

Welcome back! We hope you and your families enjoyed your time together and made the most of the break. The children have arrived back at school with a positive mindset and are ready for Advent 2.

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended Parents Evening. It was great to see such a big turn out in school and as a staff we fully appreciate the interest and time you invest in your child's education. I would like to extend my thanks to all the teachers for their hard work this week, especially during parents' evening. I hope you gained an insight into how much our teachers care about your children and how dedicated they are to helping them succeed. They truly know your children well and have their best interests at heart.

Mrs James and Mrs Sexton





Leicester City Council

Attendance

At Sacred Heart Primary School, we believe that regular attendance is vital for your child's education and overall development. Our attendance last half term was 95.4% which was a good start to the academic year. To ensure that our children are achieving their best, we aim to maintain an attendance rate of **above 95%.**

We recognise that medical appointments are sometimes necessary. However, it is important to minimise any disruption to your child's school day. We will kindly ask parents and guardians to provide confirmation of any medical appointments. This confirmation can be in the form of letters, text message notifications confirming appointments, or through your NHS app. Please provide these to the office.

We ask that your child remains in school until the time of the appointment, unless it is unavoidable for them to leave earlier. If your child is well enough to return to school after their appointment, we ask that you please send them back as soon as possible.

If your child is off school with prolonged absence for the same condition, please contact your GP and seek medical assistance as soon as possible. Provide school with the documentation to support this medical absence.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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Religious observance and attendance
If your child will be absent from school on the day of a religious observance, please can you let us know in advance.

Additional days before or after a religious observance– for travel or extended celebrations – are **not** authorised. Our expectation is that pupils will attend school on the days directly before and after a religious observance.

Illness and medical appointments

Not sure if your child is well enough for school? Check the NHS guidance: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school

For example, if they've got a runny nose, slight cough or headache but no high temperature, they can usually still attend if they are otherwise well – and we'll keep an eye on them.
If your child has a medical appointment, try to book it outside of school hours where possible. If not, send them in before and after the appointment so they don't miss a full day. If you are thinking of keeping your child at home when they're unwell, it's important to tell us as soon as possible.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

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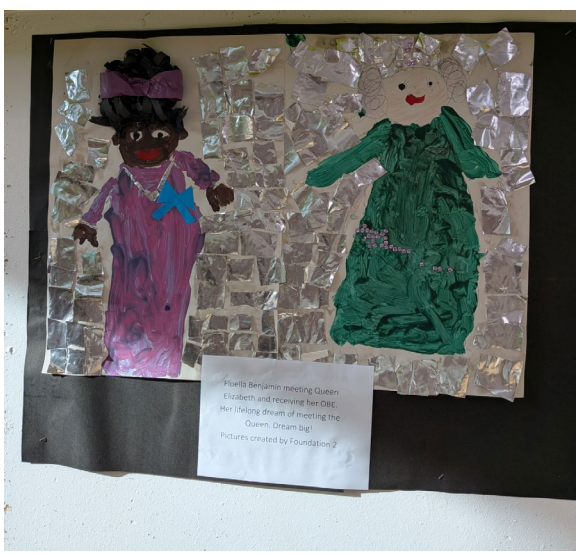
Black History Month 2026

Honouring Our Communities

Black History Month this year, each year group focused on an inspirational Black icon and explored their life, achievements and contributions. Each class created a piece of artwork inspired by their icon, which was displayed as part of a special art exhibition during Parents' Evening. We also decorated our classroom doors with creative Black History Month displays, helping to celebrate and recognise the achievements, culture and history of Black individuals throughout the school.











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Show Racism the Red Card – Friday 16th October

On Friday 16th October, we wore red because it was, Give Racism the Red Card Day. We all wore red to show that as a school we do not tolerate racism.

The slogan this year was 'Change hearts. Change minds, change lives.'

At Sacred Heart we change hearts by accepting everyone for who they are. We change minds by promoting anti-bullying. We change lives by making sure everyone is happy and safe in school.

At Sacred heart we are all part of one family.









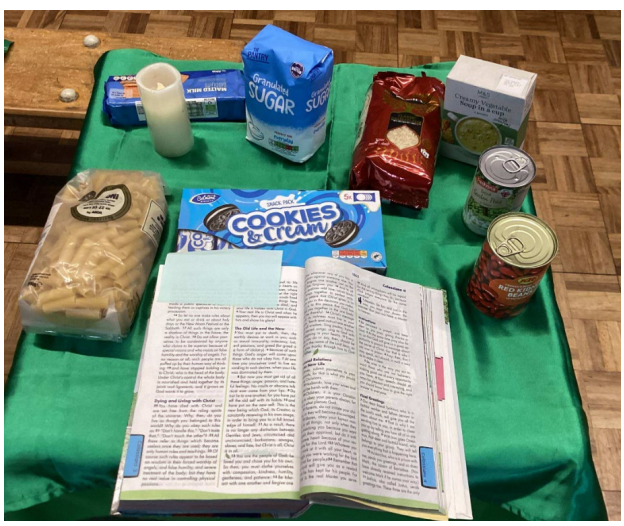




Harvest Celebration of the Word

Elm Class led us in a beautiful whole school Harvest Liturgy. Our donations were collected by the charity Open Hands, which supports people in need in Leicester with emergency practical help, skills training, and mentoring. One of the volunteers from Open Hands came to join us during our liturgy and shared information about the support they give.

