Learning and loving with Christ as our teacher

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NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
We had a very busy and exciting May. Below you can find out all about the activities that took place. I hope you all have a lovely half term.
Take care
Mrs Smith

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May Procession

At the beginning of May, our school community came together to celebrate our cherished May Procession. We are especially grateful to our parents for sending in such beautiful plants and flowers, which helped make the occasion even more special. The children placed the flowers around Mary's statue with great care and reverence. During the ceremony, we crowned Mary and spent time in prayer and reflection, offering a decade of the Rosary and singing hymns in her honour. It was a truly special celebration of faith, bringing our community together in devotion.











St Joseph's Feast Day

On Friday 1st May, St Joseph's Class marked their class feast day with a joyful and reflective celebration. The children enjoyed coming to school in their own clothes and spent time learning more about the life of Saint Joseph, followed by a special act of collective worship.

Saint Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus, is remembered as a quiet yet faithful servant of God. Although he does not speak in the Bible, his actions show great courage, trust, and obedience. When God spoke to him in dreams—guiding him to marry Mary and later to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus—Joseph responded with trust, even without fully understanding.

Through his care for Mary and Jesus, Saint Joseph showed deep love for God. His example reminds us that trusting God can sometimes be difficult, especially when we are unsure of what lies ahead. Like Saint Joseph, we are called to have faith and allow God to guide us.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.





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Year 6 Trip to Longridge

The week before half term, our Year 6 pupils had an amazing time on their residential visit to Longridge. Embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and a sense of adventure, they enjoyed a wide range of activities such as paddle boarding, dragon boating, climbing, abseiling, and a variety of team-building challenges. The children impressed us all with their positive attitudes, cooperation, and perseverance, making the most of every moment and forming special memories together. It was a brilliant way to mark the end of the first half of the summer term—and we imagine there will be plenty of well-deserved rest over the half-term holiday!









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Year 2 Indoor Athletics Tournament

On Wednesday 20th May, Year 2 took part in an Indoor Athletics tournament at Queens' School. They represented our school exceptionally well and took part in a range of throwing, jumping, and running activities. Throughout the event, they demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and gave their very best in every challenge.
Well done to all of Year 2 for their enthusiasm, effort and positive attitude.









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Spotlight on Learning

This half term, our focus was on N for Nurture as part of our LEARNER values:

L – Love
E – Engage
A – Articulate & Aspire
R – Respect
N – Nurture
E – Effort
R – Resilience



This half term, our focus was on strengthening a culture of nurture across the school. We aimed to ensure that every child felt safe, supported, and valued, enabling them to thrive both emotionally and academically.

Throughout the school day, we worked to create a nurturing environment by developing positive relationships, encouraging kindness, and making sure every child felt heard and understood. Staff supported pupils in recognising and managing their emotions, building resilience, and growing in confidence.

In classrooms, activities such as circle time, group discussions, and collaborative learning were used to promote a sense of belonging and mutual respect. Calm spaces and opportunities for reflection were also provided, helping children to feel secure and ready to learn.

By placing nurture at the heart of our school, we supported the whole child, helping them to develop the skills needed to build positive relationships, overcome challenges, and feel happy and confident in their learning environment.

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Spotlight on Maths

Our maths curriculum is carefully sequenced to build strong foundations in number, fluency, reasoning, and problem solving. Below is an overview of key learning in Number and Shape, Space and Measure across each year group.

Year	Number Focus	Shape, Space & Measure Focus
Year Nursery	Counting in play, number rhymes, recognising small quantities, matching and sorting - numbers to 5.	Exploring shapes in the environment, positional language, size comparison, filling and emptying activities
Year Reception	Counting to 10 and beyond, recognising numbers, subitising, comparing quantities, exploring number patterns	Exploring 2D and 3D shapes, describing position (in, on, under), comparing size, weight, and capacity, simple time language
Year 1	Counting forwards and backwards, place value within 20, addition and subtraction, introducing multiplication and division	Naming 2D and 3D shapes, measuring length, height, mass and capacity, sequencing events, telling time to the hour and half hour
Year 2	Place value to 100, addition and subtraction, recall of 2, 5, 10 times tables, solving simple problems	Recognising properties of shapes, measuring in standard units, telling time to 5 minutes, describing position and direction
Year 3	Place value to 1000, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division facts, introducing fractions	Drawing and identifying 2D/3D shapes, measuring length, mass, volume, telling time to nearest minute

