



ALL THE NEWS FROM SACRED HEART



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Welcome Back!

The children have returned to school happy and ready to learn after their half term holiday which is great to see. This will be a busy half term with lots of exciting things happening within school so we look forward to working hard and having fun!

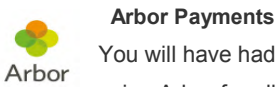
Goodbye Mrs Breen!!

Over the half term Mrs Breen retired from her role as Office Manager after nearly 30 years. From the moment our youngest children first walk through our doors, Mrs Breen has been a warm and welcoming presence, always ready with a smile and encouraging words for both parent and child. Now as she embarks on this new chapter of her life, we want her to know how much she will be missed by both students and staff alike. We wish her all the love in the world as she enjoys her well-deserved retirement. Thank you, Mrs Breen, for everything. You will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Goodbye Mrs Khakhar

We also say goodbye to Mrs Khakhar who has also decided to retire from teaching. During her time here she has taught many children in EYFS and in Year 2 and we thank her for all the support and guidance she has offered our children. As a school we wish her all the happiness as she starts this next part of her life.

We would like to welcome Mrs Sangha back to Sacred Heart. Mrs Sangha has taught in EYFS before but she will now be teaching in Maple class Monday and Tuesdays so please say Hi if you see her out and about!



Arbor Payments

You will have had notification that as a school we are using Arbor for all payments now. Please speak to the office staff if you are struggling with logging onto Arbor. Below is a link with some information on how to set up and make payments through Arbor.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/22123188173853-Top-up-accounts-and-viewing-payments-in-the-Arbor-Parent-App>

Black History Month:

Throughout the month of October, children took part in a range of activities to celebrate the contributions of black people to our communities and the world. This year's theme for Black History Month 2024 was Reclaiming Narratives.



School Council and Anti Bullying Champions

Our new councils have been elected by their classes and we welcome them to their roles! They were elected based on their qualities and the important changes they can make to our school. Please click on the school webpage to see who they are:

[School Council and Anti-Bullying Champions - Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy - Leicester](#)

Attendance

Our attendance at the end of our first half term was **94%**. By the end of the year we are aiming for 97% as we believe that the children gain more opportunities to thrive in education when they are at school. It is important that holidays are **not** taken during term—they will be **unauthorised** and **will** result in a fine from City Council.

Harvest Collection:

The generosity of our families has been astonishing! **Thank you** to each and everyone one of you who donated what you could this year. Our chosen charity this year, **Open Hands** will be delighted with our schools contribution to their foodbank.



Dear Lord, We give thanks for the food we share and ask your blessing on those who grow, harvest and prepare it. Inspire us to act for the good of our neighbours, especially those who do not have plentiful food.

Amen,

Alan James

Free school meals for reception, year 1 and 2 children

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 classes automatically receive universal infant free school meals. However, if you meet the qualifying criteria listed below, completing an application for benefits-related free school meals could help your children's school get valuable extra funding through the pupil premium.

Who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals?

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- The guarantee element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.
- Universal credit with annual net earned income of less than £7,400

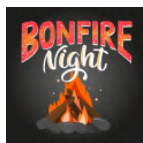
Parents are encouraged to register their children, even if:

- they do not want to eat school meals
- they already receive universal infant free school meals.

[Free school meals \(leicester.gov.uk\)](http://leicester.gov.uk)

Bonfire Night Menu

There will be a change to the school dinner menu as we will be having a special themed



Bonfire Night dinner happening in school on **Tuesday 5th November**. If you pay for your child's dinner please pay for this through Arbor (£2)

For dinner that day there will be:

- Hot Dogs and Ketchup (meat free option available)
- Wedges
- Sweet corn
- Cathrine Wheel biscuit



Anti-Bullying Week Odd Sock Day

The children are invited to wear odd socks on **Monday 11th November** in support of antibullying week. Wearing odd socks demonstrates our pledge to celebrate differences and encourage kindness at Sacred Heart.

Parent-Teacher Communications

Morning registration and afternoon dismissal are very busy times of the day for class teachers and it is vital that the class teacher is with their class at these times. If you need to speak to the teacher about your child, please make an appointment via the school office and a time will be made to accommodate everyone involved.

Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2025

Children are admitted to the school in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. If there is anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September 2025 (d.o.b. 01.09.2020 – 31.08.2021) please obtain an 'Expression of Interest' form from the School Office.

There is also a requirement to fill in an LA form before January 15th 2025. This form can be found at

[Starting infant or primary school \(leicester.gov.uk\)](http://leicester.gov.uk)



Dates for your diary:

Monday 1st November: Flu Vaccinations. Please ensure to register online if you wish your child to receive the vaccination.

Tuesday 5th November: Bonfire Night school dinner.

Monday 11th November: Odd Sock Day

Wednesday 20th November: School Photo Day

Wednesday 27th November: Year 6 Warning Zone Trip.

Friday 29th November: Inset Day—school closed.

Looking ahead—Christmas Plays:

EYFS: Tuesday 3rd December at 10am and Thursday 5th December at 10am

KS1: Tuesday 10th December at 10am and Wednesday 11th December at 5.00pm



KS1 Christmas Disco: Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Jumper/Christmas Dinner Day:

Wednesday 18th December

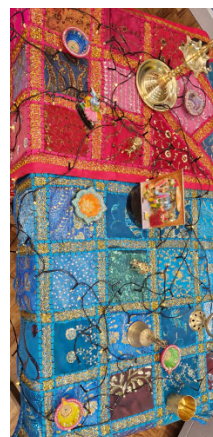
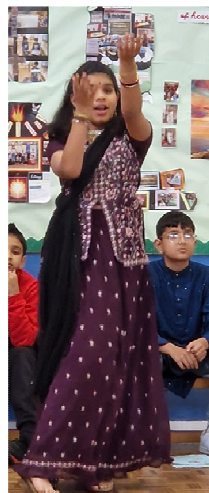
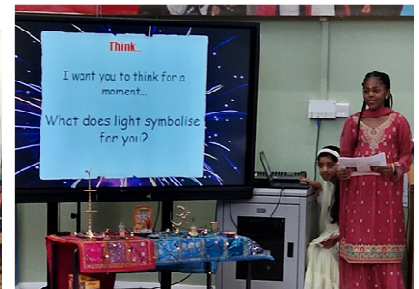
KS2 Christmas Disco: Thursday 19th December

Christmas Raffle: Friday 20th December

More Christmas Activities will be released at a later date!!



On Tuesday we celebrated Diwali Day in school. The children and staff dressed in their finest to celebrate the festival of light and joy together as a school community. It was a beautiful celebration of our diversity and inclusivity; something we are very proud of at Sacred Heart.



**Mrs Sharma runs FREE English
classes for our parents**

FREE English Classes



**Friends and family of our school
community are more than welcome
to join.**

Wednesday evenings 5.30 – 7.00pm
Belgrave Children, Young People and Family Centre
Cossington Street LE4 6JD

Friday afternoons 2.15 – 3.15pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy