



Sacred Heart School

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Friends of Sacred Heart School

Fri 18 th May	6.30pm – 9.30pm Quiz Night - Book tickets
Mon 21 st – Wed 23 rd May	Book Club Fair
Tues 22 nd May	5.00pm – 7.00pm Reception – Year 6 Parents Evening
Wed 23 rd May	12noon – 5.00pm Senior Mid Norfolk Area Athletics at the UEA
Thursday 24 th May	School exams commence
Fri 25 th May	3.40pm Half Term Begins. Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition
	HALF TERM
Sat 2 nd June	Bach's B Minor Mass, as part of the choir at Norwich Cathedral
Mon 4 th June	8.30am Return to school 7.00pm PTA Meeting in the Prep Room
Tues 5 th June	3.30pm – 5.30 U15 Rounders v TGS. Away
Thursday 7 th June	Sisters, staff and pupils to 150 th Daughters of Divine Charity Celebrations in Vienna 3.45pm – 5.30pm U13 & U15 Rounders v TGS. Away
Friday 8 th June	9.00am Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass in the gym
Sunday 10 th June	3.00pm Cancer Research UK All Women Orchestra & Choir at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich. Tickets ticketsource.co.uk/women £10 & £13
Tues 12 th June	10.00am – 12 noon Reception Taster Morning
Wed 13 th June	1.30pm – 5.00pm U11 Boys Kwik Cricket v Glebe School. Away
Sat 16 th June	10.00am – 12 noon Open Morning Volunteer helpers required, please let the office know if you are available for this service and also for the Garden Fete 12 noon – 2.00pm
Sun 17 th June	12 noon – 5.30pm Swaffham & Litcham Home Hospice 'Relay Together' Swaffham Rugby Club
Mon 18 th June	Year 11 Leavers Outing
Tues 19 th June	3.30pm – 5.30pm U11 Rounders v TGS. Away
Wed 20 th June	1.30pm – 5.30pm U9 Boys Kwik Cricket v Glebe. Away
Thurs 21 st June	2.00pm – 3.00pm Whole Lower School Assembly in the Gym. Parents are welcome
Thurs 21 st & Fri 22 nd June	10.00am – 12 noon. Nursery Taster Morning
Fri 22 nd June	All day. Years 3 & 4 Banham Zoo
Sat 23 rd June Sun 1 st July	Ardeche Trip
Wed 27 th – Fri 29 th June	Literary Festival – LP – Y10 and entrants for September from Y6 upwards

Congratulations to the Year 10 pupils who have been awarded the following prefect roles for their Y11:



Head Girl – *Alice Bridges*
 Deputy Head Girl – *Lucy Skerry*
 Spirituality Prefects – *Lea Buzhala and Bonnie Matthews*
 Charities Prefect – *Bonnie Matthews*
 Performing Arts – *Sophie Edwards*
 Sports Prefect – *Harriet Horton, Alex Grapes*
 Boys Prefect – *Mark Dowsing*
 Media Prefect – *Lea Buzhala*
 Environmental Prefect – *James Whittington-Wilson*
 Lower School – *Abigail Ghandour, Cassandra Teixeira De Oliveira, Ellen Betts*
 Library Prefect – *Hannah Turner, James Whittington-Wilson*
 House Captains:
 Balmoral – *Harriet Horton*
 Buckingham – *Charlotte Skerry*
 Sandringham – *Hannah Turner*
 Windsor – *Cassandra Teixeira de Oliveira*

The Gold Bars for this week have been awarded to Emmanuel, Year 1 for always being kind and helpful to others and Thomas, Year 9 for his extraordinary performance in Treasure Island.



Book Fair - This will be available in the gym from Monday 21st May to Wednesday 23rd May. The school gains commission on the amount of books sold which enables us to replenish our libraries; therefore your support is greatly appreciated. Parental help is needed to run it from 3.30 to 4.15 each afternoon and from 5 -7 pm on Tuesday 22nd May. Please contact Mrs Riedlinger (Year 1/2) if you are able to help. Thank you

The Under 9 Girls (Y4) had their first ever competitive rounders match against Glebe House this week. The conditions were very unpleasant with a cold wind blowing off the sea for most of the match. However, our girls performed really well despite narrowly losing 12 - 9.5. We were 8-2 down after the first innings and I feared the worst but a superb batting and fielding performance by the

whole team meant that we nearly snatched a victory getting 6 of their players out. A great team effort by Nicoletta, Maddie, Otilie, Siona, Miami, Skye, Lily, Charlotte and Abigail. The Glebe team voted Skye Preston as the girl of the game. Well done girls!
Mr Hodges

Bishop Alan Hopes has made the following statement following the Government’s announcement to abandon its election promise to remove the 50% faith cap on new free schools:

“We are extremely disappointed to hear that the Government has decided not to stand by its election pledge to remove the 50% cap on faith admissions to new faith schools. The cap has never achieved what it was set out to do, namely to increase diversity in faith schools. Instead it has served as a very effective barrier to building new Catholic schools, which are some of the most successful and popular schools in the country. They are also more ethnically and socially diverse than non-Catholic schools, as indicated by recent census data on Catholic schools. This shows that in Catholic schools, more than 39% of pupils are not White British, compared to just 31% in non-Catholic schools.

