

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

23rd July 2024

We have made it to the end of term and the sun has come out at last to welcome us into the summer. We hope and pray that the good weather lasts!

The past couple of months have been extremely busy in school as we have completed statutory tests, enjoyed many trips, clubs, Multicultural Evening, music exams and concerts, sporting events, Y6 leavers shows, school reports, Y6 leavers mass and party, welcomed new pupils and made preparations ready for the new term in September.

The term will finish for Y6 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 3.00pm when the school gathers to clap out Y6 for the final time and wish them well as they venture beyond our school gates and on to new and exciting beginnings at secondary school. We wish our class of 2024 all the best and congratulate them on their SATs results. We know that the children will take a little bit of Sacred Heart with them where ever they go. Thank you to our pupils and parents, it has been a pleasure to work with you all and see the children grow and be part of their learning journey.

The term ends for the rest of the school on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm**. All children should be collected at 1.30pm. We would like to thank you for your continued support this year and wish you all a happy and healthy summer and look forward to seeing everyone return on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

## **As is customary at this time of year we say goodbye to a small number of staff:**

Miss Cunningham, Y3 teacher will be leaving us on Wednesday to return home to Northern Ireland after teaching at Sacred Heart for two years. Thank you to Miss Cunningham for nurturing and teaching pupils in Y3.

Miss Bedford, joined us during the pandemic and began her teaching career remotely, meeting and teaching her class online whilst the country was in lockdown. Miss Bedford has also taught in Y3 and we wish her all the best as she moves to Holy Ghost Primary School.

## **As we say goodbyes, we welcome three new faces to our Sacred Heart community:**

Miss Lacey successfully completed her teacher training at Sacred Heart earlier in the year, so is already familiar to many of the children. She is now returning to join the school permanently. Miss Lacey will be teaching Y1 with Mrs Walsh.

Miss Leaning will be joining the KS2 team in September to teach Y5 with Mr McCarten. Miss Leaning has spent several days recently in school to get to know the children and our school routines.

Miss Whipps will be joining in September and will be teaching Nursery. Miss Whipps is an experienced teacher and we look forward to her joining the EYFS team.

## **Religious Life of the School**

Our Catholic faith and liturgical calendar of events is as strong as ever.

Thank you to Mrs Garaialde (RE Lead) and Deacon Michael for leading us at Prayer Group, class visits, masses and services. Our school is so much richer for our strong faith and regular opportunities for coming together to worship. Our Catholic Social Teaching is also strong as we continually strive to think of others, how to look after each other and the world God gave us.

On Monday Y6 pupils, parents and staff came together to celebrate the end of their time at Sacred Heart. Fr David and Deacon Michael led a beautiful mass – it was calm, reflective and joyous. The children's singing was outstanding and almost lifted the roof off!

On Tuesday a group of children attended the end of school year mass with Christ Church School. It was a kind offer for our new children to join their old school prior to Christ Church closing its doors for the last time on Wednesday. Dylan accepted a beautiful cross from his friend at Christchurch during the mass as a symbol of our collaboration. The cross will be displayed in school for all children to enjoy.

We recently held an end of year service with Nursery, Reception and Y1 children and parents. It was a lovely way to mark the end of the year with our younger children and families.

### **Music**

Recently we held our summer term music concert and were absolutely entertained and blown away by the talent and performances. Thank you to the music teachers and children for such an enjoyable afternoon.

It has been a busy end of term for the classical guitar, the children have performed their repertoire at a concert for the residents of Battersa Place, next to Battersea Park. They have also taken their individual grading exams and scored very highly, with congratulations to Aaliyah, Alexis, Anne-Marie, Deandrei, Gabi, Liam & Nicolas who were all graded with distinction. Keep practicing children!



The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra also visited and worked with Y4 here in school with Mylene Klass and then down at St Mary's as part of the Proms in the Park event -to be held over the summer at the Power Station.

### **Sport**

The sporting life of the school has gone from strength to strength this term. A large number of children have been involved in numerous competitions and events during the school day and after school. Y5 have enjoyed sporting events at St John Bosco College.

We have had rugby and football leagues. Both boys and girls competed and Sacred Heart won the inter school football league.

The children enjoyed Sports Days – and the weather held for KS1 this year!

## **Computing**

Mr McCarten has taught and led clubs using Apple iPads all year and continued his work with Wandsworth CLC and Apple. This culminated in a very successful event at the BAC recently with Apple where the children showcased all that they have been doing.



