



# NEWSLETTER



9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our pupils and families! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and happy break, and we are delighted to begin an exciting new term together.

The New Year already promises many wonderful opportunities and events, and we look forward to sharing these with you as the term unfolds. We have already started the year off well with a visit from Baxter the Camel!

Please remember that our school calendar is now live on the website and can be downloaded to your phone via **Information > Online Calendar**, helping you stay up to date with all that's ahead.

We would also like to invite parents and carers to join our Prayer Group, which takes place every Friday morning at 8.40am. All are very welcome to attend.

Kind regards,  
Jared Brading  
Executive Headteacher



## EPIPHANY SERVICE

Our Epiphany Service, led by Deacon Michael, was a truly special occasion. All pupils attended, along with some parents, as we sang hymns and reflected on the story of the Epiphany. Year 6 pupils brought the story to life with a dramatic recreation, which even included Baxter the donkey as part of the procession! To mark the occasion, Deacon Michael gifted the school a wooden camel from Bethlehem, a lovely reminder of this wonderful day. It was a moment of holiness, thoughtfulness, and community for everyone present.

## VISIT FROM BAXTER THE CAMEL

This week, Baxter the donkey visited our school for our Epiphany service! After the service, each class had the chance to meet Baxter up close and learn about camels, their habitats, and fascinating facts about these animals. Baxter, now 18 years old, is a seasoned star, having appeared in numerous TV shows and films. The visit was a memorable experience for everyone, bringing the story of Epiphany to life in a fun and engaging way. We feel so lucky and grateful that we were able to host such a wonderful animal here at Sacred Heart, what a fantastic memory for all who met him.



## CATHOLIC LIFE OF SACRED HEART

As part of the Catholic life of our school, we come together each Friday morning for Prayer Group with Deacon Michael. Children and their families are warmly invited to join us at 8.40am. Prayer Group is held in the MPR room and lasts for approximately 15 minutes. Entry is via the Este Road gate, shortly before 8.40am. This is a special opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and to begin the day in a calm, reflective and faith-filled way. Everyone is very welcome. Each week, a different class teacher will join the Prayer Group, and we especially encourage children and parents from that class to attend on their allocated date. We look forward to praying together as a school community.



## THE WINNER IS...



CONGRATULATIONS!

## ATTENDANCE SCOREBOARD

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| BSC = 88.3% | 3L = 88.4%  |
| GMB = 96%   | 3M = 90.8%  |
| N = 79.2%   | 4O = 84.5%  |
| RN = 83.3%  | 4P = 83.8%  |
| 1B = 92.06% | 5L = 91.3 % |
| 1L = 98.44% | 5T = 87.5%  |
| 2C = 88.3%  | 6G = 91.6%  |
| 2R = 89.2%  | 6S = 88.4%  |

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## THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS...

# NEW START

"Everyday we must begin anew. Have patience with all things - but first of all with yourself." - St Francis de Sales

| <b><u>Sacred Heart School</u></b><br><b><u>Spring Events 2026</u></b> |                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>                                                           | <b>Event</b>                                                                     |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                                        | Spring term starts                                                               |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                                       | Epiphany Mass Y2-Y6                                                              |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January                                      | Reception Phonics Information Meeting in Hall at 9.15                            |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January                                    | 3M Class Assembly 9.15am                                                         |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January                                      | Reception Phonics Drop-In Session at 9.10                                        |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January                                    | Y1 Class Assembly 9.15am                                                         |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January                                    | Y6 Family Learning (SATS) - Y6 parents and pupils invited                        |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January                                       | Early years Family Learning Session – Nursery and Reception Parents in Hall 9.15 |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January                                      | Reception Phonics Drop-In Session at 9.10                                        |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January                                    | Y2 Celebration of the Word and book share – 9.15am. Parents welcome.             |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January                                    | Y6 Family Learning (SATS) - Y6 parents and pupils invited                        |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January                                       | Feast of John Bosco Mass at Sacred Heart Church Y2-6 10.00am. Parents welcome.   |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February                                      | Reception Phonics Drop-In Session at 9.10                                        |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February                                    | Y1 Celebration of the Word and book share – 9.15am. Parents welcome.             |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                                   | Y3 Celebration of the Word and book share – 9.15am. Parents welcome.             |