

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

25th April 2025

Welcome back to the start of our Summer Term. We hope that you had a peaceful and joyful Easter break, filled with moments of rest, reflection, and celebration.

As we return to school, we do so with both a sense of renewal and a spirit of remembrance. During the holidays, we received the sad news of the passing of Pope Francis. His life of faith, service, and humility touched the hearts of many around the world, and here at Sacred Heart, we have taken time to honour his memory in meaningful ways.

Our school community has joined together in prayer and reflection to mark this significant moment. The children have responded with great reverence and maturity, participating in a special whole school assembly dedicated to the life and legacy of the Pope. Our Y5 pupils took part in the Parish Mass, and our Y3 participated in their Celebration of the Word, offering their prayers and intentions. Across the classrooms, teachers have led age-appropriate discussions and lessons to help children understand the Pope's role in the Church and the wider impact of his mission.



We are incredibly proud of how our pupils have engaged with this moment in our Church's history, demonstrating compassion, curiosity, and a deepening understanding of their faith.

As we look ahead to the term to come, we do so with hope and unity, embracing the opportunities to grow together in learning, faith, and love.

## **Sporting Highlights This Week**

It's been a fantastic week for sport at Sacred Heart, filled with energy, excitement and achievement across the school! Our youngest pupils in Early Years and Key Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed engaging and active workshops delivered by the Wimbledon Junior Tennis Initiative. These sessions introduced the children to key tennis skills in a fun and inclusive way, sparking lots of enthusiasm for the sport.

This Saturday afternoon, a group of our children will be proudly representing the school in the London Mini Marathon – a brilliant opportunity to showcase their dedication and perseverance. We wish them all the very best as they take on this exciting challenge.

To round off the week, we are delighted to share that Sacred Heart has been nominated for an award at this evening's *Get Wandsworth Moving Awards*. This recognition reflects the commitment of our staff, pupils and wider school community to promoting physical activity, wellbeing and a love of sport. Go Sacred Heart!

## Healthy Living, Nature and Sustainability

In addition to our sporting successes, this week has also been a celebration of healthy lifestyles, our love of nature, and growing environmental awareness. Our school catering company - Harrisons has launched a vibrant new salad bar, offering children a colourful and nutritious range of fresh options at lunchtime.

To inspire healthy eating habits, they also ran engaging salad workshops for some Year 2 and Year 3 children, where pupils explored a variety of fresh ingredients and even created their own delicious salad bowls.



Our environmental efforts have also taken root in other meaningful ways. Year 2 are enjoying a visit today to the London Wetlands Centre, exploring the beauty and biodiversity of the natural world, learning first-hand about wildlife conservation and the importance of protecting our planet's precious ecosystems.

Back at school, we have introduced a new food waste initiative at lunchtimes, encouraging children to become more mindful of what they eat and to reduce waste wherever possible. These activities form part of our wider commitment to sustainability and help our pupils grow as responsible, eco-conscious citizens who understand their role in caring for God's creation. They also form the basis of Healthy Schools Award Gold application.

This term Sacred Heart embarks on its journey to join St Mary's -who are currently the only Wandsworth Primary School with a London Mayors Gold Healthy schools award.

## Music and Performing Arts

The summer term is off to a creative start with exciting opportunities in music and drama across the school. Our Year 1 children are taking part in the Wandsworth Music Service singing project, developing their vocal skills and confidence through joyful, collaborative rehearsals that will culminate in a special performance later this term.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 pupils have begun an inspiring ballet project in partnership with Pointe Black, as part of the Wandsworth Borough of Culture celebrations. This unique experience is introducing the children to the expressive power of dance and giving them the chance to work with professional artists in a project that celebrates creativity, diversity, and cultural pride.



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## Catholic Life of the School

The Wednesday Word this week is **BELIEVE**

Pope Francis once said, "We all have in our hearts some areas of unbelief. Let us say to the Lord: **I believe!**"

Thank to you all the parents from Y3 who joined us for our final Celebration of the Word. These have been reverent and joyous events combining prayer and appreciation of children's work.

This morning Family Prayer group was extra busy as we celebrated the life and work of Pope Francis. A reminder that parents are welcome every Friday morning at 8.40am to join us.

Next month we start Rosary celebrations. Look out for family Rosary prayer sessions.

### A date for your diary...

There will a whole school walk to the Jubilee Cross in Battersea Park on the Thursday 3rd July. Please keep the date free. More details to follow.

### Signs of Spring in Reception

This year we have worked hard to find an ethical organisation that gives eggs to school to hatch. The younger children have enjoyed thinking about the life cycles and new life. A special thank you to all the parents that joined us for the Maths Family Learning sessions.



Date	Summer 1 Events
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Wandsworth Music Service lessons commence
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents' Evening. School closes at 1.30pm
Thursday 1st May	Poetry assembly with Neal Zettler
May	Rosary every Friday morning for pupils at 9.15am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Sats Week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Kingston University Engineering project (5 pupils)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mary Our Lady Help of Christians Mass (crowning of Mary) in school hall
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3 Hampton Court
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day – school closed