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.













Thank You for Your Harvest Donations
We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our families for your incredibly generous Harvest donations.

We have been truly overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown by our school community. Your contributions will make a real difference to local individuals and families who are experiencing hardship, and they are a wonderful example of our shared values of compassion, service and care for others.
The team at **Open Hands** were incredibly thankful for the quantity and variety of donations received and asked us to pass on their sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed.

Thank you for helping us to support those in need and for living out the spirit of giving this Harvest season.

Details about Open Hands, including where to find them and the support they offer, can be found on the next slide. ❤️ 🌾





Open Hands



The Food Store

Emergency Provision & Affordable Shopping. Our Food Store exists to help those with restricted or no financial means to access food on receipt of a referral.

What do we offer?

Our food bank is set up like a small shop. With the guidance of our volunteers, those referred are equipped to make choices for themselves regarding the food that they receive.

The Open Hands Food Store offers essential goods such as UHT milk, tea, cereal, pasta, soup, baked beans, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, and other cupboard items. Each week the store has a variety of different extras such as flour, coffee, oil, bakery, refrigerated and frozen goods. These vary depending on the donations that Open Hands receives.

We aim to take our clients on a journey towards independence, whereby people learn to reserve money for food as part of their budget.

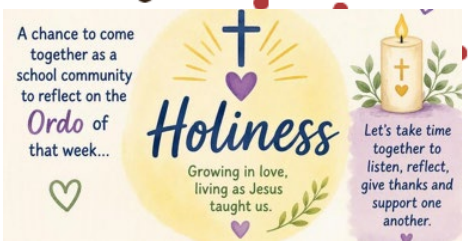
To support this goal, we offer **emergency crisis support (no cost)** and **affordable shopping (half retail prices)** services:

Emergency Food Provision – Crisis Support (no cost)

Our Emergency Food Store is for individuals who have no financial means to pay for food. Households can be referred for a maximum of 6 consecutive weekly visits (1 per week, each visit provides access to one week's worth of food for the household at no cost). This gives people the time to process a benefits application where eligible, and/or seek additional help with money, budget management or other professional support.

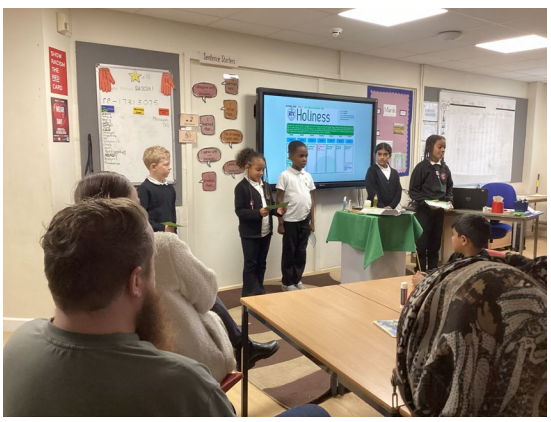
After this 6-week period clients will be given the opportunity to transfer to our affordable shopping service (outlined above).

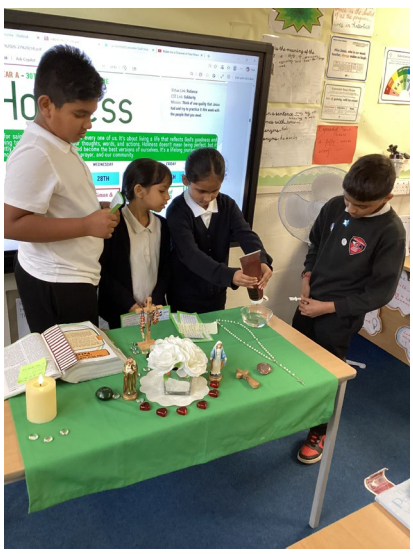
Please note that referred individuals living in fully catered accommodation (e.g. hotels and hostels) are not eligible for this service.

