpolicing.co.uk/data

School Data Protection Officer (DPO)
Shaun Williams

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>

Class	Percentage %
Whole School from September 2023	94.38
Attendance 5th-9th February 2024	
Whole School	94.74
RB	95.33
RR	91.38
1K	98.67
1P	99.31
2D	98.67
2W	91
3F	94.33
3W	94.33
4C	94.67
4CD	97
5A	96.25
5B	93.33
6B	96.84
6E	88.18
6T	88.42

THIS WEEK'S WHOLE SCHOOL

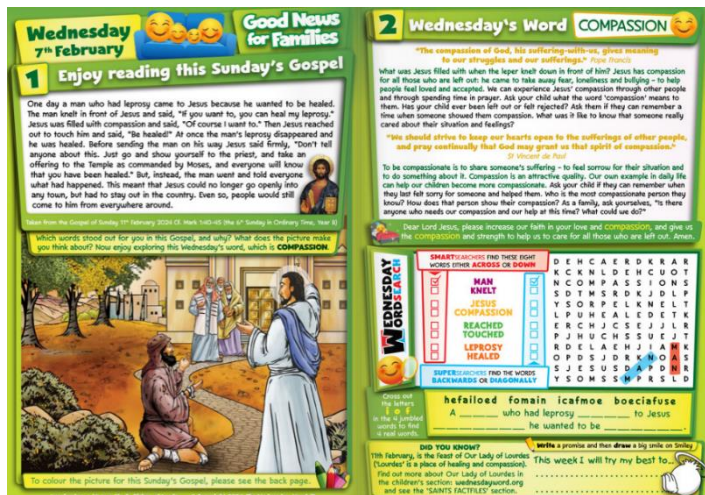
ATTENDANCE: The latest National attendance statistics can be found at: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/pupil-attendance-in-schools>



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

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





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.

<https://www.wednesdayword.org/>

FEBRUARY 'prayers for home' is also available on the [newsletter 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/>



ASH WEDNESDAY: Next week we celebrate Mass and distribution of Ashes on Wednesday, at 10am in the school hall. All are encouraged to attend. Children will also bring home their St Joseph's Penny appeal Lenten collection boxes which are to be returned after the Easter break.

ANGELUS: In school during Lent, we will be praying an [Angelus](#) style prayer. Please take time as a family to pray the Angelus, in these words, at home.

Angelus Style Prayer



The Angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to have a very special baby.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among 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.

Mary agreed to the plan. She said, 'Let it happen to me as you have said'.

Hail Mary . . .

And Jesus was born and lived among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Holy Mary, please pray for us,
that our love for Jesus may grow stronger every day.

Let us pray:

O Lord,
fill our hearts with your love
warming our hearts and
brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring light and life
into this world, and to us,
as we wait for his coming.

Amen

The Angelus Project
Theme: Prayer



The Diocese of Nottingham
Education Service



UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

Jesus lives in our school: in our minds and words and actions... Love one another!

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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** gatherings will take place face-to-face this term, and outline what you can expect your child to be learning about up to Easter.

Reception | Monday 22nd April

Year 6 | Tuesday 23rd April

Year 1 | Thursday 25th April

Year 2 | Friday 26th April

Year 3 | Monday 29th April

Year 4 | Tuesday 30th April

UNITE Letters: <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.

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

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

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

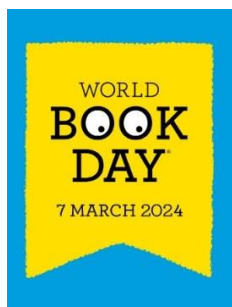
CELEBRATE learning and progress in a range of ways:

<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:
2W Assembly, Friday 16 th February 2024	Wednesday 14 th February	Friday 26th April Shakespeare Twelfth Night Performance
3F Assembly, Friday 8 th March 2024	Wednesday 27 th March	Thursday 7th March World Book Day
3W Assembly, Friday 22 nd March 2024	Wednesday 3 rd July	*NEW DATE* Tuesday 5th March Parents Evening 4pm – 8pm
4C Assembly, Friday 26 th April 2024		
4CD Assembly, Friday 10 th May 2024		
1K Assembly, Friday 24 th May 2024		



HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP: Our Half Term multi-sports Holiday Camp is running, led by Key PE Sports. OFFER: 5 days for the price of 4. All bookings for can be made via the website: www.keypesports.co.uk
Camps run: 9:00-3:30, £15 per day. Children will need a packed lunch and suitable footwear.



WORLD BOOK DAY: World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March this year and we will be celebrating this in school. The theme this year is 'Aspirations'. If your child wishes to dress up, it can be of someone they look up to or aspire to be. Examples are Police officers, pop-stars, sports stars, etc. For inspiration, take a look at Little People, BIG DREAMS:

<https://littlepeoplebigdreams.com/about/>

On World Book Day, children will bring home a World Book Day

token that they can exchange for a book. These books can be found on the World Book Day website:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

Little People, BIG DREAMS

Be Bold, Be Brave, DREAM BIG!

BOOK FAIR: The Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to school on Wednesday 28th February.



CREATE A WOODEN SPOON CHARACTER: To coincide with World Book Day, we are running a 'Create a Wooden Spoon Character' competition. This will start after the February half term and the closing date will be Wednesday 13th March. Entry is £1.00, payable by the School Money app. (visible from 16th February) and your child will receive a wooden spoon to decorate at home. There are prizes to be won!

YOUNG VOICES:



AND FINALLY: As part of the School Singing Programme, our Y3s sang yesterday, at the Diocesan school leadership conference. They made a great impression on the 160 delegates!



