



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

'Where Every Heart is Sacred'

Week Commencing: 9th September 2024

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Family and Community

This half term, we are guided by the theme 'Family and Community'.


Salford Diocese produced a document called 'Caritas in Action' some years ago as a response to Catholic Social Teaching, which calls us all to work for the common good, help build a just society, uphold the dignity of human life and work for justice and the dignity of all our brothers and sisters, especially those in the greatest need. Caritas in Action provides a unique and engaging set of teaching and learning opportunities for seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

Every half term, we are guided by one of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, drawing on the resources of Caritas in Action. We begin every school year with Family and Community due to the importance of this theme. Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love, and peace of God.

What does the word **Caritas mean?**

- It means **LOVE**.
- A special kind of love – charitable love for humankind.
- It comes from the Latin language.
- Leads us to **Faith In Action**.

"Ubi caritas Deus ibi est."



THIS WEEK'S
TOP STORIES



TT Rockstars Relaunch!

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

TT Rockstars is an excellent platform for helping children to learn vital multiplication and division facts. It is used by every child from Y2-Y6 and we encourage children to spend 5 minutes Rockstars minutes each day because quick and accurate recall of timetables facts not only helps children to pass their Multiplication Check at the end of Year 4, but also helps them to complete many more increasingly complex mathematical operations such as the multiplication and division of fractions and increasing/decreasing numbers by two-digit percentages.

To relaunch Rockstars for the new academic year, we are inviting children to come to school dressed as rockstars for the day on **Thursday 19th September** (no monetary contribution is required). If you would like some costume inspiration, please search [TTRockstars Dress Up](#). There will be a prize for the best dressed in each key stage (and the best dressed member of staff as well!).

Children can log into their Rockstars accounts through Wonde or directly with their TT Rockstars passwords. Please ask your child's class teacher or teaching assistant if you need any support to access Rockstars or have any questions or queries.



Change of shoes for older children

Use of the field during the autumn, winter and spring months

We are delighted that we have access to our shared field again. Children in KS2 (classes 4-9) will be able to use the field at lunchtimes providing they have a change of shoes in school. This protects their school shoes, and our carpets, from the Manchester mud! Please send a spare pair of shoes (ideally trainers) into school each day that your child would like to use the field at lunchtime. Thank you.



Outside Class 6

Lost property can be found in the large storage box on the playground step outside Class 6 (Mrs Lord's and Miss Mills' class). Please feel free to look through this box whenever your child has misplaced an item of clothing.



Class Masses

Tuesdays at 9:15am, Sacred Heart RC Church

You and your friends and family are welcome to attend any of our class/key stage Masses. Here are the details of our Autumn term Masses - please check with class teachers the day before the scheduled Mass as sometimes Masses are rearranged in accordance with the needs of the parish.

Tuesday September 24th - Classes 7 & 8 (Mr Cleary and Mr Wilson/Mrs Bowen)

Tuesday October 1st - Class 6 (Mrs Lord and Miss Mills)

Tuesday October 7th - Class 5 (Miss McLaughlin)

Tuesday October 14th - Class 4 (Miss Leadbetter)

Tuesday October 28th - Year 2 - Year 6 (All Saints and All Souls theme)

Tuesday November 4th - Class 6 (Mrs Lord and Miss Mills)

Tuesday November 11th - Class 5 (Miss McLaughlin)

Tuesday November 18th - Class 4 (Miss Leadbetter)

Tuesday November 25th - KS1 (Classes 1, 2 and 3)

Tuesday December 2nd - Classes 8 & 9 (Mr Cleary, Mr Wilson & Miss Wynne)

Tuesday December 9th - KS1 & KS2 (Classes 1-9)



Term Dates 2024-2025

Website correction

Please follow this link to see this year's term dates again:

<https://sacredheartschool-gorton.org.uk/>

We finish for the summer holidays on Friday July 18th 2025.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days

Attendance

'In school on time every day.'

The children at Sacred Heart School have consistently had an outstanding record of attendance and we have consistently been amongst the schools with the highest attendance record overall in Manchester and England for many years. Every school day is an essential learning day and crucial to the development of children. Apart from rare, exceptional circumstances such as entrance exams, elite sporting competitions or secondary school interviews, no absences will be authorised unless due to illness or medical appointments that absolutely cannot be taken outside of the school day (e.g. hospital appointments/emergency dentists). In England, holidays during term time will no longer be authorised under any circumstances. Please ensure children arrive at 8.45am each day as just 1 minute missed of the first lesson of the day can have a negative impact on their learning. Our new attendance policy will be ratified by governors at our next full governors' meeting and I will share it with you in the following newsletter. Click [here](#) for a reminder of the changes brought in by the previous government that came into force in August this year.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Class 9 with 99.9% attendance!

Class 3 with 99.2% attendance!

Reception with 96.9% attendance!

Well done to everyone who came to school on time every day this week!

Don't forget to check our X
feed! [@SHGorton](#)

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