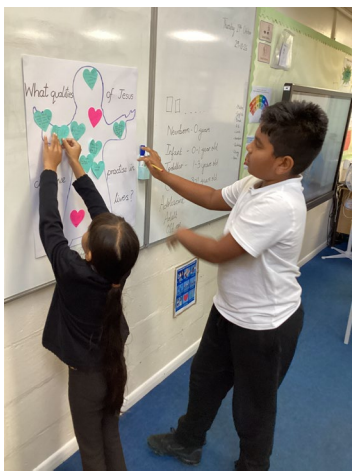


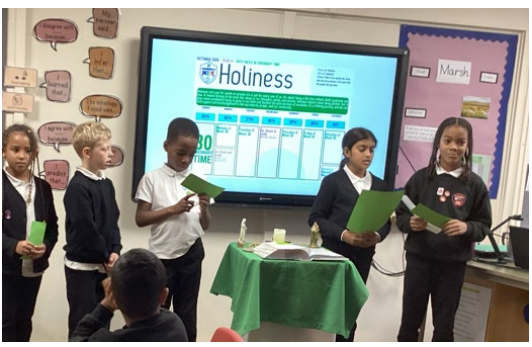
Whole School Prayer and Liturgy Service

Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us for our Prayer and Liturgy Service. Together, we reflected on the important message that holiness is not just for saints or priests, but a calling for each and every one of us. Through prayer, scripture, and reflection, we explored how holiness means striving to live each day with God's love and goodness at the centre of our thoughts, words, and actions. While none of us are perfect, we are all invited to grow in faith, supported by prayer, the sacraments, and our school and parish community. It was wonderful to share this special time together and celebrate the journey of faith we are all called to make.

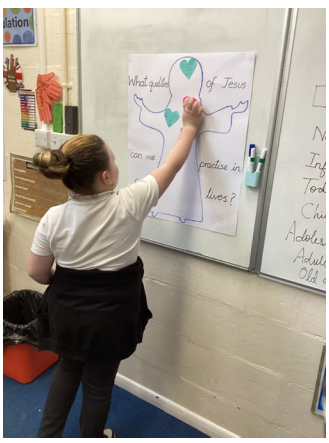


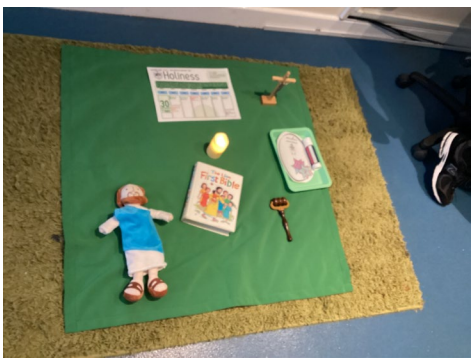






















Makaton Signs for October

Here are some signs we have been learning this month:

Makaton sign



To Smile

Makaton sign



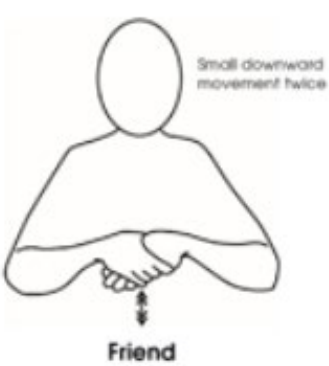
To Smile



Makaton sign



Friend



Friend

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🌎 Eco Tip Zone

💡 Before buying something new, see if you can reuse or repair something you already have. Small changes can make a big difference for our planet!

Eco Team Update

Our Eco Team recently led a **Cut Your Carbon** assembly, sharing ways we can all help protect the Earth by reducing waste and making greener choices. Children explored simple actions to save energy and care for our environment.



In Design & Technology, pupils used **discarded and recycled materials** to design and build playground models, showing how unwanted items can be given a new purpose instead of being thrown away.

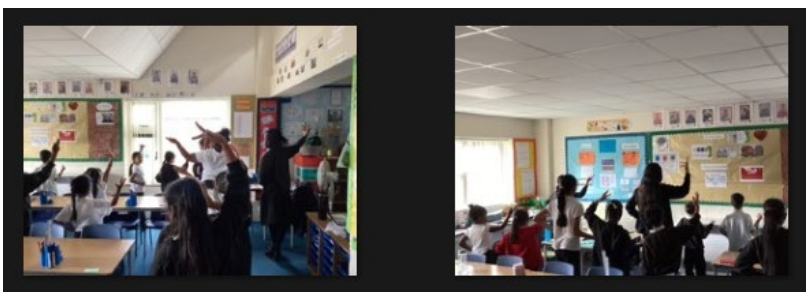






Global Citizenship

In Dance Club, children are creating a **dance medley inspired by different countries, languages and cultures**. This exciting project promotes **global citizenship** and the British Value of **tolerance and respect**, celebrating the diversity that makes our school community special. 🌎 💃 🕺





❤️ SACRED HEART CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY ❤️

F2 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2027

🎒 FOUNDATION 2 (RECEPTION)
Starting School in September 2027For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023
🗓️ Applications Open 1 September 2026
🔴 Closing Date 15 January 2027 (Midnight)
✅ National Offer Day 16 April 2027

APPLY THROUGH YOUR HOME LOCAL AUTHORITY
🏙️ Leicester City Council - School admissions | Leicester City Council
🌳 Leicestershire County Council- Apply for a school place | Leicestershire County Council

❤️ WHY CHOOSE SACRED HEART?
✅ A caring Catholic community
✅ High expectations and high achievement
✅ Inclusive and welcoming for all families
✅ Strong relationships and pastoral support
✅ Living and learning in hope and joy

⚠️ **DON'T MISS THE DEADLINES!**

Application Deadline
🎒 Reception / F215 January 2027

Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy "Live and learn in hope and joy, keeping the Spirit of God alive in our community."

Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL



Sacred Heart 2026 Open Events

Friday 25th September: 10.00am-11.30am
Wednesday 25th November: 1.30pm-2.45pm

Or call us to arrange a tour at any time
0116 262 4418

Afterschool Care:
We are proud to affiliate with Kiddisafe and their afterschool care. Should you need to make arrangements for afterschool provision, please contact them directly.

Kiddisafe
EXPERTS IN EARLY EDUCATION

Transport &Wraparound care

with Sacred Heart Academy

Find out how we can make your daily school runs easier with our wraparound service.

After School
We collect from Sacred Heart at 3:15pm.
You collect anytime before 5:30pm



- Children up to 11 years
- DBS qualified and First Aid Trained staff
- Large, natural outdoor space
- Meals included
- Tax-free childcare eligible (save 20%)

Talk to us to find out more

0116 262 5208

enquiries@kiddisafe.co.uk

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⚠️ **ALERT: Beware of fake travel agents & providers!** ⚠️

Think twice if someone demands excessive visa fees and the promise of a [UK] visa. These are major red flags!

Protect yourself by checking official information





احذر من وكلاء السفر ومقدمي الخدمات المزيفين!

أعد التفكير إذا طلب الوكيل تكاليف تأشيرة عالية أوضمان الحصول على تأشيرة المملكة المتحدة

قم بالإبلاغ عن عمليات الاحتيال إلى السلطات المحلية

4 علامات تحذيرية يجب الانتباه لها عند التقدم بطلب للحصول على تأشيرة المملكة المتحدة

على وسائل التواصل الاجتماعي UKVI أن يتظاهر شخص بأنه من دائرة تأشيرات المملكة المتحدة ويطلب معلوماتك الشخصية

أن يطلب الوكيل الدفع نقدًا فقط دون إيصال ويضمن لكم الموافقة على التأشيرة

أن يتم طلب دفع رسوم التأشيرة عبر البريد الإلكتروني أو الهاتف أو التحويل البنكي

أن تقدم شركات التوظيف مستندات التأشيرة تحتوي على العديد من الأخطاء والهفوات

احمي نفسك من الاحتيال في التأشيرة وابقى آمنًا





The much-loved Menphys Carol Concert is set to return this year, marking a joyful start to the festive season in Leicestershire. With a wonderful mix of traditional and contemporary carols, the concert will showcase the exceptional talents of local primary and secondary school students, bringing the community together in a heartwarming celebration.

This cherished event has been a Leicestershire tradition for over 35 years, and it continues to grow in popularity. An audience of nearly 2,000 people is expected to fill the venue. The concert's festive spirit and community focus make it a holiday season highlight, offering a magical experience for all who attend.

The Menphys Carol Concert provides a platform for young people to shine, with their performances adding to the uplifting atmosphere of the evening. Audiences will enjoy a mix of classic carols alongside more modern pieces, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.
Proceeds from the event will support **Menphys**, and brings festive cheer and helps make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

This year's concert promises another unforgettable evening, bringing together the warmth of tradition, the joy of community, and the spirit of giving.

Don't miss out on this magical event—buy your tickets now and secure your place at one of Leicestershire's most cherished festive traditions!
The Menphys Carol Concert is more than just an event—it's a symbol of togetherness, tradition, and the power of music to unite a community for a greater cause.

Tickets can be purchased via De Montfort Hall website:
www.demontforthall.co.uk/event/catholic-schools-carol-concert/

Date
Friday 4th December 2026
Start time: 7:15pm
BOOK NOW
Tickets £16 £13
Groups 4+ save 10%

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Holiday Activities and Food Programme Winter 2026

Funded by UK Government

BEST START IN LIFE

Children and young people who receive targeted free school meals can take part in our free holiday activities and food (HAF) programme over the winter holiday.

The programme sessions will include a variety of activities, such as art, sport and music and a healthy meal will be provided each day your child attends.

This winter, eligible children can receive a **maximum of one programme (4 days)** with some providers offering a full four-day programme and some offering less programme days with a food hampers to take home. Before you register, please consider the:

- Programme offered (four-day programme or fewer days with a hamper)
- Location of the programme and how your child will get there
- Days and the time of the programme
- Age range of the programme

The full list of HAF providers and weeks they are running programmes can be found from page 2 of this document.

