



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

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Monday 20th May 2024

Dear parents and families,

PENTECOST | END OF TERM

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This fortnight we have been busy concluding the season of Easter and learning about our Pentecost Mission – to use the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in our day to day serving of others.

Today's Like Jesus celebration of God's Word linked us back to our worship of last week which concluded with a wonderful Pentecost Party on Friday. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It is the day the followers of Jesus gained the Spirit-fuelled energy to go out and spread the good news...

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said.

After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:19-23)

The disciples were scared of people they thought would hurt them and so they were hiding away. But when Jesus came they rejoiced, and he gave them a very special gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Suddenly the room that the disciples are sitting in is filled with the sound of a strong wind. Then the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit. They go outside to tell people about Jesus and everyone can understand them – even people from far away who speak a different language!



When the day of Pentecost came, all the believers were gathered together in one place. Suddenly there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then they saw what looked like tongues of fire which spread out and touched each person there. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. There were Jews living in Jerusalem, religious people who had come from every country in the world. When they heard this noise, a large crowd gathered. They were all excited, because all of them heard the believers talking in their own languages. In amazement and wonder they exclaimed, "These people who are talking like this are Galileans! How is it, then, that all of us hear them speaking in our own native languages? We are from Parthia, Media, and Elam; from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia; from Pontus and Asia, from Phrygia and Pamphylia, from Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene. Some of us are from Rome, both Jews and Gentiles converted to Judaism, and some of us are from Crete and Arabia—yet all of us hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" (Acts 2: 1-11)

The Holy Spirit can work through us when we are kind to our family and friends, when we think about other people around the world, and when we work for people who are in need. The Holy Spirit can also give us courage to speak out, just like the disciples in today's readings.

What will you do this week to show the effects of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Generous Lord, You give us your gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us to be inspired like the apostles to go out and do good work in your name. Amen.

Watch the Mark 10 Mission Episode 33: Pentecost <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

Next Sunday celebrates the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Father will be wearing a red **chasuble**. This is why this week's newsletter title is red. **We are now in ordinary time!**



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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

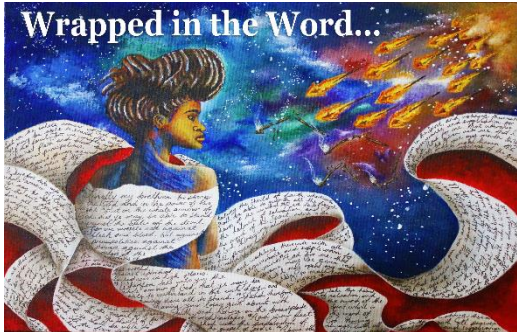


Pentecost *Mission*

When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they were filled with God's life and love and were forever changed. Your Mission is to spend some time away from your class inviting the Holy Spirit to fill you. You can pray the simple prayer:

'Come Holy Spirit.'

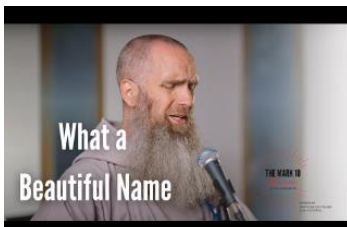
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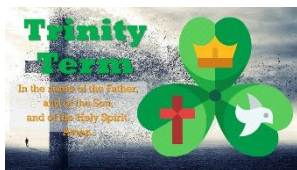
So that in all things God may be glorified...

LET US PRAY: We pray for world leaders: that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit and have the courage to act for the good of all people and creation. We pray for our brothers and sisters all over the world: that they may find hope and be able to change their lives for the better. We pray for our parish, family and friends: that the Holy Spirit may bring us the strength to make our world a fairer and better place for all people to live in. God of hope, send your Spirit and fill us with courage and hope of a world where all people have the chance to live free from poverty. Amen.



SING WITH US: Our assembly entrance hymn for the Pentecost Term, **What a beautiful name**, is sung by Fr Columba CFR. Listen at: [What a Beautiful Name — The Mark 10 Mission](#)

Sign Your Cross is our assembly exit song for this half term. You can join in with lay missionary, Pippa Baker at: [Sign Your Cross — The Mark 10 Mission](#)



Next half term is the Trinity Term. Our hymns will be: [How Great is our God](#) and [Sweet Heart of Jesus](#)





CST: Our Catholic Social Teaching theme this week is Participation.