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

M Johnson

Mr M Johnson
Executive Headteacher

B Furey

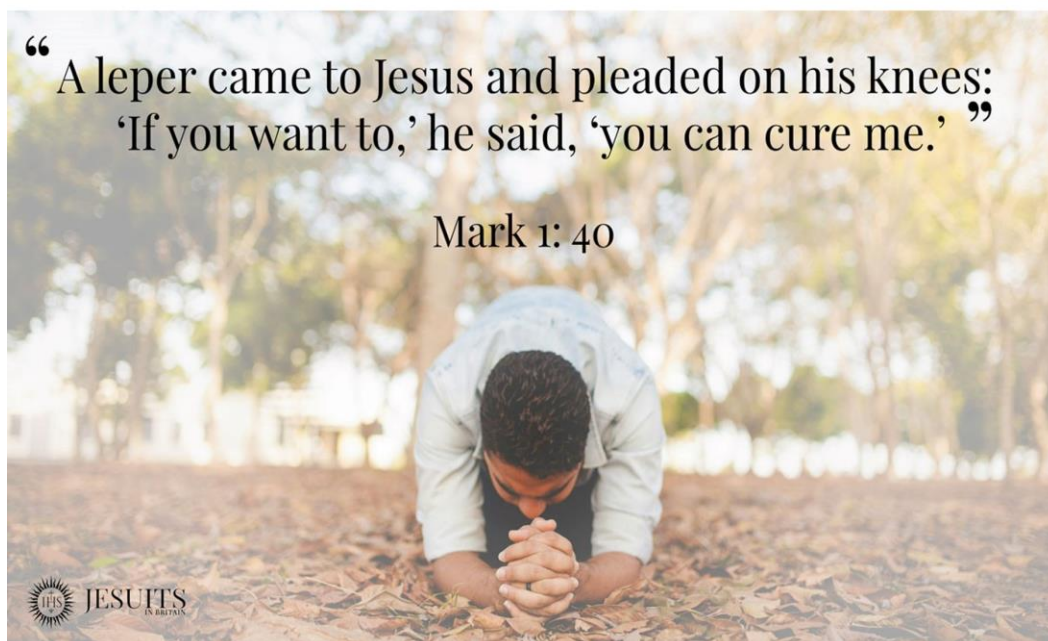
Mrs B Furey
Director of Teach Heart Alliance

The sick, the vulnerable, and the poor are at the heart of the Church. They must also be at the centre of our human concern and pastoral care. May we never forget them!
Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 9th February 2024.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees:
‘If you want to,’ he said, ‘you can cure me.’”

Mark 1: 40



**The
Liturgical
colour is
green for
ordinary
time...**

**Reception
& Y2 are at
10am Mass
next Friday**



Lent 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

PRAYING
Jesus taught us how to pray.
Read Luke 11 verses 5-14

STUDYING
Read out of Jesus' most important teaching in Mark 12:28-34

PRaising
Learn about praising God from a psalm with lyrics.
Read Luke 17:11-19

OBEYING
Read about Jesus' obedience in Luke 22:39-44

GIVING
Jesus gives a blessing in Mark 10:41-44

LOVING
How did people show their love for Jesus on Palm Sunday? Read Luke 19:28-40

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19
A smiling prayer: O help me, Lord, this day to be your own dear child and suffer them to know you.
Amen

26
This week we will study some important words that you will hear during this season of Lent. Look up the Bible verses to understand them even better.

4
A. _____
B. _____
C. _____
D. _____
E. _____
F. _____

11
Remember your baptism today!
Come to think of it, remember is EVERY day!
And speaking of water, with a parent have you can help with spring cleaning.

18
Fill half eggshells with peeling soil, and place them in the bottom half of an egg carton.
Plant a few pinking seeds in each.
Place it on your windowsill, and be sure to water!

26 HOLY WEEK
During Holy Week, Jesus shows us exactly what love is, while a poem thanking Jesus for his love and for preparing a home for us in heaven.

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21
Are you sad sometimes? Jesus understands all about that. Talk about it with him in prayer.

28 FORGIVE
means God expects every sin when you say you are sorry. God wants you to forgive others for your sins. Read Colossians 3:13.

6
Praise God with trumpet and harp and lute and organ.
Psalm 150

13
Is it raining today? It is a good day for a game picnic for you and a friend!

20
Jesus loves and wants us to give his love to others. Think of ways to give God's love to:
Parents _____
Siblings _____
Friends _____
People who are hurting _____
Pets _____

27
Add some decorations to the egg planter that you made on March 18 and give it to a friend!

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24
When you give thanks at dinner time, ask God to take care of hungry people. Ask God to give your family ideas for ways to help him.

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If these words were hard to understand, just remember that it's really all about love—Jesus' amazing love for us!

9
Praise God for all of your talents!

16
Spring is coming! Go outside to enjoy God's new creation!

23
A cross is made of love in two directions:
The up and down line reminds us of God's love for us in Jesus.
The left and right line reminds us of God's love for us in Jesus.

30
Try these Easter egg dyest: cranberries—pink, spinach—green, blueberries—blue, grapes—orange.

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Easter • March 31st • Christ our Savior lives forever!





Will you take on a challenge for Caritas Salford this year?

Every step gives local people experiencing crisis support when they need it most.

Why not take on the Great Manchester Run? Sunday 26th May 2024

Please speak to one of our team
or sign up online here:
caritassalford.org.uk/everystep