How to register for a place

Registration is made using the online booking system – EEQU. Places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis to eligible children and early booking is recommended. Closing dates for registration are found on the providers' booking information. The full HAF programme information, criteria and details of how to apply can be found at **families.leicester.gov.uk/haf**

Not receiving targeted free school meals

If you think that your child should be receiving targeted free school meals and you have not applied, make an application online at freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk

HAF providers list

The list shows the name of the provider, age range, dates and a link to the provider's name booking information where you will find the most up to date information about the programme.

If you have any queries relating to the HAF programme email haf@leicester.gov.uk

Full 4-day programmes

Programmes run for 4 days with food provided each day attended. No hampers provided

Provider programme	Age	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Postcode	Registration link
Aim Strong Sport Ltd – Braunstone Leisure Centre	6 to 14	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Tuesday 29 December	Wednesday 30 December	LE3 1JN	Book with Aim Strong Sport
Clubszone CZ Limited - Braunstone Frith Primary Academy	5 to 11	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Thursday 24 December	LE3 6NF	Book with Braunstone Frith Primary Academy
Clubszone CZ Limited - Coaching Academy all sites	11 to 15	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Thursday 24 December	Multiple sites	Book with Clubszone Coaching
E2 – Football and Fun	11 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE4 0RU	Book with E2 – Football and Fun
E2 – Junior Activity Hub	4 to 10	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE4 0RU	Book with E2 – Junior Activity Hub
E2 – Legendary Teens Boxing	11 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE4 0RU	Book with E2 – Legendary Teens Boxing
E2 – Little Legends Boxing	4 to 10	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE4 0RU	Book with E2 – Little Legends Boxing
E2 - SEND	4 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE4 1EF	Book with E2 - SEND
E2 – Teen Activity Hub	11 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE4 0RU	Book with E2 – Teen Activity Hub
GNG FC	7 to 15	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Thursday 24 December	LE3 2FW	Book with GNG FC
Hikora	11 to 15	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 30 December	Thursday 31 December	LE4 2RG	Book with Hikora

Provider programme	Age	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Postcode	Registration link
Kiddycare - Little Angels	4 to 8	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Tuesday 29 December	Wednesday 30 December	LE4 6EU	Book with Kiddycare
LOPC – Winter HAF Club – SEND	5 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Thursday 24 December	LE4 5PN	Book with LOPC - SEND
LOPC – HAF Club – Under 8's	5 to 7	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Thursday 24 December	LE4 5PN	Book with LOPC – Under 8's
LOPC – Winter HAF Club – Over 8's	8 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Thursday 24 December	LE4 5PN	Book with LOPC – Over 8's
SFK - Judgemeadow Community College	5 to 11	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Thursday 24 December	LE4 6HP	Book with SFK
Superstar Sport - Rolleston Primary School	5 to 13	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE2 9PT	Book with Superstar Sport
TEAM LTD - WQE College	10 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Monday 28 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE1 7LW	Book with TEAM LTD
Woodgate Adventure Playground	6 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 29 December	LE3 5EG	Book with Woodgate

Programmes run for 1, 2 or 3 days **only** with lunch, food hampers provided at the end of the last day offered.

Provider programme	Age	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Postcode	Registration link
B-Inspired	6 to 15	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE3 1QZ	Book with B-inspired
B-Inspired - Heads Up	9 to 15	Tuesday 29 December			LE3 1QZ	Book with B-inspired (Heads Up)
Big Apple – Community Shop	7 to 10	Monday 21 December			LE4 2ED	Book with Big Apple
Clubszone CZ Limited - Abbey Mead Primary Academy	5 to 11	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE4 5HH	Book with Clubszone Abbey Mead Academy
Clubszone CZ Limited – Beaumont Leys School	5 to 11	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE4 0FJ	Book with Beaumont Leys School
Clubszone CZ Limited – Beaumont Leys School - Coaching Academy	5 to 11	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE4 0FJ	Book with Clubszone CZ Limited – Beaumont Leys School - Coaching Academy
Clubszone CZ Limited - Willowbrook Mead Academy	5 to 11	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE5 2NA	Book with Willowbrook Mead Academy
FNL-B Sports Ed CIC	6 to 11	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE2 6FU	Book with FNL-B Sports Ed CIC
Football and Fitness - St John the Baptist	5 to 12	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE2 1TE	Book with Football & Fitness
GNR8 Academy – Herewood Academy	6 to 16	Saturday 19 December	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	LE3 6DN	Book with GNR8 Academy
Highfields Centre	5 to 14	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December		LE2 0S	Book with Highfields Centre
Leicester City in the Community	7 to 13	Monday 21 December			LE1 5PY	Book with Leicester City in the Community
Leicester Museums & Art Museums	6 to 11	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE1 7EA	Book with Leicester Museums

