# **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 9th 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.

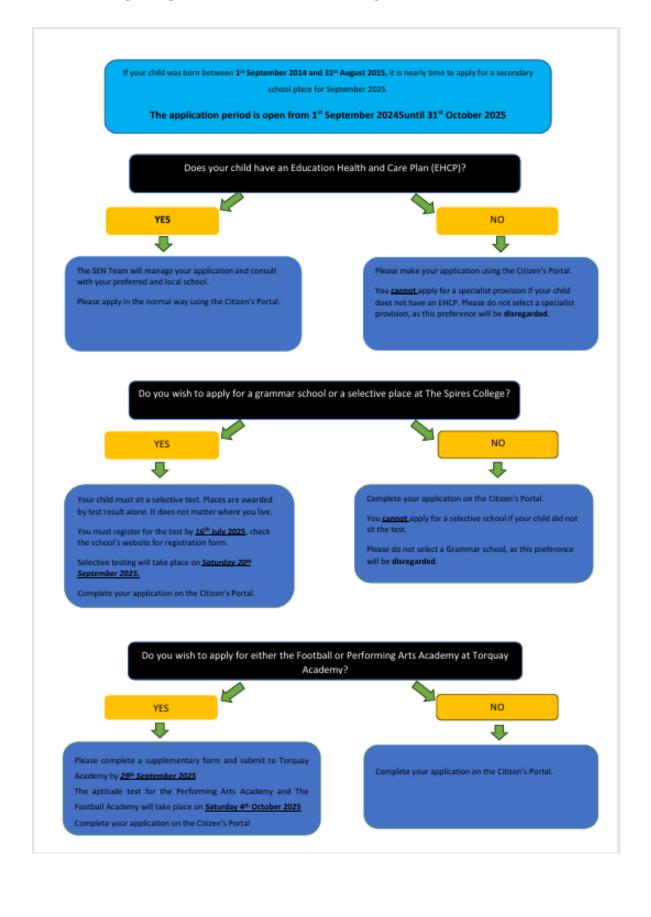
Parents using the breakfast club/after school club are welcome to temporarily use a marked parking space for a quick turnaround when the carpark is less busy. All drivers with permission must exercise caution when using the facilities. If you haven't got one already, there are carparking permits for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











### 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

YR: Mrs Pancott pancott@shrcps.org

Y1: Mrs Good <a href="mailto:lgood@shrcps.org">lgood@shrcps.org</a>

Y2: Miss Sloggett <a href="mailto:sloggett@shrcps.org">sloggett@shrcps.org</a>

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

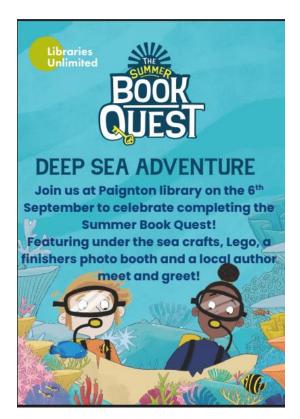
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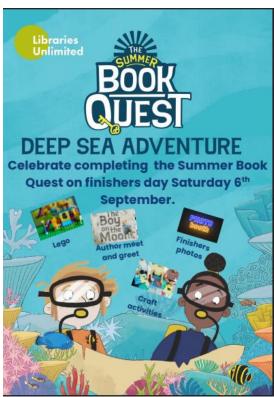
Y5: Mrs Whitmore/Miss Hartley whitmore@shrcps.org / hartley@shrcps.org

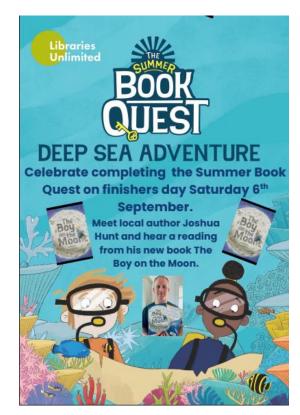
Y6: Mrs Bird bird@shrcps.org

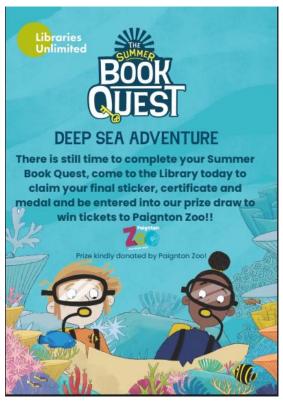
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Administrator	Mrs Macdonald	admin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Garside	garside@shrcps.org
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Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Nott	nott@shrcps.org
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Support Team		
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Family Support Worker	Rachel Ripley	rachel@attendance-solutions.co.uk
Attendance Officer	Natalie Black	natalie@attendance-solutions.co.uk

# What's on...



















# AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 1

#### MONDAY TUFSDAY FRIDAY **Gymnastics** Dodgeball Football Tuesday's Monday's Friday's 9th Sept - 21st Oct 8th Sept - 20th Oct 5th Sept - 24th 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**

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