

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

09th July 2025

We are now approaching the end of busy and vibrant summer term, full of learning, celebration, and community events.

Our Pilgrimage to the Millennium Cross

Last Thursday saw one of the highlights of the term. The Federation pilgrimage to the Millennium Cross in Battersea Park took quite a lot of planning for such a simple concept. After all it was hardly the Camino!

Nevertheless, pupils and staff from both schools came together walking from either end of Battersea Park in a spirit of reflection and unity. Deacon Michael, supported by our Faith Friends from both schools, led a short but meaningful service to mark the Year of Jubilee—reminding us all of the importance of renewal, hope, and shared faith as we journey together as Pilgrims of Hope.

It was lovely to have so many parents and Fr David from the Salesian community. I am grateful to all who worked to make it happen.



Healthy Schools London Silver Award

Congratulations to Mrs Cook, Ms Coombes, Lorraine and the many children who have taken part in Eco-Club.

Thanks to their efforts and the efforts of the school community to eat more healthily, Sacred Heart has been awarded a Healthy Schools London Silver Award.

Ben and Papa Kojo from Y5 accepted the award on behalf of the school at an awards ceremony in Twickenham.



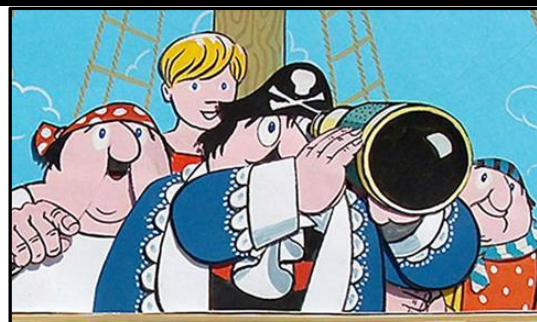
Further Pilgrimages and Trips

Children from reception and Y1 will make their own journey to the Church on Thursday 10th July for the Early Years and Year 1 End of Year Mass. Parents and carers are welcome to join them at Church.

It is a particularly exciting time for the children in Y1...

Last week, our group of Year 1 mini pirates delighted their parents (despite the heat!) with their performance of "Ahoy Shipmates!". Thank you to the Wandsworth Music Service and the staff for such a great performance.

It will even better on Friday 11th July when our ferocious pirates commandeer a Galleon (a coach) to take them to the massed school performance on the high seas of Tooting.



Peacock Theatre

On Friday 4th July, Year 5 attended a performance of London Children's Ballet's production of "Ella's Big Chance: A Jazz-Age Cinderella" at the Peacock Theatre. This ballet is inspired by the book of the same name, written and illustrated by the renowned children's author Shirley Hughes. Additionally, we participated in a free, two-hour workshop focused on performance, which was held at our school the week before we attended the show.



RPO at Sacred Heart

Class 5C participated in three free workshops led by Charlotte Harding, alongside musicians from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The artistic team worked collaboratively with the school groups to compose and create music that will be recorded and used as the film score for the introductory film played at the Battersea Park concert series. These sessions encouraged the children to explore their creativity and develop their compositional skills, while also fostering local connections among primary schools.

Children and teachers who have participated in these workshops will be offered free tickets for themselves and their parents or carers to attend one of the August concerts. The concert program includes two orchestral nights featuring the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra and a Rhythm and Blues orchestra night, led by renowned musician and composer, Jools Holland OBE.



Aylesford Priory "Festival of Hope"

As part of the Year of Jubilee celebrations, Mrs Drinan, Miss Wells and a group of Faith Friends recently joined schools from across the Diocese in making a pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory in Kent for the 'Festival of Hope'. It was a fun-filled day of activities, games, mass and prayer for the children and as always, our Faith Friends represented Sacred Heart, Battersea wonderfully.



Summer Music Concert

On Monday 7th July we held the Summer Music Concert in aid of Nathan Gash – one of our music teachers, who sadly passed away during the Christmas holidays. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Mr Gash's dedication to teaching music to the children of Sacred Heart. The children showcased their talents - from those at the beginning of the musical journey to more accomplished and experienced musicians. We had a range of instruments from violin, clarinet, flute, drums, piano, classical guitars and ukelele's. The orchestra played for us and the choir closed the concert. It was a superb afternoon and one of the highlights of the year for me. Thank you to all of the music teachers for their time and dedication, especially Mr K for putting the concert together. Please see Class Dojo for some video clips of the children performing



Sports Day

On Wednesday 16th July KS2 will walk to the running track at Battersea Park for our Sports Day. The weather forecast looks as though it will be sunny and quite hot.

Key reminders for Sports Day:

- Ensure all children have 2 drinks, a packed lunch (if you haven't ordered one from school by the deadline), a hat and high factor sunscreen applied before school.
- Parents are welcome to join us at the track in the park.
- Remember that dogs are not allowed in the arena - so please leave your pets at home on Wednesday.
- Parents are asked to use the toilets inside the centre. Children can use the porta loos at the side of the track.
- When Sports Day has finished parents will be able to take their children home – as long as they have spoken to the class teacher and signed the child out. This is for safeguarding reasons.

