



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

'Where Every Heart is Sacred'

Week Commencing: 13th January 2025

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The Baptism of the Lord

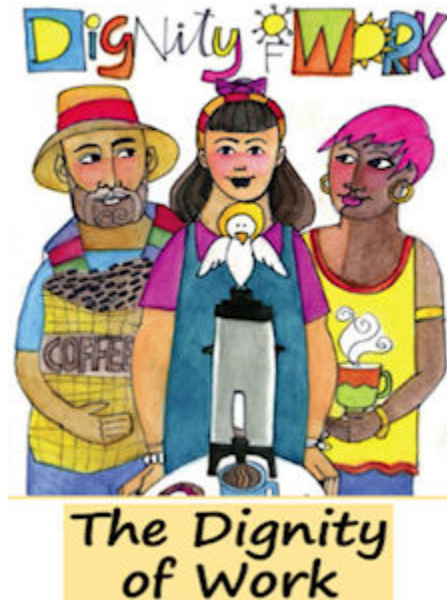


Last Sunday, we celebrated the final feast of the Christmas season: the Baptism of the Lord. “After Jesus was baptised, he came from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased”” (Mt 3:16-17).

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the moment when Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. Although Jesus, born without sin, did not require baptism, he chose to be baptised to set an example for us and to reveal his true identity as God's Son, the living presence of God on earth. When we renew our baptismal promises, we affirm our faith in the transformative power of baptism and our commitment to a life in Christ.

For young children, the transition from the birth of Christ (at the end of December) to his baptism as an adult (in January) can be puzzling. Reflecting on their own baptisms can help bridge the gap and refocus on Ordinary Time. Consider sharing stories about their baptism day: who was there, how their godparents were chosen, and the celebration that followed. Most importantly, remind your children that, just as the Spirit descended upon Jesus, his presence remains with us always, offering guidance and love through both joyful and challenging times.

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



Caritas: The Dignity of Work

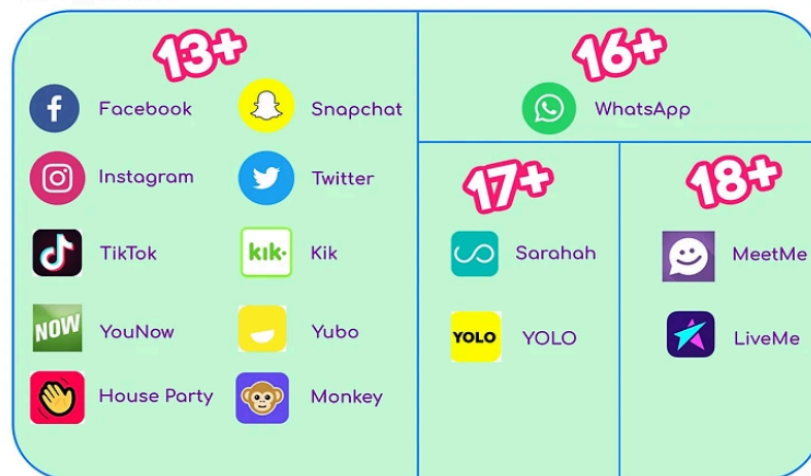
Thank you to Class 4 who helped to deepen our understanding of one of the most important themes of Catholic Social Teaching: The Dignity of Work. The class worked really hard on projecting their voices, they sang and prayed beautifully and I'm sure their parents and carers would agree that they really helped us to understand that work can enhance our lives providing we are treated fairly and with dignity.

We would be delighted if any of our parents were able to come into school to talk to our children about their work and, in particular, the good that their work does for other people. If you would like to come in and talk to the children, please let the class teacher know or get in touch with me via our [admin email address](#). Thank you!



Swimming

Congratulations to Class 5 (Miss Scappaticci's class) who enjoyed an excellent first swimming lesson this week! Please remember that fabric swimming caps are perfectly acceptable as an alternative option to the (really quite uncomfortable!) rubber hats.



Thank you!

