



## Sacred Heart RC Primary School

'Where Every Heart is Sacred'

Week Commencing: 25th November 2024

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Thank you so much to everyone who helped make last Sunday's Parish Fair such a joyful and successful event. It's always a pleasure to see so many of you at Mass and to enjoy time together afterwards. We are truly blessed to be part of such a warm and caring community.

As we approach one of the most special times in the Church's year, I would like to warmly invite you to join us for a few upcoming events, either here at school or in church. These are wonderful opportunities to celebrate together as we prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus.

While many other Advent activities will be happening within the school, here are the key events that parents and families are invited to attend:

- **Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am** - KS1 & KS2 Christmas Mass (Sacred Heart Church)
- **Tuesday 17th December at 2:30pm** - Reception Nativity Screening (School Hall)
- **Wednesday 18th December at 1:30pm** - KS1 Carols Around the Tree (School Hall)

Click [here](#) to be reminded (in just two minutes) what Advent is all about.

## THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



# Christmas Retirements

It is with mixed emotions that we share some important news about two beloved members of our school community. After nine years of dedicated service, our Deputy Headteacher, **Mr. Wilson**, will be retiring this Christmas. Mr. Wilson has served our school with wisdom and kindness; his passion for education has made a profound impact, and I'm sure he will be greatly missed by staff, students, and parents alike.

We are also bidding farewell to **Mrs. Moloney**, one of our long-serving Teaching Assistants, who has been a cherished member of our team for many years. Her compassion, dedication, and the special care she has shown to our children have enriched our school community beyond measure.

As we approach the Christmas season, we take this opportunity to thank both Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Moloney for their incredible contributions to our school. Their love and care have touched so many lives, and their legacy will remain a part of our community's heart.

We have been fortunate enough to appoint an Acting Deputy Headteacher and a new Teaching Assistant for Early Years, both of whom will start in January 2025.

Mrs. McCarthy will take on the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher. She brings a wealth of experience and leadership, having served as Head of School in a Catholic primary school in Bury. We are confident that her dedication to nurturing children's education and well-being will be a wonderful addition to our school community.

Miss Speed will join us as a Teaching Assistant in Early Years. Coming from a local nursery setting, she has a strong background in supporting young children during these crucial formative years. Her enthusiasm and dedication make her a perfect fit for the Early Years team.

We look forward to welcoming both Mrs. McCarthy and Miss Speed in the New Year and we thank you for your continued support as we prepare for this new chapter in our school community.

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

**BE SMART BE THERE!**  
Percentages based on 190 academic days

## Attendance

### Letters

We are now working with One Education Attendance to ensure that our children are well supported to attend school every day on time. Letters are being prepared for families whose attendance or punctuality are falling below the standards that the government expects. If you need any support to get your child to school on time every day, please contact the school office and we will do all we can to support you.



## Girls' Football

### Congratulations!

The girls' football team went to the next round of their tournament last Monday night winning 4 games out of 5. Well done girls! Great job!



## UKS2 Sewing Project

**Ask C7 which kind of stitching proved to be their favourite...**

As part of their design and technology curriculum, the children have been learning the art of stitching to create their very own soft toys.

From planning their designs to selecting fabrics and mastering different stitching techniques, the children demonstrated incredible creativity, patience, and perseverance. The end results are really impressive, with each soft toy being a unique reflection of their imagination and hard work.

This project has not only developed their practical skills but also nurtured their confidence and teamwork as they shared ideas and supported one another throughout the process.

We are so proud of their achievements and hope their creations will be cherished for years to come. Thank you for your continued encouragement of their learning journey!



## No Pens Day

Ask Class 9 how they practised their spellings using morse code!

This week, we held our much-anticipated **No Pens Day**, and what a fantastic success it was!

A big thank you to **Miss Wynne** for organising such a creative and engaging day. Throughout the day, the children explored a variety of skills beyond writing, with a particular focus on **oracy**, collaboration, and hands-on activities.

From lively discussions and debates to interactive problem-solving tasks, the children embraced the opportunity to communicate their ideas verbally and work together in new and exciting ways. It was wonderful to see their confidence and creativity shining through.



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### ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Class 2 with 98% attendance!

Classes 6 & 7 with 99% attendance!

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



## Experiencing difficulties?

**PLEASE NO PARKING OR STOPPING ON KNUTSFORD ROAD!**

If you are experiencing difficulties navigating the roads near our school due to dangerous or illegal parking, you can report your concerns [here](#).

Unless you have a blue disabled badge, please do not park or even stop on Knutsford Road opposite the school or outside the school between the hours of 8am and 5pm as clearly marked on the yellow signs on both sides of the road.

In accordance with the Highway Code, please do not park within 10 metres of the junctions on Knutsford Road. Please remember that my staff are here to teach and care for your children; they are not traffic wardens or police officers. Please be respectful of other road users in order to reinforce the message we share daily with our children: Every Heart is Sacred.

🎓 TT ROCKSTARS 🎓

LKS2 -Victoria and Class 4! ✨

UKS2 - Jacob and Class 8! ✨



# 🎅 DECEMBER REMINDERS

IT'S OKAY TO WRAP UP OLD TOYS FOR YOUR BABY TO OPEN, THEY WON'T KNOW ANY DIFFERENT

THE BEST PRESENT YOU CAN GIVE YOUR LITTLE ONE THIS CHRISTMAS IS YOUR PRESENCE

THE FESTIVE SEASON ISN'T ABOUT EXPENSIVE DAYS OUT, IT'S ABOUT QUALITY TIME AT HOME

UNFOLLOW ANYONE WHO MAKES YOU FEEL AS IF YOU AREN'T GOOD ENOUGH OR DOING ENOUGH





Unfortunately, fly-tipping continues to be an issue in our local area.

You can report fly-tipping, as well as other issues with litter, [here](#).



Click here for Mass times and other events in  
the Parish of Sacred Heart and St Francis, Gorton

<https://www.sacredheartstfranciscorton.co.uk/mass-schedule>



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