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Year	Number Focus	Shape, Space & Measure Focus
Year 4	Place value to 10,000, all times tables up to 12×12, efficient written methods, fractions and decimals	Classifying shapes, measuring area and perimeter, converting units of measure, interpreting time and graphs
Year 5	Large numbers, multiplication/division, fractions, decimals and percentages, mental strategies	Measuring and calculating area/volume, identifying angles, converting and applying units of measure
Year 6	Place value to millions, formal written methods, fractions/decimals/percentages, ratio and algebra	Calculating area, perimeter and volume, understanding angles, interpreting and drawing graphs, applying measurement in problem solving















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FOSH

We are incredibly grateful for the continued dedication and support of FOSH, whose fundraising efforts make a real difference to our school. This year's Fireworks Display was a great success, raising an impressive £4,641.20, while our Christmas Fair brought in a fantastic £1,900. The St Patrick's Night at the Parish Centre raised £1000 and the Mothers' Day gifts raised £150. This money will go directly towards projects such as improving the Infant climbing frame, providing Bibles for the Year 3 children and hoodies for the Year 6 children. FOSH also gave each child in the school an Easter Egg for Easter. The children greatly appreciated this. Thank you.

Thanks to this generous support, we are moving ever closer to achieving our aim of enhancing our outdoor play equipment for the children. We warmly encourage parents and carers to keep supporting future events by volunteering and attending whenever possible—your involvement is invaluable. If anyone is able to offer match funding from the Christmas Fair, please do get in touch, as this would significantly increase the funds raised.

Thank you once again for your kindness, generosity and ongoing commitment to our school community.

Upcoming Events:

- Selling Father's Day Gifts
- Summer Fair





Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) helps us to live out our faith by showing love and respect for God and for all people, especially those in need.

This half term, our focus was on the CST principle of the Dignity of Workers. The children explored how work is more than earning a wage—it is also a way of sharing in God's creation and serving the wider community.

Across the school, pupils learnt to value and recognise the important roles of everyone who helps our school run smoothly, including teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, cleaners, and kitchen staff. Each person's contribution is essential to the life of our school.

Through class discussions, lessons and daily school life, the children are developing an understanding of fairness, respect, and appreciation for all types of work. They are also reflecting on the importance of everyone being able to work in safe environments where they are treated with dignity, following the example of Jesus in the way He cared for others.

By focusing on the Dignity of Workers, we are helping our children grow into respectful, compassionate individuals who recognise and value the contribution of all members of society.





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British Values

Each half term, we focus on a different British Value to help our pupils grow into thoughtful, respectful, and responsible members of society.

This half term, our focus was on fostering tolerance and respect for people of different faiths, cultures, and backgrounds. We aimed to help children recognise, appreciate, and celebrate the diversity within our world, understanding that our differences enrich our communities and provide valuable opportunities for learning.

Across the school, pupils explored a variety of beliefs, traditions, and cultures through lessons, stories, and class discussions. They were also encouraged to share their own experiences and listen to the perspectives of others in a safe, respectful, and supportive environment.

Through assemblies, collective worship, and everyday classroom life, we highlighted the importance of kindness, inclusion, and mutual understanding. Children learned how to challenge stereotypes, show empathy, and treat everyone with fairness and respect.

By promoting open-mindedness and celebrating diversity, we aimed to nurture caring and confident individuals who are well prepared to live positively within a multicultural society.

We also encouraged families to support this work at home by modelling respectful attitudes, having open conversations, and valuing differences in daily life.

The British Values we promote throughout the year are:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths, races, and cultures

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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

At Sacred Heart, good attendance and punctuality play a vital role in helping every child succeed. Attending school regularly, unless a child is unwell, supports their learning, confidence, and ability to build strong friendships. Arriving on time is just as important, as learning starts as soon as the school day begins. To help ensure a calm and organised start, we have staggered start times across the different phases:
Start Times by Phase:

EYFS
Registration: 8:40am -Children in EYFS need to be in school by 8:40am as their morning learning starts at this time.
Children are marked late once the register has closed.
An unauthorised absence is recorded if a child arrives after 9:10am.

Phase 1/2
Registration: 8:45am - Children in Phase 1/2 need to be in school by 8:45am as their morning learning starts at this time.
Children are marked late once the register has closed.
An unauthorised absence is recorded if a child arrives after 9:15am.