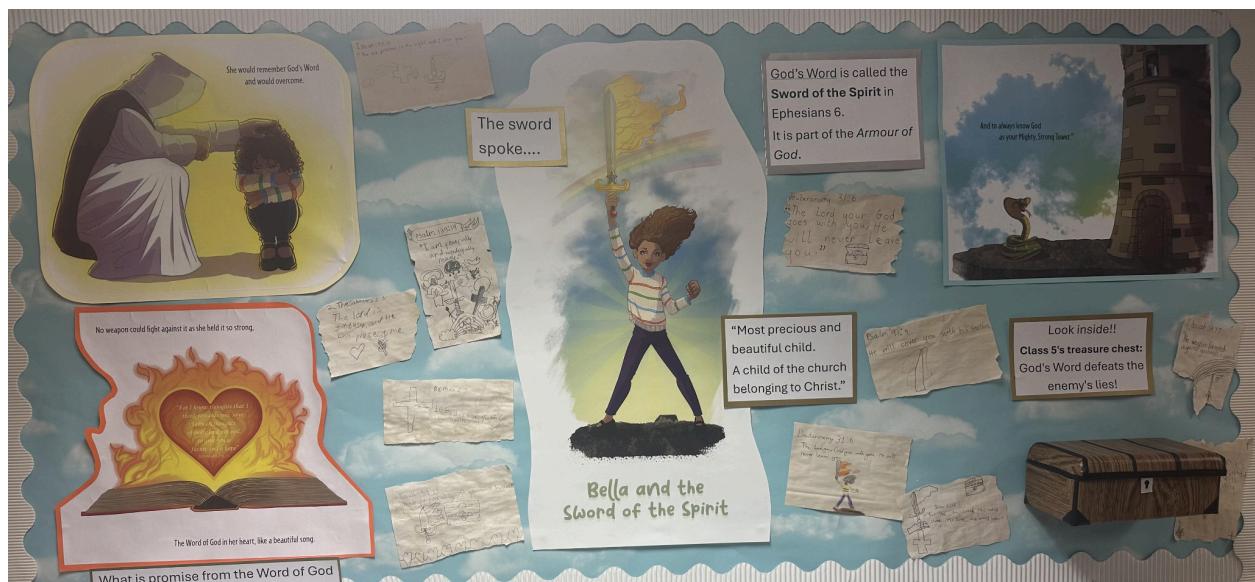
Thank you so much to all of those parents and carers who are abiding by the age limits on their children's apps. It really does help us to make the most of our learning time when we don't have to deal with issues arising from arguments over social media that have taken place in the evening or at weekends.

We are very, very grateful for your support.



First Aid in UKS2

Our oldest children have embarked upon a series of First Aid workshops designed to provide them with the basic first aid skills that could save somebody's life. **Ask Class 7 all about how to save a life using CPR!**



Bella and the Sword of the Spirit - Keziah Brooks

Thank you so much to Keziah Brooks who came to talk to Class 5 about her work as an author this week. We hope she'll come back to see us again soon!

Ask Class 5 what inspired Keziah to call her beautiful book 'the Sword of the Spirit'.



No makeup or jewellery please

Please remember that makeup and jewellery are not permitted in primary or secondary schools. Here is a link to our uniform policy, should you need a refresher: <https://sacredheartschool-gorton.org.uk/parentscarers/school-uniform/>

Thank you.





Birthdays in School

Own clothes rather than sweets or cakes

We invite children to come into school wearing their 'own clothes' on their birthdays (or on a day close to their birthday should their birthday fall on a non-school day) so that the entire school community can wish them a happy birthday all day long! We ask you to please save the birthday sweets, cakes etc. for your celebrations at home in support of our healthy eating message. Thank you.



Term Dates 2025-2026

Thank you for your input!

Thank you to those who responded to the ParentMail consultation regarding term dates next year. The majority of parents, carers and staff voted for a 2 week half term in October 2025 so please bear this in mind when planning your childcare and holiday plans for academic year 2025-2026. Term time holidays can no longer be authorised under any circumstances. Term dates are available on our [website](#) too.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025

Staff only (INSET days) Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September

Children return to school Wednesday 3rd September

School finishes for half term holiday Friday 17th October

Children return to school Monday 3rd November

School finishes for Christmas holiday Friday 19th December

Total Autumn Days (Children): 68

Spring Term 2026

Staff only (INSET day) Monday 5th January

Children return to school Tuesday 6th January

School finishes for half term holiday Friday 13th February

Children return to school Monday 23rd February

School finishes for Easter holiday Thursday 2nd April

Total Spring Days (Children): 58

Summer Term 2026

Children return to school Monday 13th April

Bank holiday Monday 4th May

School finishes for half term holiday Friday 22nd May

Children return to school Monday 8th June

Children finish for summer holiday Friday 24th July

Staff only (Twilight INSETs) Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th July

Total Summer Days (Children): 64

 **SUPERSTAR READERS** 

LKS2 - Class 5 who read 429,070 words this week! 🌟

UKS2 - Class 8 who read 318,269 words this week! 🌟

 **TT ROCKSTARS** 

Well done to our TT Rockstars winners this week!

LKS2 - Victoria and Class 4 🌟

UKS2 - Imade and Class 7 🌟

 **ATTENDANCE AWARDS** 

To follow 😊

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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