

Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Fortnightly Flyer

10th January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,



Happy New Year! We hope you had a joyful and restful holiday season filled with wonderful memories. As we begin this new term in January, we are thrilled to welcome you and your children back at Sacred Heart.

The start of a new year is always an exciting time, full of opportunities for growth, learning, and connection. Our teachers and staff are eager to continue supporting your children as they explore, discover, and achieve their goals.

Here are a few reminders and updates to help everyone ease back into the school routine:

Uniform: Please remember that our uniform is compulsory. Unless there has been a discussion with the school, all children are expected to be in full uniform including appropriate **black footwear**. Trainer socks are also not appropriate for school, especially in the winter.

PE Kits: A letter has gone out this week as a reminder about children having their full PE kits in school every day. On Monday alone there were five pupils in one class with no kits meaning that they had to sit out of the physical part of the lesson and make notes on the skills being taught and learnt.

Communication: Along with the flyer and Facebook, reminders and notices are sent out via text and email. You should have received a paper copy letter this week explaining that we are changing our systems over to e-schools from Teachers to Parents. You will have been given a unique log in and details of how to download the e-schools app for your phone or devices. There will be more information to follow but I ask that you please do download the app as all communication is free via this forum but without it, it will cost us unnecessary payments which could be better used on resources for the children.

Key Dates: See the termly diary of events below. On the weeks where there isn't a flyer, we will send this out as a document to keep dates fresh in parents' minds.

Farewells

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jenny Taylor on Monday (not to be confused with Mrs Diana Taylor who will still very much be with us). Mrs J Taylor has only been with us for a short time but she has worked across all the classes at some point or other so is known by all of the children. She has spent the majority of her time in EYFS where she will be greatly missed. We presently have an advert out for a new HLTA for after February half term.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Perkins this week. This goodbye is a little strange as she has been off work for over a year but it does not feel right for her to leave without a proper goodbye as previous to her illness, she has served the school for over two decades. Retirement now beckons. Mrs Perkins has been invited to a special Mass for us to celebrate her time here with us at Sacred Heart. She will be best remembered for her drama clubs, love of maths and crafting.

Welcome Back

Mrs Pancott will be spending some time in school over this half term to prepare for her return to work after February half term. We are delighted to see her return full time.

Enrichment



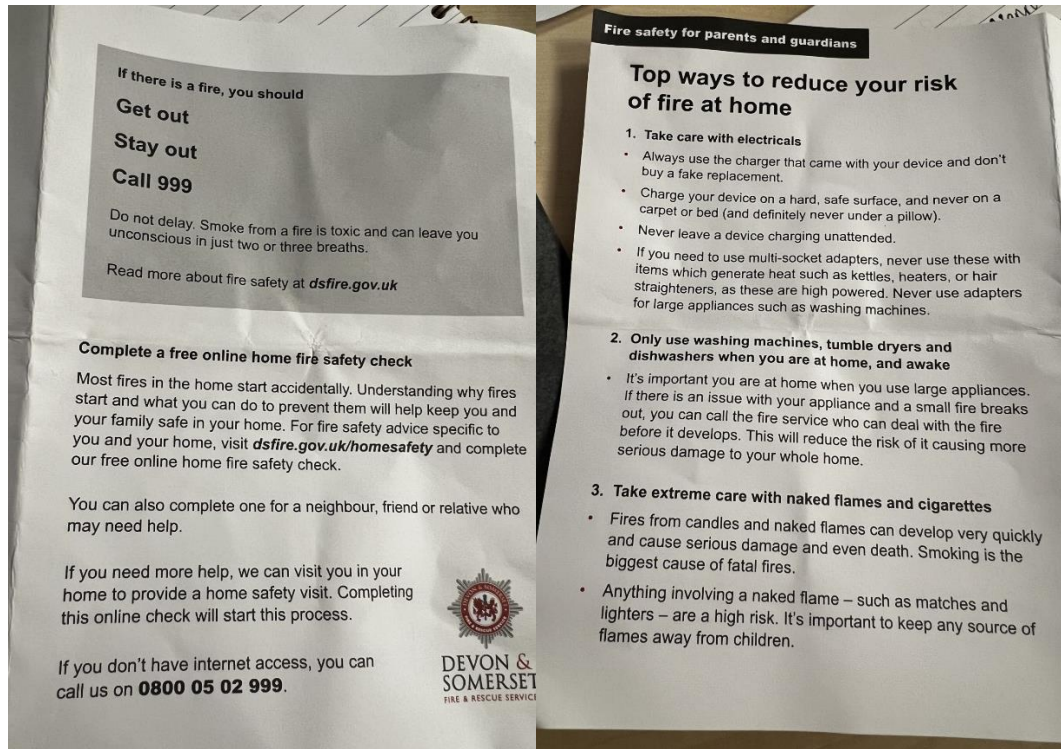
Yesterday, there was a whole school assembly on fire safety. Following this session, the fire officer led workshops in Y2 and Y5. They learnt about what firefighters have to wear to keep them safe and how we can keep ourselves safe at home by having working smoke detectors. They also learnt about what to do in an emergency and practised how to raise the alarm, stop, drop and roll and how to escape

low to the ground to avoid smoke.

