



Sacred Heart News

Friday 30th January 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to spend time with the teachers last week at our 'Pupil Progress Meetings' talking through where the children are at with their learning and make plans to address any concerns. We have planned Parents' Evening for March time and SEND meetings next week but if you have something pressing that you wish to discuss in advance of this, please do reach out to your class teacher. One request that I would make of families is that **daily reading** be given a high priority at home the whole way through Primary School. Regular reading practice with an adult makes all the difference to the children's confidence, fluency and outcomes across the curriculum.

School Holidays

We have set the school holidays dates for next academic year. After much discussion, we have followed locality dates with the children returning to school on Monday 7th September after two inset days on 3rd and 4th September, where we will complete our mandatory training. We felt families would prefer not return for one day on the Friday 4th September. This will allow families to take advantage of cheaper travel and ensure that **everyone** returns to school on 7th September and no holidays to be taken during term time.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss O'Brien and Mrs Orchard who have completed and obtained their National Professional Qualification in Leading Teaching, and to Mrs Dell'Anno for obtaining her NPQ in Early Years Leadership. NPQs are a suite of DfE accredited qualifications designed to support the professional development of teachers and school leaders. Every day is a school day, even for the adults! Well done.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Brenda Green

Highlights of the Week



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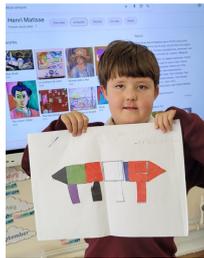
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Key Dates

Spring Term 2026

Monday 2nd February - SEND Parents Evening

Tuesday 3rd February - SEND Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th February - SEND Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th February - Boys Football vs Collis

Thursday 5th February - Year 3 Girls Football

Thursday 5th February - Girls Football vs Collis

Friday 6th February - Boys Football vs SMSP

Monday 9th February - Girls Football vs SMSP

Tuesday 10th February - Swimming Gala

Wednesday 11th February - Year 4 to Gunnersbury Museum

Friday 13th February - Year 5 Boys Football

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February - Half term

Tuesday 10th March - Parents Evening

Thursday 12th March - Parents Evening

Stars of the Week

Reception Sienna for settling in to her new school so well and making such an amazing start! You have blown me away this week.

Tabitha for her amazing attitude towards school every day, and her sentence writing in phonics this week.

Year 1 Sofia for her fantastic focus and excellent attention across all areas of her learning. Well done Sofia!

Cyrus for showing great focus during our English lessons and writing a fantastic news report.

Year 2 Stephanie for showing a fantastic attitude to learning, listening carefully and always trying her best.

Yashveer for always being a fantastic classroom helper, confidently participating in class discussions and sharing ideas with enthusiasm.

Year 3 Achilles for his fantastic effort and focus in and around school and for his brilliant resilience during Maths lessons and in his reading.

Orla for her amazing ideas for her descriptive piece of writing about Mary's adventure into the Sphinx. Also for continuing to demonstrate beautiful manners and behaviour at school.

Year 4 Gabriel for his focus and resilience in Maths and English. Gabriel worked hard to solve multiplication problems and created a thoughtful freeze frame in English.

Gabriela for her focused work in Science. Gabriela identified lots of different sounds on our walk around the school and thought carefully about the materials the sound waves had passed through.

Year 5 Gloriana for fantastic work in her poetry this week, especially her choice of vocabulary such as 'glistening', 'iridescent' and 'xanthic'.

James for excellent work and attitude throughout this week, especially his poem! He used amazing vocabulary and a fantastic range of poetic devices!

Year 6 Thea for her excellent responses to our learning about Macbeth, showing understanding and empathy for the plot and characters.

Joel for excellent focus in Maths and Science this week, sharing his methods and observations with confidence. Well done!

Other News

Year 4 Girls Football

On Thursday, some of the year 3 and 4 girls went to a football tournament. We won 2 games in total out of 5 and scored 5 goals!



Girls Football vs St John the Baptist

On Thursday the girls football team played a match against St John the Baptist. We played very well and we were close to getting a goal but unfortunately we didn't. In the end we did lose 1-0 but we were proud of ourselves. We tried hard.



Netball vs Collis

On Friday, we went next door to play a game of netball against our neighbouring school; Collis. Two games were played at once since we split the netball team in two. Everyone played very well, especially in the second half and it was a good match. Sadly, both Sacred Heart teams lost. However it was an amazing experience and we had fun.

Sacred Heart Prayer

Prayer of the week based on John 1:29-34

Lord God,
Send us out as witnesses of your love.
Help us to recognise Christ
in every person and to work for
justice, peace, and unity in our world.
May our school be a place where everyone is valued and loved.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Racial Justice

At assembly today and in classes next week we will discuss Racial Justice: Loving God and loving others cannot be separated.

If we truly love God, that love must be visible in how we treat each other – especially those who may be different from us in culture, language, appearance, or background as everyone is a child of God. Prejudice and racism have no place in the life of a Christian or in a Catholic school.

“Whoever loves God must also love his brother and sister”



Racial Justice Sunday Theme

Racial justice calls us to recognise the dignity of every person and to challenge attitudes or behaviours that harm others.

Our Church and schools are beautifully diverse.

People from every nation, culture, and background belong to the one family of God.

Racial justice is not just something we reflect on today- it is something we are called to live every day.

Mission: Treat everyone with respect – use kind words, listen to others, and never tease or leave people out.

