# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Today in school we joined Catholic schools across the country and the world launching the Year of the Jubilee 2025. In this Jubilee year, Pope Francis invites us all to be signs of hope in our world and this holy year will be a significant and memorable moment for children and young people. Reflecting on Jesus' message of the good news of justice, freedom and love, there are opportunities for the whole school community to experience the joy of taking action as Pilgrims of Hope in building a better world.

In a zoom Assembly across the two schools we listened to messages from Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop John about the place of our schools in the Jubilee and watched a launch day film from CAFOD about how we in school can be 'pilgrims' and put our Catholic Social



Teaching into action in the year ahead. The children and staff are excited for the year ahead and we are planning many great activities and events. I'm sure that you will join us throughout the year as we all strive to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

# Celebration of the Word and Celebration of Learning

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Year 1 came together for their Celebration of the Word. We were delighted to see that many parents were able to join us for the service, which was led by Deacon Michael. The children sang beautifully and were happy to share the promises they had recently made to Jesus. They read aloud their prayers clearly and Deacon Michael shared the Gospel reading of, The presentation of the Lord. The children have also learned this story in class as part of their, 'Special People' topic.

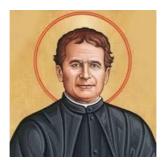
# Following the service, the children

enthusiastically shared their Religious Education, English and Maths books with their parents and carers, keen to show what they had been learning in Y1 so far this year.

# Mass for the Feast of St John Bosco Friday

Next Friday the children from Y2-6 will celebrate the Feast Day of St John Bosco at Sacred Heart Church at 10am. Children will lead the liturgy with drama, readings and hymns. Parents are welcome to join us at Mass. This will be our first visit to a holy site in Jubilee Year and we get our passport stamped at Mass.





#### The Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is GOOD NEWS. The Gospel this week mirrors the Gospel that we greeted the Jubilee with. Jesus came to bring the good news to those in need and this Jubilee year we will try to put those words into action.

#### Sport in Sacred Heart

After many weeks of practising children from across the Juniors were selected to take part in today's Sportshall Athletics competition. The team left at 8.50am for Battersea Sports Centre and we wish them the very best for the event. Thanks for Ms Ormonde for all her hard work.

# Breaking News: Sacred Heart athletics team came first in their heat.

# Visitors to the school

On Monday we are a welcoming a group of educators and ministers from the Ministry of Education to Sacred Heart.

They are coming to Sacred Heart as a model of inclusive practice and to see how schools in the UK operate. We agreed to the visit because we are keen for the children to experience visitors from a range of cultures. I'm sure the children will make them welcome and show them how wonderful Sacred Heart is.