Provider programme	Age	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Postcode	Registration link
Leicester Riders Foundation	8 to 16	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE1 3UL	Book with Leicester Riders
Leicester Tigers Foundation	5 to 12	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December		LE2 7TR	Book with Leicester Tigers
LOPC – Under 8's Extravaganza	5 to 16	Wednesday 30 December			LE4 5PN	Book with LOPC – Under 8's Extravaganza
LOPC – Over 8's Extravaganza	5 to 7	Wednesday 30 December			LE4 5PN	Book with LOPC – Over 8's Extravaganza
LOPC – SEND Extravaganza	8 to 16	Wednesday 30 December			LE4 5PN	Book with LOPC – SEND Extravaganza
Make Change - Northfields Playbarn	5 to 15	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE5 0TB	Book with Make Change – Northfields Playbarn
Make Change – Saint Patricks CVA	5 to 15	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE4 6RB	Book with Make Change – Saint Patricks CVA
Mowmacre Young Peoples Play & Development Association	5 to 12	Monday 21 December	Tuesday 22 December	Wednesday 23 December	LE4 2JY	Book with Mowmacre
New Parks Adventure Playground – Older	14 to 16	Friday 18 December			LE3 6DN	Book with New Parks Adventure Playground - Older
New Parks Adventure Playground – Younger	5 to 14	Thursday 17 December			LE3 6DN	Book with New Parks Adventure Playground – Younger
NR PE - City of Leicester College – Younger	11 to 16	Wednesday 23 December			LE5 6LN	Book with NR PE
St Matthews Big Local	10 to 16	Monday 21 December			LE1 2HX	Book with Big Local
Waterfront Sports and Education	5 to 12	Monday 21 December			LE4 5GY	Book with Waterfront
Wesley Hall	5 to 16	Monday 21 December			LE2 0GN	Book with Wesley Hall

Panto offering

A free offer available for **5 to 16 year olds**. To attend, every child must be accompanied by an adult, and tickets must be booked together. A maximum of **two children can be booked per adult ticket. (A maximum of 3 free tickets in total).**

Please note that bookings close at **5pm on 14 November**. Tickets are limited and allocated on a **first-come, first-served basis** - early booking recommended

Provider programme	Age	Date	Postcode	Registration link
Beauty and The Beast - Theatre experience 1pm showing	5 to 16	Saturday 19 December	LE1 7RU	Book with Beauty and The Beast - Theatre Experience 1pm Showing
Beauty and The Beast - Theatre experience 5pm showing	5 to 16	Wednesday 23 December	LE1 7RU	Book with Beauty and The Beast - Theatre Experience 1pm Showing



Term Dates are also available on the school website

https://www.sacredheart.leicester.sch.uk/term-dates/

Advent 2 Term Dates

19th– 23rd October – School closed for half term.
Monday 26th October – School opens for Advent Term 2.
Thursday 29th October – Celebrate Collective Worship in your child's class – more information to follow

Tuesday 3rd November – Mathletics children at UOL
Wednesday 4th November – Rocksteady assembly in school.
Wednesday 11th November - Wrates Photographers
Thursday 12th November – Diwali celebration day in school (non uniform celebration clothes)
Monday 16th November – Anti Bullying Week begins
Wednesday 18th November – Odd Sock Day!!!
Friday 20th November – School Closed for Trust Training Day
Monday 23rd November – Christmas Raffle tickets on sale in school.
Wednesday 25th November – SH Open Afternoon for new parents for children starting F2 September 2027 1:30pm – 2:45pm
Sunday 29th November – Sacred Heart Christmas Fayre (after mass)

Tuesday 1st December – School Nurse team to lead Parent workshop on Sleep support- 2:30pm school hall.
Friday 4th December - Menphys Carol Concert for Year 6 children at DeMontfort Hall 6pm (ticket event: Catholic Schools Carol Concert In Aid Of Menphys - De Montfort Hall)
Tuesday 8th December - Parent workshop Anxiety and worry – school hall with the school nurse - 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December - F1 and F2 Christmas Play to parents 10:00am start
Wednesday 9th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play to parents 5pm start
Thursday 10th December - F1 and F2 Christmas Play to parents 10:00am start
Thursday 10th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play to parents 2pm start
Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Disco Day (£1 donation for non uniform party clothes)
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Jumper (£1 donation)
Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 17th December – KS2 (only) Christmas Carol Service at Sacred Heart Church 1:30pm start. Families are welcome to join in.
Friday 18th December – Christmas Raffle
Friday 18th December – Last day of term – school finishes 1:30pm

The Holy Family Parish

COMMUNITIES OF
Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary,
Our Lady of Good Counsel & St Joseph's