Speak up when something is unfair – tell a trusted adult and stand by those who need help.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2026 - We also marked, in an age-appropriate way, Holocaust Memorial Day with the children.

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Other items of interest for families

Sparks Film School at Sacred Heart School on Saturday morning during term time and also the school holidays. Details at

📧 **Maths Tutoring for KS2 Students!** 📧

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AFC Kingston Youth – Girls' Football Sessions

AFC Kingston Youth has recently launched a **girls-only weekly football class**, designed for **7-10-year-old girls** who would like to develop their football skills in a fun, friendly, and supportive environment.

Session details:

- 📅 **When?** Wednesdays, 6:00–7:00 PM
- 📍 **Where?** Kingsmeadow (8-a-side astro turf pitches with floodlights)
- 👤 **Coaches?** FA-qualified, experienced, and enthusiastic
- 💷 **Cost?** Approximately £8 per session (paid monthly)

Playing in an all-girls environment is a fantastic way for young players to **build confidence, develop skills, and make new friends**. With the warmer weather approaching, now is the perfect time to give it a try!

- 📍 **Location:** Weir Archer Athletics & Fitness Centre, 442a Kingston Road, Kingston, KT1 3PB
- If you would be happy to share this opportunity with parents or include it in your school newsletter, I would greatly appreciate it.
- For further details, reach out to Heather at **+44 7717 047453**.

Big sister programme- Sports initiative for girls aged 9-15

Places Leisure are running the [Big Sister Project](#) at Tolworth Recreation Centre and Malden Centre, an initiative designed to get more girls active and introduce (or reintroduce) them to sport.

[The Big Sister programme helps girls aged 9- 15 in target areas, feel 'sport ready' by building a network of peer leaders \("Big Sisters"\) from sport, schools, and community organisations.](#)

The Big Sisters act as role models, empowering and enabling girls to enjoy sport, exercise, and physical activity during puberty. Importantly, the project is shaped by girls, for girls, providing ambassadors who champion the benefits of sport and understand the challenges they face.

As part of the programme, Girls can access the Big Sister Flexible Membership at £9 per month (50% off the standard Junior membership), which includes:

- Unlimited gym use during Junior Gym hours (with induction for 11–15 year olds)
- Unlimited swimming
- Age-appropriate group workout classes, including exclusive We Move sessions
- Free racket sports at off-peak times (Malden Centre only)
- Support from a friendly on-site team
- Free access to the Places Leisure App and Virtual Studio, including a dedicated Big Sister channel

[Watch the Big Sister video here.](#)

[For more information and to sign up, visit the places leisure website.](#)

Dramacube - The Wizard of Oz

Sign up for Dramacube's Spring Term production of The Wizard of Oz and see your child shine on stage at Hampton Hill Theatre.

Whether they are new to musical theatre or have taken part in drama, dance or performing arts before - everyone is welcome and will be part of the final production.

Spring Term starts w/c 5th January in the following locations:

🌀 5-7 Year Olds – Teddington

🌀 8-12 Year Olds – Hampton Hill, Teddington or Walton-on-Thames

🌀 13-18 Year Olds – Hampton Hill or Twickenham

Book a 2-week taster or enrol in a cast at www.dramacube.co.uk

available on a number of parenting groups starting next term in Kingston

There are places available on free parenting groups which will be starting next term in the Kingston borough.

[The Parenting Puzzle/Nurturing Program](#) for parents and carers of primary school aged children

[Workshops for parents of children aged up to 10 years](#)

[Teen Life](#) for parents and carers of children aged 10-16 years with a diagnosis of ASD

Please see attached posters for more information about each group [please contact Karen Williams](#).

Half term and Easter touch typing courses for 7 – 16s

Half term: Monday 16 - Thursday 19 February 2026

Easter: Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April and Tuesday 7 - Thursday 10 April 2026

Course session times: 10:00 – 12:15 pm daily

(Full day care/ sports camp available)

Venue: St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning effective and fun. Typing proficiency makes a huge impact on academic attainment at all ages.

Cost per place: £176.00. 10% discount for siblings/ bring-a-friend/ returners/ DofE

OFSTED registered – childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare accepted. Duke of Edinburgh Award skills assessor

Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk

Study on the brain signals of attention and self-regulatory skills in children

Recruiting children, ages 7 to 14 for a research study looking at brain signals related to attention and self-regulatory skills during development.

Participation involves:

- behavioural assessments
- brain activity assessment (EEG) at Kingston University (free parking available)

[Find out more about the study on the brain signals of attention and self-regulatory skills in children study here.](#)

Drug and alcohol - Parent webinars

Research from NHS Digital shows that parents are the source that young people would turn to the most if they wanted reliable information and guidance on drugs and alcohol - more so than their friends or their phones! - yet the landscape is ever changing.

[View drugs and alcohol webinars available to parents and carers here.](#)

Places available on 2 Parenting groups starting later this term in Kingston

There are places available on free parenting groups which will be starting next term in the Kingston borough.

[Triple P Teen](#) for parents and carers of adolescents with mild to moderate challenging behaviour, 2 week course held on Saturdays.

[Left to their own devices workshop](#) for parents and carers of children of all ages. The workshop will help parents and carers navigate the challenges of raising children in a digital world. One off workshops for 2 hours.

Please see attached posters for more information about each group. [Please contact Karen Williams](#) if you have any questions.

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