Loving God,
We believe that everyone has special gifts and talents.
Thank you for the gifts you have given us.
Help us to make sure everyone can use the talents you gave them.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer



Everyone is special
Participation



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CELEBRATION MASS (PENTECOST SUNDAY): The children who have taken part in the Sacramental Programme and celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist over the last few weeks, gathered together at yesterday's 10am Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Today they are celebrating in school. Please keep them in your prayers.



PENTECOST PARTY: Thank you to all who joined us last Friday for our Pentecost Party. All aspects of the celebration were beautiful.



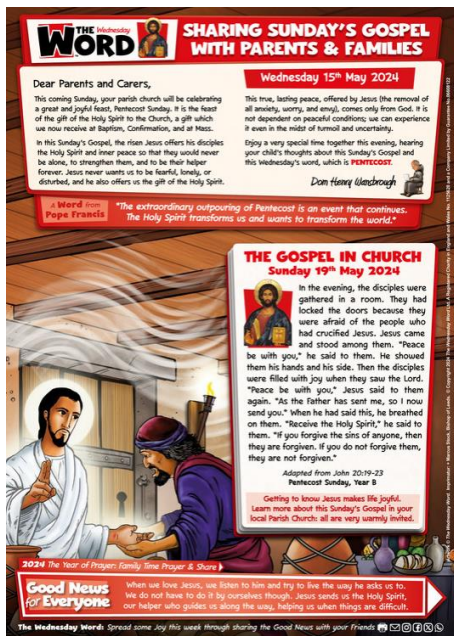
New Parent App Launch

Parents, you will soon be contacted and prompted to download our new parent app and install it to your device (This Friday). You will be able to access this app using the same username and password as you used for Teachers2Parents. Our new app replaces Teachers2Parents; all payments will still be processed through School Money, however this can now be accessed via a tile on the new app to make things simpler.

As we develop this system further ready for September, you will soon be able to book/cancel parent's evening times and before/after school clubs and extra-curricular clubs on this app too as well as receive the weekly newsletters and other notifications that were once sent out as text messages previously.

This app will be a simpler way to communicate with school: everything you need to know will now be in one location.





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/>

MAY '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/>

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

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



Salford Cathedral Choir
with pupils from Sacred Heart RC Primary School, Westhoughton

HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Wednesday 22 May 2024, 7pm
Sacred Heart RC Church, Westhoughton
8 Lord St, Westhoughton, Bolton BL5 3DU

LKS2, CHOIR & SACRED HEART SINGERS

CONCERT: Our LKS2 pupils (who have been rehearsing with Mr Patterson in their singing lessons), choir, and Sacred Heart Singers will perform alongside the Salford Cathedral Choir in a special concert this Wednesday, 22nd May, 7pm, in church. Uniform should be worn for this event. All are invited to attend this special event!

MASS: Y3 pupils will attend Mass this Friday morning, 10am.



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	%
Whole School from September 2023	95.2
Attendance 6 th 10 th May 2024	
Whole School	96.8
RB	100
RR	95
1K	95
1P	98
2D	96.7
2W	93.3
3F	98.8
3W	97.5
4C	97.5
4CD	99.2
5A	97.7
5B	95.8
6B	90.1
6E	98.9
6T	96.1



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



UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

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:

Thank you to all who attended our **UNITE** gatherings which outlined what you can expect your child to be learning about throughout the Summer term. **UNITE** letters can be found on our 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 / DSL.

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

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

July: Wednesday 17th July, 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
1K Assembly, Friday 24th May 2024	Wednesday 22nd May
1P Assembly, Friday 14th June 2024	Wednesday 3rd July
RR Assembly, Friday 28th June 2024	
Y6 Leavers Assembly and Celebration Afternoon from 1:30pm on Friday 5th July	
RB Assembly, Friday 12th July 2024	



SPORTS DAY: Our sports day is planned for the last day of term, Friday 24th May, **Weather Dependant.**

(A text message will be sent out on Thursday to either confirm or cancel)

• **KS1 (Reception, Year 1, Year 2)** will begin at 9:30am Parents can come on to the field from 9:00am onwards and stand behind the tape to watch.