“In addition, East Anglia has some of the severest shortages of Catholic school places in the country and has also been identified, according to the Government’s own data, as needing more school places both now and increasingly over the next five years. We sincerely hope that a way forward can quickly be found to meet, not only the demand for Catholic school places, but also the need for more school places generally in East Anglia.

The Diocese of East Anglia has been working on plans to open up to eight new Catholic schools across the region to meet demand for places.

Moving forward with the Free School – We need letters of support from parents re:

- 1) Why you decided to send your child / ren to the Sacred Heart School **or / and**
- 2) What was lacking or needed improvement in the school (name it) that you moved from **and / or**
- 3) What kind of education do you want for your child?

Please answer one or all three of these questions, as we need to make a really good case and provide evidence for another school in the Swaffham area.

IMPORTANT – General Data Protection Regulations Deadline. It is vital that we receive permission to contact you via email. Please complete the updated Permission & Medical form. An on-line version is available from the school website. We would prefer everyone to return the paper copy sent home last Friday. Thank you for the many that have returned their forms.

The school is holding a Literary Festival on 27th - 29th June whereby the timetable is suspended and pupils not attending the Ardeche trip will attend various workshops, all covering a literary theme. We are inviting authors, storytellers, journalists, illustrators etc. to contribute and work with our pupils, who are aged 3-16 years.

If you know of anyone whom you think would be suitable and willing to offer a session or more then I would be very grateful for the contact.

Sally Gooderson. Literary Festival Organiser

On Sunday 17th June from noon to 5.30pm, Swaffham & Litcham Home Hospice Support will be holding a community event they are calling 'Relay Together' at the Swaffham Rugby Club, North Pickenham Road. It involves teams which can be any number of people, walking in relays round a track for a fixed period of time – the walk will be from 1.30pm – 4.30pm but there will be lots of activities: stalls, tombola, refreshments, BBQs, music and a raffle on the day.

We are looking for your support to raise funds for this valuable charity by putting up your own team or

sponsoring and supporting one of the teams we are putting together. Go to: homehospice@care4free.net or telephone: 01760 722937 Mrs Heale

**Little Pedlars
Early Years Level 3 member of staff
Required asap
Please contact the office for more information**

Little Pedlars had two visitors to their play area this week. Mr Smith (Y4 teacher) and Mr Glenister (Science Dept) were covering for absent members of staff and had a session playing with the younger pupils which was enjoyed by everybody.

Mrs Laban, former Science teacher spent a most enjoyable day with us on Monday and visited the woodland and was overjoyed to see the bluebells that she had planted 4 years ago with Year 5 and 6 blooming. She returned from Australia with her husband for his mother's funeral. She really appreciates our school and was so pleased to be welcomed back.

Badges for the new form positions (Years 3 – 10) were presented in assembly this morning.

	Form Captain	Vice Captain	Games Captain	Vice Games Captain
Year 3	Isabelle Dorling	Abigail Wilkinson	Leo Williams	Isobel Clifton
Year 4	Madelaine Goldsmith	Lily-Rose Traylor	Alexander Tritch	Charlotte Williams
Year 5	Oliver Snow	Nicholas George	Harry Spurling	Kieron Marshall
Year 6	Zachariah Stones	Lucy Preston	Isaak Sherman	Tabitha Hayter
Year 7	Lucy Brain	Scarlett Whitby	Seth Manning	Tom Mathew
Year 8	Daisy O'Brien	Sarah Buzhala	Jacob Taylor	Charlotte Napper
Year 9	Thomas McDermott	Tom Cory	Jasper Hunt	Ryan Nicholls
Year 10	James Whittington-Wilson	Cassandra De Oliveira	Alex Grapes	Mark Dowsing



Mobile phones may not be used on the mini buses. It is very tempting to take photos and then post them on Instagram or other social media sites. Some time ago we had a formal complaint from a lorry driver who was behind the school minibus. He reported that pupils using phones were distracting him from driving and were therefore a danger to drivers!

It is also dangerous for pupils to be walking to school listening to music when they should be aware of the traffic.

Pupils working after school is not conducive to school work and prevents children from representing the school in matches or taking part in other activities. It is permissible by law for 2 hours on week days but we have always had the unwritten rule that this is not appropriate at our school. Saturday jobs are not frowned upon as long as pupils are available for Open Days / Garden Fetes etc.

Treasure Island - There are still some outstanding money for tickets for the performances of Treasure Island. Please make payment at the office as soon as possible. Tickets were just £4. *Angie Hastings*
School Secretary

A no smoking reminder that includes vaping.

A Tennis Taster for Kids in Years 1 – 6:
6 coaching sessions, a racket & ball set and a personalised t-shirt for just £25. Go to:
tennisforkids.co.uk and search postcode PE32

Sr Francis and staff