Phase 3/4
Registration: 8:50am - Children in Phase 3/4 need to be in school by 8:45am as their morning learning starts at this time.
Children are marked late once the register has closed.
An unauthorised absence is recorded if a child arrives after 9:20am.

Phase 5/6
Registration: 8:55am - Children in Phase 5/6 need to be in school by 8:45am as their morning learning starts at this time.
Children are marked late once the register has closed.
An unauthorised absence is recorded if a child arrives after 9:25am.

The school gates open shortly before 8:40am, with classroom doors open from 8:40am for all children to enter. If you are dropping off more than one child, please arrive at the time of your youngest child.
After 8:50am, only children should enter through the playground gate. If you need to accompany your child after this time, please go via the school office. The school gate will close just after 8:55am.

Thank you for your continued support in helping children arrive promptly and ready to begin their learning each day.

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RE Parent Information



School RE Newsletter

Please click on the link below to read the latest School Newsletter and Prayer at Home Newsletter
https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/newsletters/

RE Newsletter

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www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Wednesday Word

The Primary School Wednesday Word is an online resource that allows you to reflect on the weekly Gospel. You can access this on the link below:
Wednesday Word

Mark 10 Mission

The Primary School produces weekly videos on the Sunday Gospel. These help children to experience the Word of God, pray and sing together. You can access these on the link below: https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/

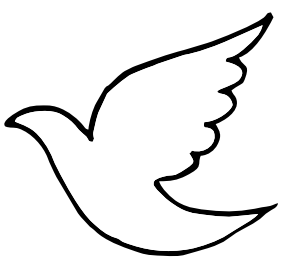
Sacred Heart Church Services



The weekend Mass times at the church are as follows:
Saturday - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
There is a children's liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.

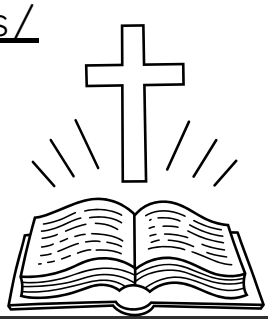
Parish Newsletter

You can access the parish newsletter on this link:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/bushey/weekly-newsletters/









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Keeping Children Safe Online - Advice for Parents

The internet can be a fantastic tool for learning, creativity, and staying connected, but it is important that children are supported to use it safely and responsibly.

We encourage parents and carers to regularly talk to their children about what they are doing online and to help them understand how to stay safe. Open and ongoing conversations are one of the most effective ways to protect children in the digital world.

Here are some key ways you can support your child online:

- Talk regularly about what websites, games, and apps they are using. Encourage them to share anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Set clear boundaries around screen time and device use, including where and when devices can be used (for example, keeping devices in shared family spaces).
- Use parental controls on devices, apps, and home internet settings to help filter inappropriate content and manage access.
- Check privacy settings on games, apps, and social media accounts to ensure personal information is kept private.
- Remind children never to share personal details such as their full name, address, school, passwords, or photos with strangers online.
- Encourage kindness online, reminding children that the same rules for respectful behaviour apply on the internet as they do in real life.
- Report and block any inappropriate content, messages, or users immediately.

Pupil Premium

In certain circumstances, schools can claim around £1,600 per child for pupils whose parents receive certain benefits. This applies to all children from Nursery to Year 6.

The funding can be used to support learning, wellbeing, and enjoyment at school, including things like 1:1 maths or literacy support and contributions to school trips.

Eligibility is the same as for Free School Meals in KS2.To apply, visit: https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Once approved, the funding continues each year, but you'll need to reapply when your child moves from Nursery to Reception and Year 2 to Year 3.

If you have any questions, please speak to the School Office in confidence.

