

Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The *sacred Heart* Standard

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Friday 16th February 2024

Dear parents and families,

END OF TERM!

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In this week's celebration of God's Word we reflected on the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time's Gospel reading about another person that Jesus healed. We thought about healing and how to stay healthy together... Our big question was 'What can we do to keep ourselves and others healthy?'

A man suffering from a dreaded skin disease came to Jesus, knelt down, and begged him for help. "If you want to," he said, "you can make me clean." Jesus was filled with pity and reached out his hand and touched him. "I do want to," he answered. "Be clean!" At once the disease left the man, and he was clean. Then Jesus spoke sternly to him and sent him away at once, after saying to him, "Listen, don't tell anyone about this. But go straight to the priest and let him examine you; then in order to prove to everyone that you are cured, offer the sacrifice that Moses ordered." But the man went away and began to spread the news everywhere. Indeed, he talked so much that Jesus could not go into a town publicly. Instead, he stayed out in lonely places, and people came to him from everywhere. (Mark 1:40-45)

Jesus healed people. We try to be like Jesus today in our world, by caring for others, and helping them when they are ill or finding things difficult. We reflected that, in some countries, people use a mosquito net to keep healthy. This is a special net that goes over your bed at night to stop the mosquito, an insect, from biting you, because a mosquito bite can make you sick. We considered the work of Cafod who help people stay healthy in areas where it is more difficult to survive... Some classes have been fundraising this week to buy world gifts... <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

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



CAFOD



Mariam and her five children live in Sudan. Heavy rainfall caused flooding in her town. Mariam's home and possessions were all destroyed.

Mariam and her children fled to a relative's house who lived on higher ground. They didn't have very much space, and there weren't enough mosquito nets to protect them all.

CAFOD

Thankfully CAFOD worked with local experts to make sure that Mariam and her family had enough nets to protect them all from malaria and the other nasty diseases spread by mosquitos.

A Net that Protects World Gift costs £7. Think of ways to fundraise so that more families like Mariam's can stay healthy.



CAFOD



The local people that CAFOD works with around the world help others to stay healthy in lots of different ways, for example by making sure they have clean water to drink and wash with; or teaching them to grow lots of fruit and vegetables so that they have enough to eat and a healthy diet.



Healing God, watch over all your children when they are sick. May we share generously with others so that all people around the world may have the chance to live happy and healthy lives. Amen.

How can you be more like Jesus and care for others who are ill or finding things difficult?

In our assembly, our sacred silence was spent in Eucharistic Adoration: <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/eucharistic-adoration>



This Sunday celebrates the First in Lent. Father will be wearing a violet vestment. This is why this week's newsletter title is purple.



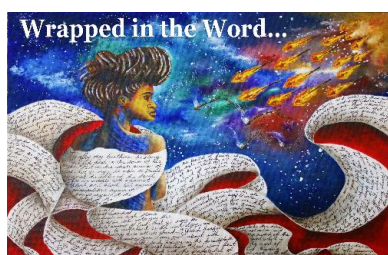
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LOVE ONE ANOTHER





WAYMAKER: We joyfully sang a new hymn in all our celebrations this week, that will become our assembly exit song for next term. You can join in with Fr Columba at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfyWwxfQfQ>
This term we have entered assemblies with **Here I am to Worship** and exited to **Take a Moment** and sung a range of other hymns from <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/worship-songs>



LET US PRAY: We pray for all who are sick or who are struggling in some way: that they may find the help and support that they need. We pray for people all around the world: that they may be healthy and happy and have a chance to change their lives for the better. We pray for our school, family and friends: that we may help other people and always share generously everything that we have. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

UIGD

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL

TEACHING: This week's theme is solidarity.

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.

Loving God,
We believe that we are one big human family.
Help us to reach out to people who are suffering or sad, showing them the love you have shown to us.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer



KING CHARLES: In our assembly we prayed for the health of King Charles. Every class has made a card for King Charles, with relevant scripture quote. They have been posted to him today.