• **KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)** will begin at 1:15pm

ALL children can come to school in their PE kits.



SUN CREAM: Please remember to apply long lasting high factor sun cream to your child before school so that they can play without danger of sunburn.

PE UNIFORM: Our governing board express their appreciation to those who completed the stakeholder survey regarding PE uniform. They have concluded that there will be no change and children will continue to come to school in uniform and get changed for PE lessons.

BECOME A TEACHER WITH TEACH HEART ALLIANCE in partnership with University of Cumbria and validated by University of Warwick:

To apply for a place on our successful Primary PGCE initial teacher training programme, visit <https://www.find-postgraduate-teacher-training.service.gov.uk/course/1D8/2C23> or get in touch for further information by emailing THAlliance@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk

All placements are planned on an individual basis with the requests of each candidate carefully considered.

Entry requirements - qualifications needed:

- An undergraduate degree, or equivalent.
- Grade 4 (C) or above in English, maths and science, or equivalent qualification.

We will consider candidates with pending GCSEs and those who need to take a GCSE equivalency test in English, maths or science. Third party tests are accepted.



TRAIN TO TEACH
INSPIRE A GENERATION WITH

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TEACH HEART ALLIANCE
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TEST DATES: Our Y2 pupils are completing their 'secret agent training' during May. 10th-14th June will see the phonics screening check for our Y1 / and some Y2 pupils; and the online Multiplication check for our Y4s will run from 3rd-14th June.

Y6 SATs & BREAKFAST CLUB: Thank you to those who organised our breakfast club last week. Well done to our Y6s who have now completed their end of KS2 National Tests!



Y4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK: [Here is a link to further information regarding this statutory assessment.](#) The tests are conducted online and we will receive the results in July, which are then sent home in your child's end of year report. We will be practising using the online test service in school so that the children are familiar with the system and comfortable using it.

Multiplication wristbands have been issued to Y2,3 & 4 pupils. To achieve bronze award, the children need to be able to say their times table fluently. To achieve silver award, the children need to know the answer to the times table questions given in any order and within a few seconds. To achieve gold award, they also need to know the corresponding division facts. Once they have bronze and silver (at least) they can move onto the next wristband. Some children will not have been given a wristband and this is because they are secure with multiplication facts up to 12 x 12. Please try to take good care of our wristbands so we can reuse them, and please try to ensure children are sent to school wearing them each day.



MAYPOLE: A group of our Y5 pupils have self-taught themselves the Maypole dance – and performed it at last week's Pentecost Party – well done!



OFSTED REPORT: Our Ofsted report was issued to parents and families last Thursday. Thank you to those who have sent us messages of congratulations. We do not do what we do because of Ofsted, but it is nice when they recognise our commitment to high standards across all aspects of school life.

The letter from governors can be accessed at: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/GB-LETTER-TO-PARENTS-OFSTED-MAY2024-FINAL-final-final.pdf>



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Rating and reports	
Inspection outcome	
The overall outcome of the inspection on 16 April 2024 was:	
Outstanding	
Quality of education:	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes:	Outstanding
Personal development:	Outstanding
Leadership and management:	Outstanding
Early years provision:	Outstanding
All reports	
16 April 2024	
School inspection: Outstanding	
PDF - Published 16 May 2024	
13 March 2012	
Full inspection: Outstanding	

OTHER NEWS: Newsletters issued over the last week:

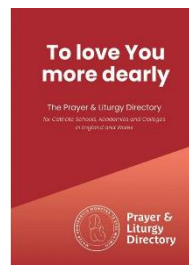
- [Y6 Bikeability consent Form](#)





OUR DRONE IMAGE: After assembly last Friday, we went out to have a whole school photo with a difference! Mr Simpson sent the drone up to get a view of us all... The drone also took a video that we will edit to share this week!

TO LOVE YOU MORE DEARLY: [The new Prayer & Liturgy Directory](#) is the document that outlines expected 'collective worship' provision from 2025 in Catholic schools. Our staff meetings this term are focused on this.



