



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

'Where Every Heart is Sacred'

Week Commencing: 3rd February 2025

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Preparing for Lent

Septuagesima, Lent and Holy Week 2025		
	Septuagesima Sunday <small>(Sixth Sunday in the Ordinary Time - Novus Ordo)</small>	16 February
	Ash Wednesday	05 March
	First Sunday of Lent	09 March
	Passion Sunday <small>(Fifth Sunday of Lent - Novus Ordo)</small>	06 April
	Palm Sunday <small>(Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Novus Ordo)</small>	13 April
	Holy Thursday	17 April
	Good Friday	18 April
	Holy Saturday	19 April
	Easter Sunday	20 April

 **Catholic Fortress**
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Despite the fact that it only feels like five minutes since Christmas, we are, in fact, knocking on the door of Lent this month! Shrove Tuesday (otherwise known as Pancake Day) will be celebrated on Tuesday March 4th and Lent therefore begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday March 5th. If you are able to join KS1 and KS2 in Mass at Sacred Heart on Wednesday March 5th, you will be most welcome. Mass will begin promptly at 9:15am.

During Lent, we will be talking to the children about praying, fasting and giving. As Lent approaches, perhaps you could talk to your child about things they could 'fast' from during Lent, such as screen time, bickering with siblings or forgetting to say please and thank you.

THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

AFRUCA

Thank you!

Thank you to our friends from the charity AFRUCA who have visited our school again, this time to talk to Years 4-6 about the dangers of county lines. They also shared some videos with our Reception children designed to help our children to stay safe as they grow older.



ATTENTION

AFRUCA TALKS
Safeguarding
Children

Every Saturday

When: Every Saturday
Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm
Where: On Zoom
Meeting ID: 84756066743
Password: 168829

**AFRUCA**
SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE

The poster is yellow with a black border and features two megaphones (one orange, one purple) on either side of the title. The text is in various colors (green, orange, black) and includes a circular logo for AFRUCA at the bottom right.



Meet the Teacher Meetings

Reception 2, Class 5 and Class 8

If your child is in one of these classes, there will be a Meet the Teacher meeting for you straight after half term. Please watch this space for confirmation of the date and time.



Y6 Art Club

Thank you, Mrs Katsiitis!

Some of our oldest children have been producing wonderful art work producing both in after school art club and at home in their own time. We love to celebrate our children's achievements, both inside and outside of school. What talented children we have!



KS2 Ukulele Club

We have an exciting opportunity for Key Stage 2 children (Years 3,4,5,6) to be part of a ukulele club. The club will run every Tuesday after school until 4pm. The club will cost £3 per session which is really great value as the club will be led by a musician specialist.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. This is a really great opportunity for children to develop their musical skills. Please book your place by completing the form sent out through Parent Mail.



World Book Day 2025

Thursday 6th March 2025

World Book Day is coming up in March, so please start thinking about which book character you would like to come to school dressed as! Your character can be chosen from any fiction or non-fiction book, or even a biography/autobiography!

Reception up to Class 5 will also be visiting Gorton Library on this day! 📚 📖 📕

Manchester Oral Health Improvement Team

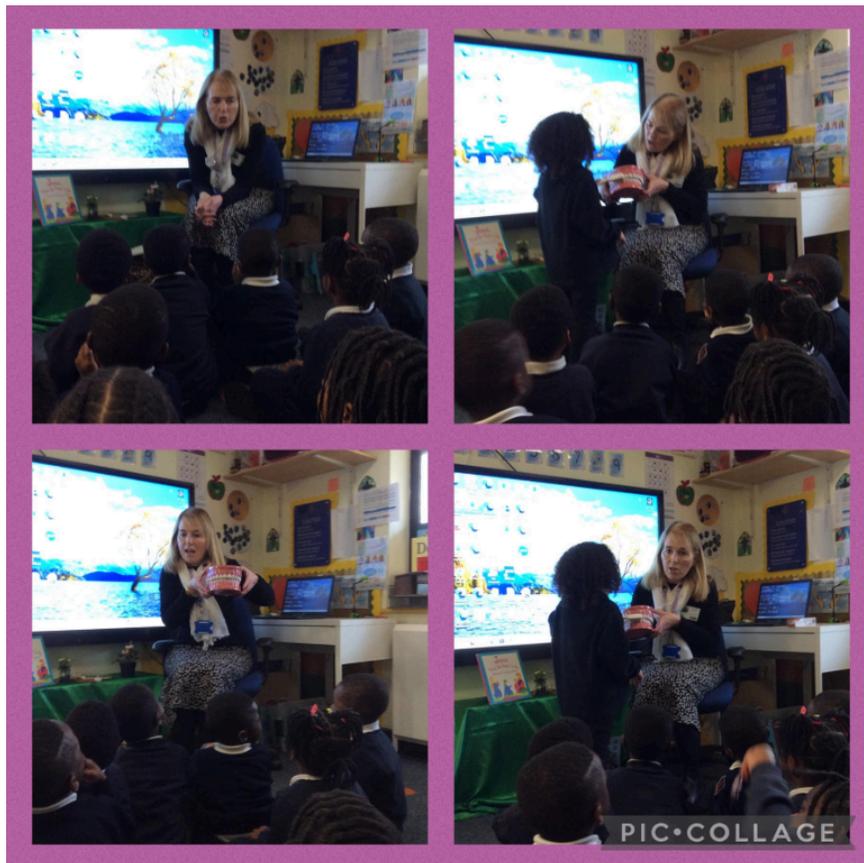
The children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed learning about keeping their teeth healthy this week. We had a visit from Vicky Brand from the Manchester Oral Health Improvement Team.

Vicky used fun activities to help the children understand how to keep healthy - and why we should brush our teeth twice a day!

Earlier in the day, Vicky led a fantastic workshop attended by several of our EYFS parents, where she shared tips on how to support young children with looking after their teeth.

Vicky shared some freebies with the parents who attended. If your children are still waiting to get a dentist place, keep an eye out for Vicky and her team later on this year. They are coming back and will be able to find you dentist places in the local area.

Thank you, Vicky, for a productive and helpful morning!





Well done to our TT Rockstars winners this week!

LKS2 - Jeremy & Class 6 ★

UKS2 - Jacob & Class 8 ✨

🏆 ATTENDANCE AWARDS 🏆

Class 9 with 98.3% attendance!

Class 5 with 96.9% attendance!

Class 2 with 91.7% attendance

Reception 1 with 93.8% attendance

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

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

AFRUCA Talks - Saturday Zooms

Our friends from AFRUCA has asked us to share this poster with you and invite you to join them on Zoom on Saturdays from 5:30-7pm.



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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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