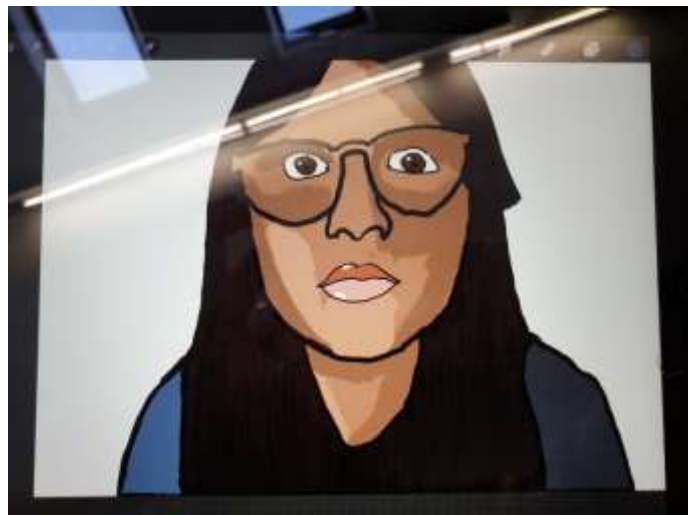
## **Art**

Groups of children worked with Mr Cooper, co-chair of governors in two water colour workshops recently. The children had a great introduction to watercolours and produced some pleasing work.

Thank you to Mr Cooper for coming into school to lead the workshops.



## **Digital Art with Mr K**



Some children in Y6 went to Emmanuel School for art workshops and produced some fabulous pieces of art work



This is a snap shot of what the children have enjoyed recently – we would run out of space if we tried to include everything!

Thank you to all of the staff for their hard work this year and for organising and making these events happen – going the extra mile is very much appreciated.

### Timings for September

Nursery Morning	8:45am to 11:45am	Entry and pick up via nursery and Hilary House gate on Cabul Road.
Nursery Afternoon	12:30pm to 3:30pm	Entry and pick up via nursery and Hilary House gate on Cabul Road.
Nursery Full Time	8:45am to 3:30pm	Entry and pick up via nursery and Hilary House gate on Cabul Road.
Reception	9:05am to 3:30pm	Entry and pick up from class via KS1 gate on Cabul Road.
KS1 (Y1 and Y2)	9:00am to 3:30pm	Drop off at KS1 gate on Cabul Road. Pick up from KS1 playground.
KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)	9:00am to 3:30pm	Drop off at main gate / Pen on Este Road. Pick up from KS2 paved area outside classrooms.
Hilary House	9:00am to 3:30pm	Drop off and pick up via Hilary House gate on Cabul Road.
Reception Break Times	Lunch	11:45am to 12:45pm
KS1 Break Times	Morning	10:30am to 10:45am
	Lunch	12:00pm to 1:00pm
KS2 Break Times	Morning Y3 and Y4	10:30am to 10:45am
	Morning Y5 and Y6	10:45am to 11:00am
	Lunch	12:30pm to 1:30pm
Collective Worship Times	Monday Morning Gospel Assembly	9:15am to 9:45am
	Wednesday Morning Class Assembly	9:15am to 9:30am (Please see school website calendar for dates)
	Daily Classroom Act of Collective Worship	Please see school website calendar for dates
	Deacon Michael Weekly Class Visits	
	Celebration of the Word	
	Class Masses	

### Wandsworth Connected – Summer Fun Activities!

Please click on the link to find out more:

<https://fis.wandsworth.gov.uk/kb5/wandsworth/fsd/family.page?familychannel=1-6-13>



## Term Dates

Please be aware that some dates differ from those published by Wandsworth.

These are our term dates for the academic year.

<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>
<b>INSET Day: 2nd September</b>
<b>First Day: 3rd September</b>
<b>INSET Day: 7th October</b>
<b>Half Term: 28th October to 1st November</b>
<b>INSET Day: 4th November</b>
<b>Last Day: 20th December</b>
<b>Spring Term 2025</b>
<b>First Day: 6th January</b>
<b>Half Term: 17th to 21st February</b>
<b>Last Day: 4th April</b>
<b>Summer Term 2025</b>
<b>First Day: 22nd April</b>
<b>Bank Holiday: 5th May</b>
<b>Half Term: 26th to 30th May</b>
<b>INSET Day: 2nd June</b>
<b>Last Day: 22nd July</b>
<b>One INSET Day TBC</b>