

# Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the new term. The children have settled into their new classrooms, routines and teaching teams with impressive confidence. I must admit I've spotted a few pupils wandering back into last year's classroom by mistake—it's always amusing to see their faces when they realise and quickly redirect themselves! Already, I've been struck by the calmness, focus and positive learning behaviours around the school.



This morning we celebrated Mass together, where Fr Ralph led a special commissioning service for our new pupil chaplains. After receiving a blessing and prayer to support them in their mission, the chaplains were proudly presented with their lanyards, making them identifiable to any pupils who may wish to seek their support. A particularly moving part of the service was watching last year's chaplains lead the bidding prayers before passing the

baton to their successors. Once again, the children's behaviour in Church was exemplary, and many parishioners took the time to comment on how beautifully they presented themselves and sang.

Looking ahead, next week you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's new teaching team. We know that for some of you, the staff may be familiar, especially if you've already had a child in that year group before. However, things do change, and this meeting is focused on you and your child this academic year. It is also a valuable opportunity to share anything that will help the class teacher support your child effectively.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September: Y3 – Mrs Flintham/Mrs Glew

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Y5 – Mrs Whitmore/Miss Hartley

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September: Y4 – Mr Mason

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Y1 – Mrs Good

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Y1 – Mrs Bird/Mrs Glew

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September: Y4 – Miss Sloggett

Something new for this year is the way we are extending our use of Picture News. You may know that we have used this resource for several years, but this year we want to make its strengths even more visible in school life by sharing the weekly topic with parents so that you can continue the debates at home. This will give families a talking point to assist with your child's oracy skills as well as their personal development. We will send the discussion topic out at the end of the week so that your child should already be familiar with the topic. Most Picture News sessions take place on a Thursday but the timetable may vary.

Picture News helps children:

- Connect current events with their own lives in a meaningful way.
- Develop critical thinking and discussion skills.
- Explore Catholic Social Teaching
- Explore British Values and their relevance to everyday life
- Build empathy and understanding by considering different perspectives.
- Grow in confidence when expressing their own opinions in a safe, respectful environment.
- Developing their oracy skills in both listening and speaking.

We are excited to see how this resource will continue to support our children in becoming thoughtful, curious and responsible citizens with the ability to articulate their views.



Please remember that we are a nut free school due to three children with nut allergies. This includes peanut butter sandwiches in children's packed lunch boxes which was reported by the mealtime staff at the end of last term.

A friendly reminder that parents are not permitted to use the Church carpark for drop off/pick up unless arranged with myself or Mrs Nott.



Parents using the breakfast club/after school club are welcome to temporarily use a marked parking space for a quick turnaround when the carpark is less busy. All drivers with permission must exercise caution when using the facilities. If you haven't got one already, there are carparking permits for the start and end of the school day for the Churchward Road carpark provided by the council.

Thank you, as always, for your support as we begin this new academic year together. We look forward to seeing many of you at next week's meetings.  
Warm regards,

Mrs Nichola Day  
Executive Headteacher

# Applying for a Secondary School Place...

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015, it is nearly time to apply for a secondary school place for September 2025.

The application period is open from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 until 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Does your child have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

YES

The SEN Team will manage your application and consult with your preferred and local school.  
Please apply in the normal way using the Citizen's Portal.

NO

Please make your application using the Citizen's Portal.  
You **cannot** apply for a specialist provision if your child does not have an EHCP. Please do not select a specialist provision, as this preference will be **disregarded**.

Do you wish to apply for a grammar school or a selective place at The Spires College?

YES

Your child must sit a selective test. Places are awarded by test result alone. It does not matter where you live.  
You must register for the test by **16<sup>th</sup> July 2025**, check the school's website for registration form.  
Selective testing will take place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.  
Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal.

NO

Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal.  
You **cannot** apply for a selective school if your child did not sit the test.  
Please do not select a Grammar school, as this preference will be **disregarded**.

Do you wish to apply for either the Football or Performing Arts Academy at Torquay Academy?

YES

Please complete a supplementary form and submit to Torquay Academy by **29<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.  
The aptitude test for the Performing Arts Academy and The Football Academy will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**.  
Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal.

NO

Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal.



## **Free Activities at Torbay Velopark Open Day -Saturday 13 September**

As part of Torbay Leisure Centre's Open Day on Saturday 13 September, Torbay Velopark will be FREE to use from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. Torbay Council & Cycle Torbay CIC will be providing the following activities.

### **Torbay Velopark Big FREE Ride**

The Big Free Ride is back.

Come and join us for this family-friendly mass participation ride at Torbay Velopark's Open Day from 2.00 until 3.30 pm

You can ride as few or as many laps as you like on this wonderful traffic-free circuit. Open to all kinds of cycles, scooters, balance bikes and bikes with stabilisers.

Certificates for the children to show how many laps they've completed

Please register your interest to give us an idea of how many certificates to bring.

Bike and helmet hire may be available, but **this can't be guaranteed** so it's better to bring your own if you can.

### **Big FREE Bike Ride Registration**

#### **FREE Cycle Repairs for Children**

Is your child going to be doing Bikeability at their school this year? Does their bike need attention? Cycle Torbay CIC will be on the Velopark from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm to do free minor repairs, so why not pop down with your bikes and take advantage of this. No need to book.

#### **FREE Cycle Skills Taster Session**

We will be running a Bikeability Cycle Skills Taster session 12.30 – 1.30 pm

This will consist of fun games, which help with bike handling and is **open to children from Year 2 to Year 5, who can ride a bike without stabilisers.**

Certificates awarded to all participants.

