



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**'Where Every Heart is Sacred'**

Week Commencing: 9th December 2024

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# Gaudete Sunday

Let the joy commence!



This Sunday we celebrate Gaudete Sunday: we observe the Church light a rose-colored candle in the Advent wreath and, as well, the priest dons rose-colored vestments. Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin. This particular Sunday in the season is associated with the rose color that symbolises joy in the celebration of being with Jesus again in His coming. While the rest of the season is symbolised by purple’s penitential color, this bright hued color symbolises joy in the midst of waiting in Advent’s season of penance.

Saint Paul said to the Philippians in his epistle, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. The Lord is near.” (Philippians 4:4-5) As we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, let us be reminded of the reason for our celebration. May we be joyfully assured of the coming of Jesus as we faithfully wait for Him in this season of Advent.

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## THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



## Father Christmas and His Elf!

### What a lovely surprise!

On Thursday, Father Christmas took time out of his busy schedule to visit the youngest Sacred Heart children in the parish gardens' grotto. He gave them a little gift and read them a lovely story. Santa even stayed for Christmas dinner and spent a little time in our very special school in the afternoon. We are so grateful to Santa and his elf for sharing their precious time and good cheer with us!

We also enjoyed a beautiful Christmas dinner prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff - it's the best Christmas dinner around! And Mrs Tiplady gave out almost 100 prizes for the Christmas colouring competition - she really is something special!

It was wonderful to see children in their festive clothes, full of so much joy. And despite all the excitement, children remembered to work hard in their lessons and were kind to one another all day in line with our two main school rules: work hard and be kind.

Thank you to everyone who made Thursday such a special day in school!



## Counting Down the Days!

**With Mrs Lord's positive affirmations calendar**

Class 6 are counting down to Christmas with their special Advent calendar. The children are enjoying reading daily positive messages and finding the chocolate treats! Jeremy and Eliza took charge of class Celebration of the Word to begin the second week of Advent and both wrote their own prayers which they shared with the class.

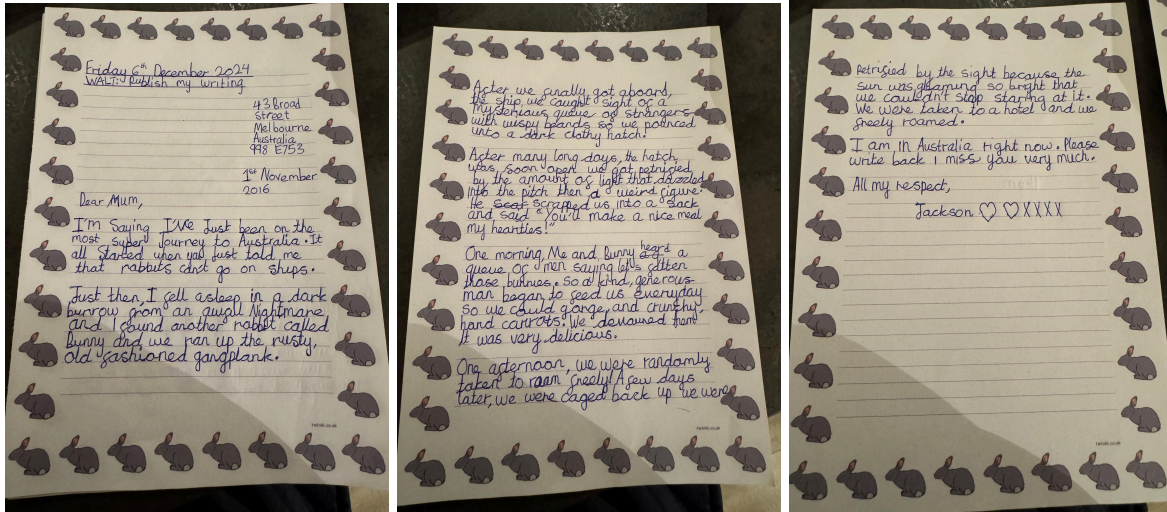




## Carol Singing in the Community

Thank you to Miss Walsh and Mrs Walker for taking some of our Y6 children carol singing this afternoon. Everyone's spirits were lifted and we're now well and truly filled with Christmas spirit!





## Excellent Writing in LKS2!

### Australian travel writing in Class 4!

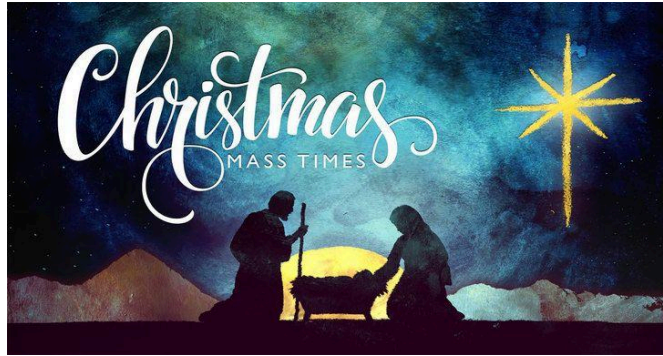
Class 4 have been writing a letter to recount their journey to Australia. This Year 3 child has used fabulous descriptive phrases as well as presenting their work with beautiful cursive writing! Well done Class 4!



## Congratulations St Peter's!

### St Peter's RC High School: 0.57, Well above average!

Congratulations to our feeder secondary school, St Peter's RC High School, who made it into the top 20 Greater Manchester schools with a fabulous and 'well above average' Progress 8 score!



**Christmas Mass Times at Sacred Heart and St Francis:**

Mon 23 December 08.00 (SH)

Tue 24 December 17.30 (SF)

Tue 24 December 23.00 (SH)

Wed 25 December 10.30 (SH)

**Christmas Dates in School:**

**KS1 & KS2 Christmas Mass**

**Tuesday 17th December 2024, 9:15am**

Friends and family welcome.

**Reception Nativity Screening**

**Tuesday 17th December 2024, 2:30pm**

2 adults maximum per child please due to fire safety regulations.

**KS1 Christmas Carols**

**Wednesday 18th December 2024, 1:30pm**

2 adults maximum per child please due to fire safety regulations.

**School Closes**

**Wednesday 18th December 2024, 2pm**



## Caritas Advent Appeal

### 'Be There'

Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford has launched its 2024 Advent Appeal asking us to #BeeThere for someone this Christmas. We're calling for people to not just make Christmas about the tinsel, the parties and the supermarket queues, but to help put real meaning back into Christmas this year. We're asking them to #BeeThere with a gift that can truly help people to transform their lives with dignity. Please take a look at the [#BeeThere campaign page, animation and virtual gift catalogue: www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere.](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere)

## Poppy Appeal 2024

Thank you for helping to raise an amazing £19,329.07 for our district! Wow!!



 **SUPERSTAR READERS** 

LKS2 - Class 5! 

UKS2 - Class 9! 

 **TT ROCKSTARS** 

LKS2 - Victoria and Class 4! 

UKS2 - Aania and Class 8! 

 **ATTENDANCE AWARDS** 

**Class 2 with 97.4% attendance!**

**Class 7 with 99.4% attendance!**

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



# Experiencing difficulties?

## Parking, litter or fly-tipping issues?

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

If you are experiencing issues with litter or fly-tipping, you can report your concerns [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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