Saturday 31st	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	**RIP** Dec'd Albuquerque & Fonseca Families.
Sunday 1st **All Saints Day** Live-streamed	9am Mass 10.15am Mass 11.30am Mass	St Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	**RIP** Salazaar & Maria Pereira, Dorothy & Timothy Lopes, Francis Penha & Dec'd Fam members. **GH** Filomena Rocha. **1st Anniv.** Olga Pereira. **RIP** Souls in Purgatory, Dec'd Anthony, Varghese, Lobo, Rosario, Libano, Remedios & Fernandes Fams. Armando & Enoi Dias, Antonio & Estenflao Do Rosario, Luciana Linda Vaz, Custodio, Rita & Salvador Barretto, Diogo Rodrigues, Noel Price, Carolina & Crispiano Da Costa, Aida Pereira **GH** Andriana & Sylvester Lopes. **RIP** Bernardo, Jose & Celda Miranda, Andrew & Maria Lopes, Veronica Lopes & Peter Fernandes, Nilisca Tandel, Sean McKenna, Dec'd McKenna Fam, Eamon Downey, Carolina Suzanne Fernandes & Crispiano D'Costa, Joao & Florinda Albuquerque, Manuel & Airena Barbosa, Sebastian Castanha. Thanksgiving for Mass Intentions and prayers (Teresa Manning)

Mon 2nd **All Souls' Day**	7.30am Mass 10am Mass 6.30pm Mass	St Joseph's SMM Our Lady's	Dec'd of the Parish. **RIP** Souls in Purgatory, Dec'd De Noronha & Lopes Fams. Dec'd of the Parish.
Tues 3rd **St Martin de Porres**	9am Holy Hour 10am Mass 11.30am Funeral	*Parish Int.* Sacred Heart St Joseph's	*The Deceased of the Parish.* **RIP** Souls in Purgatory, Pauline Noon RIP.
Thurs 5th ***Feria***	10am Service 10am Mass (All Saints)	Sacred Heart St Patrick's School	***Service of Word & Communion*** *(Harrison Road LE4 6QN)*
Friday 6th ***Feria*** ***1st Friday***	9am Confessions 10am Mass 11am Confessions 11.30am Mass 5.30pm Confessions 6pm Mass	*Parish Int.* Our Lady's St Joseph's Sacred Heart	*The Deceased of the Parish.* **RIP** Pereira, Remedios Libano & Mendoca Fams. **RIP** Robert D'Souza. **RIP** Marcelino Zacarias Noronha, John O'Shea. **GH** Filomena Machado

Saturday 7th	6.30pm Mass	Sacred Heart	**RIP** Carolina Suzanne Fernandes & Crispiano D'Costa. **GH** Conceicao Lopes.
Sunday 8th **32nd Sunday of the Year** Live-streamed	9am Mass 10.15am Mass 11.30am Mass	St Joseph's Our Lady's Sacred Heart	**RIP** Tomas & Veridian Mendonca, Nicolau & Nascimenta Rodrigues, Mario & Anthony Rodrigues & Yvonne Steele Rodrigues, Alious & Mari Anton-Miranda & Dec'D Fam. **RIP** Dourado & D'Souza Fam, Pedro & Luisa Fernandes, Edelessao Barreto, Natalia Cabral. **GH** Candida & Peter, Sr Martha Do Rosario. **RIP** Adriano & Marcelina Rocha, **GH** Romao, Eulalia, Julieta, Karen Mendonca, Reagan Miranda & Fam, Melena & Florinda Nunes. **GH/B'day** Lorena Rocha & Fam.

Sanctuary Lamps:
SH Thanksgiving Sacred Heart
OLGC For unborn children.



Please pray for our recently deceased and their families.
Pauline Noon Funeral at St Joseph's 3rd Nov. 11.30am.
Harvey-Lee Hulls Reception into St Joseph's 5.30pm 11th Nov. Funeral 11.30am 12th Nov.
Raymond Kelly Funeral at Our Lady's 13th Nov. 9.30am.
Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Prayer & Events in our Parishes

Jesus Youth Mondays 6.30pm in SH Parish hall.

Rosary Rally 1.30pm on 1st Sunday of the month. Next meeting 1st November outside Sports Direct.

Good Shepherd Prayer Group Tuesdays 6-7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Club. All welcome.

Journeying with the Scriptures in a Time of Grief through Lectio Divina Tuesday 27th October at 10.15am led by Sarah & Monique in St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Followed by Mass at 11.30 & lunch at The Olive Branch.

St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open daily 9am to 6pm.

'Risen' Jesus Youth Teens Prayer Group Every Thursday (in term time) from 6pm to 7pm in St Joseph's Church Hall.