AND FINALLY: Last Friday we said thank you to Mrs Adam who has left us after 10 years of service. We wish her well in the future.

You, my friends, were called to be free. But do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting your desires control you. Instead, let love make you serve one another... (Galatians 5:13)



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

S Bridge

Mrs S Bridge
Deputy Headteacher



*On the feast of Pentecost, we pray that the Holy Spirit, the Love of the Father and the Son, may create harmony in our hearts, families, and societies, and fill the whole world with harmony.
Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex, 19th May 2024.*



Dear Parents and Carers,

This coming Sunday, your parish church will be celebrating a great and joyful feast, Pentecost Sunday. It is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation, and at Mass.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus offers his disciples the Holy Spirit and inner peace so that they would never be alone, to strengthen them, and to be their helper forever. Jesus never wants us to be fearful, lonely, or disturbed, and he also offers us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday 15th May 2024

This true, lasting peace, offered by Jesus (the removal of all anxiety, worry, and envy), comes only from God. It is not dependent on peaceful conditions; we can experience it even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **PENTECOST**.

Dom Henry Warsbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost is an event that continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 19th May 2024



In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Adapted from John 20:19-23
Pentecost Sunday, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share ▶

Good News for Everyone

When we love Jesus, we listen to him and try to live the way he asks us to. We do not have to do it by ourselves though. Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, our helper who guides us along the way, helping us when things are difficult.

The Wednesday Word: Spread some Joy this week through sharing the Good News with your Friends





Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME

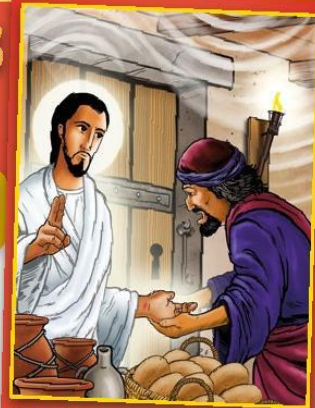


1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

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What did Jesus say as he breathed on the disciples?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Imagine you are here with Jesus. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...



"The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved." Pope Francis

PENTECOST

The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit - the third person of the Holy Trinity. Pentecost is not just a historical event. The Holy Spirit is alive and active today. Ask your child what they have learnt at school about the Gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost. It may help your child if you tell them something that you know about Pentecost.



The Holy Spirit is our helper and helps us to live more like Jesus, to do good things and be filled with the love, truth, happiness and peace which come from God. As a family, discuss and choose special ways in which you can be helpful to each other in this coming week. Perhaps you can: make your bed and keep your room tidy; set the table and help each other with the dishes. Is there anyone who may especially need your help?

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★ Simply repeating the words 'Come, Holy Spirit' is a great prayer to say as you finish tonight's Together Time, and also at anytime throughout each day. ★

FINDING FIVE

Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

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EDNESDAY

WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

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 PENTECOST

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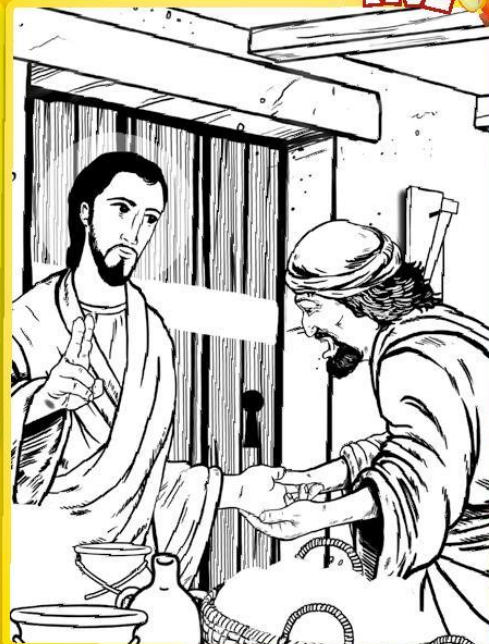
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Cross out the letters **u m k** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus _____ on them, "Receive the
_____, " he _____ to them.



EVERYONE'S INVITED! This Sunday your church celebrates PENTECOST!

Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church because this was the day when the mission of the Church really began - almost 2000 years ago. All are warmly invited.

