



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**'Where Every Heart is Sacred'**

Week Commencing: 3rd March 2025

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## Lent



Ash Wednesday last week marked the beginning of Lent, a special season at the heart of our Catholic faith, preparing us to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. Lent is a time to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection through three key practices: **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**.

**Pray:** We are encouraged to pray more or to pray in new ways this Lent. Try moving your crucifix near your front door as a reminder of Christ's love, attending the Stations of the Cross, or writing prayers as messages to God.

**Fast:** Fasting isn't just about food—it's about making space for God. Giving up distractions like screen time and gossip can help us focus on our faith and appreciate what we have.

**Give:** Acts of kindness, big or small, help those in need. Consider donating food, offering quiet acts of generosity, or involving children in secret ways to give.

Please click [here](#) to access a short clip about Lent that your children may enjoy. Let's use this Lent to grow closer to God and each other.

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THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES



## World Book Day

6th March 2025

It was great to see so many of you celebrating your love of books this week by dressing up as your favourite character. We LOVED seeing you parade your costumes with pride in our fashion show catwalk- you all looked super! Our KS1 and LKS2 children further celebrated by visiting the library. A big thank you to our parent volunteers who gave up their time to support our children.





# The Great Book Heist

## Class 1

On World Book Day, Class 1 arrived to find their classroom transformed into a crime scene—all the books from their reading corner, shelves included, had vanished! Following a trail of clues, the students had to solve the mystery and uncover which mischievous book character was behind the great book heist.



# Let's get reading!

## Class 8

This week Class 8 celebrated World Book Day. The day began by completing the Premier League Reading Stars live quiz where the children heard from many of their football idols about the importance of reading. The children had an opportunity to discover new books and make recommendations to each other. At the end of the day, all of year 5 and 6 got together to show off their wonderful costumes at the Sacred Heart World Book Day Cat Walk!

Mrs Morrison was so impressed with the creativity and dedication of our students and the love of books from all members of Class 8.





## Girls Football

KS2

Our Girls Football Team took part in a tournament this week, and won two out of their four games, so spirits were high! The girls had lots of fun and it was even better that the event coincides with the international women's week #letgirlsplay mission.

## Goodbye (and thank you!) to Mrs Maginnis

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that Mrs. Maginnis will be leaving Sacred Heart RC Primary School on Friday, 7th March. Mrs. Maginnis has been an integral part of our teaching team since she joined us two years ago, and I had very much hoped that she would stay forever. However, Mrs. Maginnis' dream has always been to support children and families who require occupational therapy, and she has now successfully secured a post within the NHS.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Maginnis from the bottom of my heart for the love, care, patience, and dedication she has bestowed upon our children and staff since she joined us in 2023. Mrs. Maginnis is a skilled and compassionate professional, and she will be greatly missed. Our loss is the NHS's gain, and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for the future. She has promised to come back and visit, so we wish her *au revoir*, not goodbye. Please remember her in your prayers.



## Green Up Your Act Workshops

17th March 2025

'Green Up Your Act!' are visiting Sacred Heart and pupils in Key Stage One and Lower Key Stage Two will have the opportunity to plant their own microgreens and watch the plants grow and produce edible food in just less than 12 days! Children will also learn about sustainable living and the importance of recycling.

**All** children in the school are invited to add a touch of **green** to their school uniforms as the workshops take place on St. Patrick's Day. For example, children may wish to wear green hair accessories, green socks, trainers or polo-shirts underneath their school sweaters.



## SUPERSTAR READERS

LKS2 - Class 4 with 9.1 points this week! 

UKS2 - Class 8 with 11.0 points this week! 

## TT ROCKSTARS

**Well done to our TT Rockstars winners this week!**

LKS2 - Victoria, Class 4 

UKS2 - Clare, Class 7 

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Class 6 with 99.4% attendance

Class 2 with 98.6% attendance

Nursery with 94.6% 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



Manchester Local  
Care Organisation

**NHS**



# Get your MMR vaccination

at our friendly, community hub  
with a hot drink and biscuits!



Manchester Settlement, (opposite Lime Square)  
1328-1330, Ashton Old Road, Openshaw, M11 1JG



Tuesday, 25th February 2025, from 9am to 11am



Open to anyone, any age.



You can ask for an MMR vaccine that does NOT  
contain any pork or animal products.

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences. Make sure you've had two doses of MMR vaccination for best protection.**



# 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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