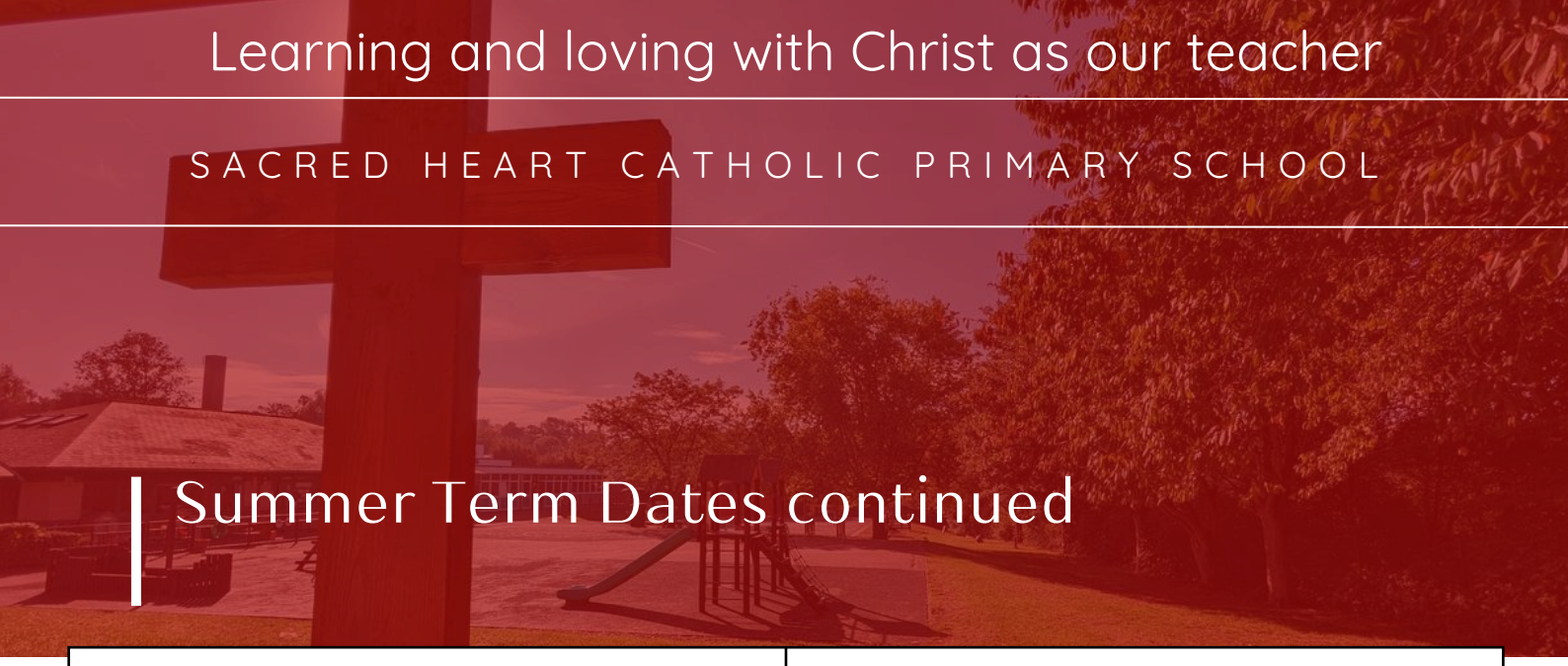


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Summer Term Dates continued

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July	**Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus**
Wednesday 1st July	Phase 3/4 Mass in church at 9:15am
Wednesday 1st July	Phase 5/6 Production – 6:00pm
Thursday 2nd July	St Anthony School Trip
Friday 3rd July	St Cecilia School Trip
Monday 6th July	St Bernadette and St Peter School Trip
Monday 6th July	Nursery - Basil & Crew Mobile Farm
Monday 6th July	Year 1 School Trip
Tuesday 7th July	Year 2 School Trip
Tuesday 7th July	St Alphonsa School Trip
Wednesday 8th July	St Therese School Trip
Thursday 9th July	Transition Day
Saturday 11th July	School Summer Fair
Tuesday 14th July	Sacred Heart Phase 5/6 Football Tournament
Wednesday 15th July	St Anne's class (Nursery) wear their own clothes to celebrate the feast day of St Anne which is on 26th July. We ask for a £1 donation towards the class charity via the School Gateway.
Friday 17th July	9:15am – Year 6 Leavers Mass in church School finishes 12:20pm for Years N, R, 1, 2 12:30pm Years 3,4,5 Yr 6 finish at 1:00pm



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Provisional 2026 - 2027 Term Dates

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Tuesday 1st September	Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd September	Term Starts
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October	Half Term
Friday 27th November	Occasional Day
Friday 18th December	End of term - school closes at 1:15pm
Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January	Term Starts
Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February	Half Term
Thursday 25th March	End of term - school closes at 1:15pm
Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April	Term Starts
Monday 31st May - 4th June	Half Term
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