The Holy Family Churches: St Joseph's, 12 Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG
Our Lady of Good Counsel, 15, Peebles Way, Rushey Mead LE4 7ZB
Sacred Heart , 25, Mere Road, Leicester LE5 3HS
Parish Priest: Fr David Cain **Parish Deacon:** Rev Séamus O'Looskan
Retired Priest in the Parish: Fr John Tavares **Safeguarding Coordinator**: Mrs Mary Hirst
Safeguarding Reps: SH Martina Guedes 07513 725549 **OLGC** Skeeter DaCosta 07513 725402 **SJ** Julie Spencer 07513 725514.
Parish Office Manager Anne Cartwright
Parish Administrator Elle Pinel
Contact: holyfamilyleicester@dioceseofnottingham.uk
Or Tel: 01162511437

SMM St Margaret Mary Community Mass
at St Paul's Polish Church, Wakerley Rd, LE5 4WE

Lectionary Cycle: A2

Website: www.holyfamily-leicester.rcdon.uk **Facebook, YouTube** sacredheartparishleicester **& Instagram:** theholyfamilyleicester
Live-stream from SH 11.30am on Facebook & YouTube & other services as announced.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MARKETS 2026

Come along to our Parish Christmas Markets or request a table to sell excellent quality items, food or sweets or run a fun activity for people to get involved with. If you are giving the proceeds of your stall to the Parish, the table is free of charge. If you are a business and will be keeping your proceeds, each table costs £25. (Please note that this event is just raising money for Parish funds and not for any other charities.) The Markets are immediately after Mass on the following dates; 29th Nov at Sacred Heart, 6th December at St Joseph's & 13th December at Our Lady of Good Council.

Please take this newsletter home with you.



Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Joseph's

During the time of darker evenings & mornings please do consider coming to the chapel with a friend or family member for extra safety if you can.

This Christmas, consider buying a CAFOD World Gift. Instead of a physical gift, you can contribute to key areas of CAFOD's work by buying gifts that support education, agriculture, water etc. Online Charity Shop | CAFOD World Gifts

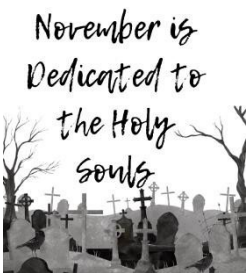
One Day Retreat & Healing Service

"If you believe you see the glory of God" John 11:40

Rosary, Praise & Worship, Breaking of the Word, Holy Mass, Healing Adoration.

14th November 2026 10am to 4pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel. All Welcome.





Find out more at
https://cymfed.org.uk/flame

Flame 2027!

The tickets are booked, the coach is booked, it's time to sign up for the Flame 2027 Youth Event. If you've not been before, think about coming along. You'll have an unforgettable day. **This event is for young people aged 16+ (16 & 17 year olds must be accompanied by an over 18).** Email the Parish office with your name, age and contact number to get your name on the list.
Only 50 places available.
Ticket price only £22!

Living Faith Prayer Books have arrived!!

They are available in all churches from this weekend. Please pay £1 per book. The cost of these books will be increasing to £1.50 from next year.

November Sunday Blessing of Graves

1st 2pm Saffron Hill, 8th 2pm Wigston
15th 2pm Thurmaston, 15th 2pm Kirby Muxloe
15th 2pm Blaby, 15th 3pm Countesthorpe
22nd 2pm Gilroes



Our annual Memorial Mass is on Friday 27th November at 6pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Holy Souls Envelopes and Boxes

Holy Souls envelopes are available in all of the churches. Write your list of deceased loved ones and place them in the envelopes along with a voluntary donation.
Memorial Boxes will be at the Sanctuary for your envelopes throughout November.
All donations will go to the Parish Building Fund.

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella on his 300th anniversary.

St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, of couples trying to conceive, of those looking for work and of making a good confession.
Monday 9th November Masses at 12 noon at Blessed Sacrament (LE3 1JS) and at 6pm at St Peter's (LE3 0TA). Relics are available for prayer an hour before Masses and blessings with the relics will take place after Mass.

12/74th Leicester Scouts Christmas Dinner



This year we are putting on our 61st Senior Citizens Christmas 3 course dinner on Sunday 13th December from 12.30 to 4.00pm in the Scout room at Sacred Heart Church. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the list at the back of Sacred Heart church or email the Parish office who will add your name to the list. As we did not celebrate our 60th dinner last year, we are hoping that this year we can make up for this and that all who attend will have a fabulous time!

Average weekly income from St Margaret Mary collections through October is £70.37.

The new dove and olive branch icon on the newsletter. This reminds us how much peace is needed in our world. Please pray for peace.

CHEQUES for ANY of our churches must now be made payable to: 'Holy Family Leicester RCP'.
All standing orders now to the Holy Family Account. Details below.

OLGC Collection 25th Oct.	
Loose & Envelopes	£375.91
Standing Orders	£85.80
Contactless	£45.00
Total	£506.71

SH Collection 24th / 25th Oct.	
Loose & Envelopes	£515.43
Standing Orders	£428.53
Contactless	£50.00
Total	£993.96

SJ Collections 25th Oct.	
Loose & Envelopes	£346.54
Standing Orders	£373.46
Contactless	£38.00
Total	£758.00

Please make the most of the card machines in all of our churches to give your donations & offerings.

Parish Bank Account Details: Holy Family Leicester RCP Account number: 00949284 Sort Code: 30-15-97
Please put a reference detailing the nature of your payment when paying into our Parish account.

Please Gift Aid your donation if you can.
A £10 donation gives your church £12.50 - a £20 donation gives £25!

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