SHROVE TUESDAY: On Tuesday, we celebrated an Alleluia 'rolling worship' (where the focus is adapted to each year group). We reflected on Psalm 50:

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

After singing our Alleluia hymn, decorating and then rolling up the Alleluia scroll until Easter arrives, we considered the season of Lent. Lent is a serious time, 40 days when we walk with Jesus in the wilderness, remembering our weaknesses and putting to death our sins. This is not an easy thing to do. But we know that when we walk with Jesus, we become more like him. And so, it is right that for the season of Lent, we say goodbye to the Alleluia—a shout of joy—and put it away until we return again to our Easter praise.

We prayed:

Almighty God, we give you thanks for this shout of joy you have placed in our hearts. As we bury this banner, we pray that you will bury our sins with it, making us more like your Son this Lenten season. Amen.



Angelus Style Prayer



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

Hail Mary . . .

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.

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.

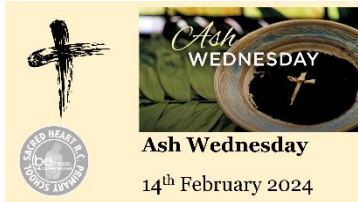
Let us pray:

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





ASH WEDNESDAY: On Ash Wednesday we gathered in the hall for Mass, celebrated with members of our parish community. Our Apostles pupil leadership group led our readings and intercessions. Two members of each class came forward to receive the ashes before taking a bowl of ash to their class to distribute in a special liturgical service. *“Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel”.*



THIS WEEK'S 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



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- We make sure data is being used correctly
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- We help you if you need it

Data Protection Act 2018

There have been three key bits:

- Know what is being held by the school
- Make sure it is being used correctly
- Make sure it is being used correctly

How to contact us

Tel: 0161 510 2999

Email: customerservice@globalpolicing.co.uk

Web: www.globalpolicing.co.uk/site



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/4agdqA9>

MUSIC RECITAL: Thank you to all who supported our children in the music recital this week.



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UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

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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>



THE WEDNESDAY WORD: You can enjoy this week's edition of the Wednesday Word, and a half-term edition for next week, as a family by following the link to the latest edition.

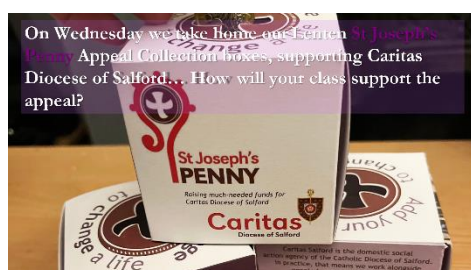
<https://www.wednesdayword.org/>



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



MASS: Reception and Y2 attended Mass this morning.

ST JOSEPH'S PENNY: Children have brought home their St Joseph's Penny appeal Lenten collection boxes which are to be returned after the Easter break. Please try to help as best you can to support people within our Diocesan area helped by Caritas Diocese of Salford.



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



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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	
3W Assembly, Friday 22 nd March 2024	Wednesday 3 rd July	Thursday 7th March World Book Day
4C Assembly, Friday 26 th April 2024		*NEW DATE* Tuesday 5th March Parents Evening 4pm – 8pm
4CD Assembly, Friday 10 th May 2024		
1K Assembly, Friday 24 th May 2024		



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OTHER NEWS: Newsletters issued over the last week:

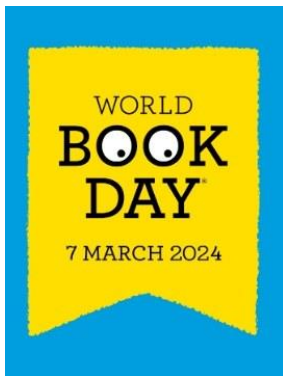
- [Fordcastle Packing and Medication](#)
- [Y3 Greek Workshop Letter](#)
- [Class RR Update Letter](#)



BEST WISHES: We send our best wishes and thanks to Reception teacher, Mrs Ratchford, who leaves us today. Mr Stubbs is now teaching in Reception.

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!





AND FINALLY: Today, we say thank you to Mr Hodgkinson, who leaves us on promotion. Mr Hodgkinson, as one of our front of house team, has been first port of call for many, when visiting the office or ringing school, for almost 7 years, since joining us as an apprentice in September 2017.