Devon Fire Service were very keen for us to share details about FREE smoke detector fittings in your homes. This is a service where they will come to your home to check, replace or fit smoke detectors and do fire safety checks with you. If you do not presently have a working smoke detector in your home, please take advantage of this offer.



[Homepage | Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service](#)



A fantastic start to 2025!

Warm regards,

Nichola Day

Executive Headteacher

What's on at Sacred Heart

SPRING TERM 2025

Thurs 16th: Interactive Live Music Event (year groups to be confirmed)

Tues 28th: Y5 trip to Yarner Woods



Mon 3rd: Diocesan Collective Worship event online

Fri 14th: Break up for the half term holidays.

Mon 24th: INSET Day

Tues 25th: Mrs Pancott returns from maternity leave.



Mon 3rd: Author visit

Wed 5th: Ash Wednesday

Wed 5th & Thurs 6th: Parents Evening

Thurs 6th World Book Day

Weds 12th: Science Day

Thurs 27th/Fri 28th: Pixie Holt



4th: Break up for the Easter holidays



Contacting your child's teacher

Nursery: Mrs Berry berry@shrcps.org

YR: Mrs Gascoyne gascoyne@shrcps.org

Y1: Mrs Good lgood@shrcps.org

Y2: Miss Sloggett sloggett@shrcps.org

Y3: Mrs Flintham / Mrs Glew flintham@shrcps.org / glew@shrcps.org

Y4: Mr Mason jmason@shrcps.org

Y5: Mrs Whitmore/Mrs Taylor whitmore@shrcps.org / taylor@shrcps.org

Y6: Mrs Bird bird@shrcps.org

Executive Head Teacher	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
Senior Administrator	Mr O'Kane (8am – 11am)	senioradmin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Macdonald (8am – 12noon)	admin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Garside (10.15am - 3:45pm)	garside@shrcps.org
Inclusion Team		
Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org
Deputy SENCO	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org
Support Team		
Play Therapist	Jane Doidge	doidge@shrcps.org
Family Support Worker	Rachel Ripley	rachel@attendance-solutions.co.uk
Attendance Officer	Natalie Black	natalie@attendance-solutions.co.uk

Starting Primary School September 2025

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 will start primary school in September 2025.

You must apply by 15 January 2025. If you apply after 15 January your application will be considered as late and may be at a disadvantage.

For further information and to apply please visit

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/primary-admissions/>

Remember to also send the supplementary form back to the school office if applying for a place on Faith grounds or Exceptional Social or Medical Needs

TBGS...

Torquay Boys Grammar School admissions policy for entry in September 2026 begins a 6-week consultation period from today until midday on Friday 31st January 2025.

To view the policy and how to comment, please follow the link below.

<https://www.tbgs.co.uk/join-us/apply-to-join-us/>

TGGS...

If you would like to visit Torquay Girls Grammar School, you can do so by booking onto one of their school tours or by attending their next Open Evening taking place on Tuesday 24th June 2025. To book onto both or either of these events, please use the links below:

- School Tours – [click here](#)
- Open Evening – [click here](#)

For those students who are considering taking the 11+ examinations (for entry into Year 7 in September 2026) registration has now opened – [click here](#) for more information and to register.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.

What's on...



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

SPRING TERM 1

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Table Tennis	Gymnastics	Football
Every Monday 6 Jan - 10 Feb	Every Wednesday 8 Jan - 12 Feb	Every Friday 10 Jan - 14 Feb
£3.50 per session	£3.50 per session	£3.50 per session

20 places available for each club. All clubs run from 3:15 to 4:15.
Remember your PE kit, a coat/jumper, and a water bottle.

BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE
www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk
Bookings are now open





www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk
01803302296
info@kineticsportsgroup.co.uk

On 16th January 2024 the menu has been amended for a themed day –

Grab Yourself a Pizza the Action!

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PIZZA



THE ACTION

MAINS
pick a slice of your favourite
Cheese and Tomato
"Big Foot" Veggie Supreme
BBQ Chicken
Chicken and Sweetcorn

SIDES
Potato Wedges
Cucumber and Tomato Salad

DESSERT
Vanilla or Chocolate Ice Cream
Menus may be subject to change

Bookings to be made via ParentPay.