Y6 Events

We have the Y6 production of The Wizard of Oz on Wednesday 9th July at 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Y6 parents please make sure you have purchased your tickets for one of the performances by contacting the office. (There is a limit on the number of guests we can admit to each performance in the hall!) Good luck to Y6.



Y6 will mark the end of their time at Sacred Heart on Tuesday 15th July with their leavers mass in the hall at 4pm. Deacon Michael will come to celebrate the mass with us, before the children enjoy their leavers party. The party of Miss Lorraine's pizza, cakes and a silent disco will finish at 7pm. **Parents are warmly encouraged to join us for the mass at 4pm.**

Clap Out – On Thursday 17th July the school will come together at 3pm to clap out Y6! (Y6 parents are welcome to watch from Banana Park and collect their children at 3pm). It will be their final journey across the pen and out of the gates of Sacred Heart. We wish all our Y6 children good luck as they begin a new and exciting chapter at secondary school. Sacred Heart is a special place and we know that the children will never truly leave us, as they will always carry a little bit of Sacred Heart with them wherever they go!



So Long, Farewell.....

This year we have already written to the parents of children in Hilary House to inform them that Mr Hourigan, our ASD Base Lead will be leaving us at the end of term, as he has secured a new role in a special secondary school as an Assistant Headteacher. We thank Mr Hourigan for everything he has done for the children and families in Hilary House. We will miss Mr Hourigan, but wish him well in his new and exciting role.

Mrs Kean joined us in January to teach Y4. We thank Mrs Kean for her hard work and dedication to the children of 4M. Mrs Kean has gone above and beyond to provide consistency and continuity for the class. We wish Mrs Kean good luck in her new and exciting ventures.

Miss Whipps who has taught nursery this year will be returning to Australia over the summer. Miss Whipps has only been with us for one year but has become a valued member of the team teaching our youngest and bubbliest pupils!

Mr McCarten, who joined Sacred Heart during the Covid pandemic will be leaving us at the end of term to move back to the North West. We thank Mr McCarten for all of his hard work, leadership of computing and eagerness to go on school journeys with Y6! We wish Mr McCarten good luck as he gets married this summer before starting a new teaching role near Liverpool.

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Walsh after 25 years of dedicated service to the school. Mrs Walsh has taught hundreds and hundreds of children during her many years at Sacred Heart. We will be very sad to see Mrs Walsh leave at the end of term - as a class teacher, member of the leadership team and a trusted and valued colleague and friend. Mrs Walsh has relocated to the south coast and understandably found a teaching role closer to home. I know parents will join me in thanking Mrs Walsh for her service to the school, going above and beyond in her role and for always being professional and welcoming to children and parents. We wish Mrs Walsh good luck in her move. Her new school will be very lucky to have her.

As we say goodbye to some of our staff, we welcome new colleagues who will be joining us in September. Mrs Lopes will be teaching Reception, Mrs Beniusyte will be joining us to teach in Y1. Miss Creasey will be teaching in Y2 and Miss Oladapo will be teaching in Y4. Ms Brown will be joining us in September from St Mary's as our new SENCo. At the same time, Mrs Chowdhury will be stepping into a new role as Hilary House Lead teacher, where her leadership and care will continue to make a lasting impact. As we welcome new staff to the Sacred Heart team, we know they will be met with the usual warmth and kindness from pupils and parents that our school community is known for.

Finally.....

Well done if you've made it all the way to the end of this week's newsletter!

It's no small task keeping up with all the amazing events and updates we've had to share—but we're so glad you did. Thank you for staying connected and celebrating all the wonderful things happening in our school community. As we approach the end of term, we wish you all a safe, restful, and happy summer break.

Sacred Heart End of Term 2025	
Date	Event
Monday 7 th July	Music Concert 2pm
Tuesday 8 th July	Marie Metcalfe Reading Assembly
Tuesday 8 th July	EYFS interviews (Sept 2025 intake)
Tuesday 8 th July	"Meet the teacher" – children to meet new teachers
Wednesday 9 th July	Hilary House at The Oval- morning session
Wednesday 9 th July	Eco Club representatives selling homemade produce at Wholefoods Piccadilly
Wednesday 9 th July	Y6 show "The Wizard of Oz" 2.30 & 4.30 performances (purchase tickets in advance for entry)
Thursday 10 th July	EYFS and Y1 End of Year Service 1.45 at Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 10 th July	10 Y5 children to BAC – computing
Friday 11 th July	Y1 Singing Festival at All Saints Church and Y5 SJBC Sports Morning
Monday 14 th July	"Frameless" art experience trip with Mrs Chowdhury for nominated pupils
Monday 14 th July	Y6 Mission Week – homelessness sleep out 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Hilary House end of year show 2.45
Tuesday 15 th July	Stay and Play sessions for new reception pupils
Tuesday 15 th July	Classical guitar exams
Tuesday 15 th July	Celebration assembly
Tuesday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass and party 4.00-7.00
Wednesday 16 th July	KS2 Sports Day Battersea Park
Thursday 17 th July	EYFS, KS1 and KS2 class parties
Thursday 17 th July	Last day for Y6 and signing of shirts. Clap out at 3pm
Friday 18 th July	Last day. School closes at 1.30pm
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day
Monday 1 st September	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	First day of new school year. (Phased start for EYFS)