We celebrated Mr Hodgkinson's time with us in an assembly this morning. Best wishes at Ladybridge High!



Have a great half term break!

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

*Prayer is not an escape from our duties. It helps us accomplish the good we are required to do, here and now. #YearOfPrayer
Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 12th February 2024.*

Meaning of Lent

Mission

Lent is a time to pray, fast and give. We do this to make space in our lives for Jesus.

Go to Jesus in prayer and ask him how he would like you to complete these Lenten practices. Remember, every time you pray, fast or give, you are turning to face God.

Like Jesus...





Area Address
Area Address
AREA TOWN
Area Postcode

Tel:
Date



Dear Headteacher

I am writing to ask for your support in raising awareness of the increased risk of dog attacks our postmen and women face over the school holidays.

In raising awareness, we may go some way to preventing future attacks and reducing injuries to our postal workers.

If you could share the following information with your pupils during an assembly and their parents via the school newsletter or website, before your school breaks up for the holiday, it will help us to reduce this risk and keep our post people safe during this period.

Here are a few bullet points that highlight the current issues we face:

- There were over 1,900 dog attacks on Royal Mail postmen and women across the UK in 2022-23, that's at least five postmen or postwomen attacked every day.
- 47% of these are **attacks happened when the customer opened the door to get a signature for a delivery.**
- Lots of dog attacks occurred when dogs **were left alone in the garden or not supervised** when our postal worker was delivering
- Some of these attacks **led to permanent and disabling injuries.**
- All dog attacks can have **life changing consequences** for our colleagues even where the physical injury does not look severe.

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We know that even the most placid of dogs can behave differently if they see someone they do not know approaching their home. If a dog is feeling poorly it can sometimes react in ways that we do not expect. A dog's loyalty and protective nature – reasons why we love them so much – can mean they aren't always friendly to visitors.

So, our ask of your children and their parents is to follow the top tips below to keep their post person safe:

- If the post person has an item of mail or a parcel for you, before you open the door, please make sure your dog is secure in another room, or behind a gate, just until we've delivered, and don't worry if it takes a minute to do it – we will wait!
- If you have a back or side garden, please make sure your dog can't get loose and gates and doors are closed.
- Sometimes dogs snatch mail from the letterbox and they can cause injuries to the post person's fingers, as well as themselves. If you can, please consider fitting an external mailbox or letter cage to the back of your door.

You can find more top tips on our website, which you can access through this link:
<https://www.royalmail.com/personal/dog-awareness> or via the QR code below.

If you have any good ideas on how we might reduce dog attacks at Royal Mail, please send an e-mail with your suggestions to: nicholas.burns@royalmail.com.

We are also running a competition for the best drawing which shows the things we can do to keep our post person safe, the top three winning entries will be displayed on the dog awareness page of the Royal Mail website. Please send your submissions, along with your name, age and the details of your school to:

Nicholas Burns
Plymouth Mail Centre
Breakwater Road
Oreston
Plymouth
PL9 7XX

The closing date for entries to be received is 10/03/24.

Below is an A4 poster that I hope you will be able to display in your school. This information is not only useful during the school holidays but also throughout the year.

If you would like us to attend your school to talk further about this issue then please contact xxxxxxxx

Thank you so much for all your help and support on this important topic.

Yours sincerely,

Royal Mail



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DID YOU KNOW?



37 Royal Mail employees a week were attacked by dogs in 2022/23. That's a total of **1,916** posties – with some suffering permanent and disabling injuries.

Please help us prevent attacks on our posties:

- **SECURE YOUR DOG** in a different room when the postie arrives
- **NEVER OPEN THE DOOR** to a postie when your dog is not secured away
- **INVEST IN A LETTER CAGE OR EXTERNAL DELIVERY POINT** to stop bites through the letterbox
- If your dog is running loose outdoors on your premises **YOUR MAIL CAN BE SUSPENDED**



For more information, please visit royalmail.com/dogawareness

EXT-ENG

Following changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 in May 2014, an owner or/and a person in charge of a dog, can be prosecuted if that dog attacks anyone, in any place in England, Wales or Scotland. Royal Mail can commence a prosecution if the police have failed to do so.

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