Children will need their own bike and helmet. Bike and helmet hire may be available on the day, but this can't be guaranteed.

Places are limited so booking is essential. Please use the link below

### **[Cycle Skills Booking Link](#)**

## Contacting your child's teacher

Nursery: Mrs Berry [berry@shrcps.org](mailto:berry@shrcps.org)

YR: Mrs Pancott [pancott@shrcps.org](mailto:pancott@shrcps.org)

Y1: Mrs Good [lgood@shrcps.org](mailto:lgood@shrcps.org)

Y2: Miss Sloggett [sloggett@shrcps.org](mailto:sloggett@shrcps.org)

Y3: Mrs Flintham / Mrs Glew [flintham@shrcps.org](mailto:flintham@shrcps.org) / [glew@shrcps.org](mailto:glew@shrcps.org)

Y4: Mr Mason [jmason@shrcps.org](mailto:jmason@shrcps.org)

Y5: Mrs Whitmore/Miss Hartley [whitmore@shrcps.org](mailto:whitmore@shrcps.org) / [hartley@shrcps.org](mailto:hartley@shrcps.org)

Y6: Mrs Bird [bird@shrcps.org](mailto:bird@shrcps.org)

<b>Executive Head Teacher</b>	Mrs Day	<a href="mailto:day@shrcps.org">day@shrcps.org</a>
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Administrator	Mrs Macdonald	<a href="mailto:admin@shrcps.org">admin@shrcps.org</a>
Administrator	Mrs Garside	<a href="mailto:garside@shrcps.org">garside@shrcps.org</a>
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Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Day	<a href="mailto:day@shrcps.org">day@shrcps.org</a>
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Nott	<a href="mailto:nott@shrcps.org">nott@shrcps.org</a>
Deputy SENCO	Mrs Nott	<a href="mailto:nott@shrcps.org">nott@shrcps.org</a>
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# What's on...


**Libraries Unlimited**

**THE SUMMER BOOK QUEST**

**DEEP SEA ADVENTURE**

Join us at Paignton library on the 6<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate completing the Summer Book Quest!

Featuring under the sea crafts, Lego, a finishers photo booth and a local author meet and greet!




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Lego  
The Boy on the Moon  
Author meet and greet  
Photo booth  
Craft activities  
Finishers photos




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Meet local author Joshua Hunt and hear a reading from his new book The Boy on the Moon.



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**THE SUMMER BOOK QUEST**

**DEEP SEA ADVENTURE**

There is still time to complete your Summer Book Quest, come to the Library today to claim your final sticker, certificate and medal and be entered into our prize draw to win tickets to Paignton Zoo!!

Prize kindly donated by Paignton Zoo!





# 2025-26 Open Events

Click on your preferred date below to book:

Open Evening: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Open Morning: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Open Morning: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Open Morning: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

Open Morning: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026



**Booking is essential!**



## Open Evening

For Year 6 children  
with their parents/carers

**Thursday 18 September 2025, 5 - 8 pm**  
by appointment only




Click on the link or scan the QR code below to book your appointment for a tour, including the opportunity to find out more about the college by meeting staff and students.

<https://forms.gle/TECjrJEDYKjXvwiWA>

The Spires College  
Westlands Lane, Torquay TQ1 3PE  
01803 400660  
[www.thespirescollege.com](http://www.thespirescollege.com)






## Come and join Brownies

### Girls age 7-10




Your nearest Brownie unit is

11th Torquay Brownies  
Need You to join in new adventures and have fun  
Mondays 6pm / 7-15pm  
contact [barsutts@msn.com](mailto:barsutts@msn.com)

Register your interest by visiting  
[www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)  
or you can ring  
Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901






## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

### AUTUMN TERM 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<b>Dodgeball</b>	<b>Football</b>
Monday's	Tuesday's	Friday's
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct
£4 per session	£4 per session	£4 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](http://www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk)  
Bookings are live now!!!







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Let us help you to help  
your families

## RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING

We specialise in helping couples form and sustain healthy marriages & relationships, and in providing support in times of relationship difficulty.

Why? Because healthy relationships make for better lives, more stable families and a stronger society.



Supporting **marriage, relationships** and **family life**

### FAMILIES

Frequent, intense and poorly resolved conflict between parents can place children at risk of mental health issues, and behavioural, social and academic problems.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reducing-parental-conflict-the-impact-on-children-2018>



### WHY MARRIAGE CARE?

We have been supporting couple relationships for almost 80 years, and are the lowest-cost provider of relationship counselling nationwide. We believe that lack of money should never be a barrier to accessing relationship support. We have counsellors offering their time and expertise nationally.

We will be in touch again with information and resources that you can distribute to your families. Meanwhile, do contact us or visit our website if you have any questions

Scan the QR code for more information on our services and how they can be accessed



### COUPLES

All relationships have ups and downs. Sometimes, though, things can get a bit stuck and it's hard to find a positive solution. That's when relationship counselling can help. YOU can help by signposting couples in crisis to our service.

[www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

"The earth is filled with harmony and trust when the alliance between man and woman is lived well." Pope Francis

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# Is your relationship unravelling?



Talking to one of our counsellors could help.

Whether your relationship is in crisis or feels a little frayed around the edges, our trained counsellors can help you and your partner to explore ways to repair the damage. Every year we help thousands of couples to build strong and healthy relationships. Why not get in touch?

“Our counsellor was the kindest and wisest lady I have ever met. She helped us get our problems out in the open and talk them through.”



Scan here to find out more  
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# HAPPY?



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Contact us to learn more.



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