

Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



19 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Personal Development: Clubs

Last Tuesday, our pupils were treated to a fantastic science assembly from Fizz Pop Science, full of jaw-dropping experiments!

The hall was buzzing with awe, wonder, and excitement as children discovered just how fun and fascinating science can be. It was the perfect way to launch our brand new Fizz Pop Science Club!

Many of you have booked your children up for the Fizz Pop Science club here at Sacred Heart with the first session getting underway this week.



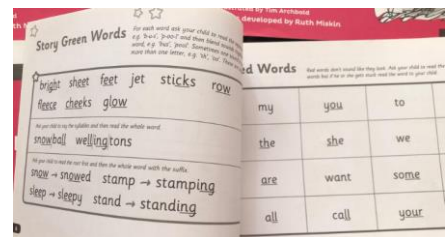
Speaking of clubs, I am delighted to share that this term we will be starting up a KS2 choir club in a few weeks' time led by Mrs Good and Mr Mason will be starting a Y5/6 boys and girls football team with training once evening after school. Dates of both to be finalised but looking likely to be Wednesday and Thursdays. We are looking for sponsorship for a new football kit. Details to follow.

The free competitive sports clubs led by Mr Bradley will continue on Mondays, Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes with sport-based clubs after school on these days booked directly with Kinetics Sports Group.

Mondays: gymnastics
Tuesdays: dodgeball
Fridays: football

Books Amnesty

We are running low on our RWI books which go home with children who are on the phonics programme. These books are very costly despite their papery appearance and we have invested heavily to ensure that we have enough copies for each child. Sadly, more and more often children are having to share books in class and then it becomes impossible to send them home. Therefore, we are asking you to have a good look at home for any that might have been left behind. They can be left in the box in the foyer or simply come back to school in your child's bookbag. There will be no judgement; we'll just be happy to have them back in school.



PTFA

Huge thanks to Mrs Taylor who has stepped up to be the new chairperson of the PTFA. Along with Denise Quirke, our longstanding secretary we have the makings of a committee and are excited to move forward with wider school events. Mrs Taylor attended all the 'meet the team' meetings introducing herself to the parents and asking for support. This has led to a number of names on her list. With parents' help we were hoping to host a disco in October with teachers and parents working together for the children. The provisional date for this is Thursday 23rd October.

Parking - again

We have received two complaints regarding parents blocking in our school neighbours on Cadwell Road. One person was very distressed as she was late for an hospital appointment due not able to get her car out. **Please do not** leave cars abandoned in any of the roads surrounding our school. Access needs to be clear for the people who live nearby and for emergency vehicles to get through.



I have also had a conversation with Fr Ralph and a gentleman from the parish committee who have shared their concerns with the decreasing condition of the Church carpark. It has been cited that the condition is worsening due to the sheer volume of traffic using the carpark on a daily basis. If the abuse of the car park rules continues to happen, all access will be withdrawn for everybody associated with the school, including staff. We must work together to avoid this from happening. This will include drop offs and picks up for breakfast and after school club. Fr has also asked me to remind you not to park outside of his house in the mornings. These spaces are for Church staff and volunteers only.

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



Diary Dates



Wed 24th Y5 Museum trip

Fri 26th: Y5 RAMM Time Odyssey trip

Thurs 2nd Y6 Paignton Academy RUGBY

Thurs 9th Y4 Paignton Academy RUGBY **Mon**

Mon 13th Visiting musicians Kip & Elfyn leading workshops for YR to Y6.

Thurs 16th: Y2 Paignton Academy RUGBY

Thurs 21st Y6 Paignton Zoo trip

Thurs 23rd: Provisional date for PTFA disco (TBC)

Fri 24th: Break up for half term



Mon 3rd: INSET day – staff only

Tues 4th: Term starts today

Tues 11th Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th: Skipping Ninja PE/PSHE enrichment

Thursday 13th: Parents' Evening

Fri 14th Children in Need (Mental Health focus) – Dress in sportswear.

Fri 5th: Rudolf Run for Rowcroft

Fri 12th: Christmas Market

Fri 19th: Break up



Applying for a Secondary School Place...

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

The application period is open from 1st September 2024 until 31st 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 **16th July 2025**, check the school's website for registration form.

Selective testing will take place on **Saturday 20th 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 **29th September 2025**

The aptitude test for the Performing Arts Academy and The Football Academy will take place on **Saturday 4th October 2025**

Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal

NO

Complete your application on the Citizen's Portal.

Contacting your child's teacher

Nursery: Mrs Berry berry@shrcps.org

YR: Mrs Pancott pancott@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/Miss Hartley whitmore@shrcps.org / hartley@shrcps.org

Y6: Mrs Bird bird@shrcps.org

Executive Head Teacher	Mrs Day	day@shrcps.org
Senior Administrator	Mr O’Kane	senioradmin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Macdonald	admin@shrcps.org
Administrator	Mrs Garside	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

What's on...



AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

AUTUMN TERM 1

MONDAY

Gymnastics

Monday's
8th Sept - 20th Oct
£4 per session

TUESDAY

Dodgeball

Tuesday's
9th Sept - 21st Oct
£4 per session

FRIDAY

Football

Friday's
5th Sept - 24th Oct
£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
Bookings are live now!!!



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

HALF TERM FUN FOOTBALL DAY



FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER

VENUE: KEVICC, TOTNES TQ9 5JX

£20 | Age 5-14 Years | 10am-3pm



LIMITED PLACES • BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

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Come and join Brownies

Girls age 7-10



Your nearest Brownie unit is
11thTorquay Brownies
Need You to join in new adventures and have fun
Mondays 6pm / 7-15pm
contact
barsults@msn.com

Register your interest by visiting
www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
or you can ring
Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901



2025-26 Open Events

Click on your preferred date below to book:

Open Evening: [Thursday 18th September 2025](#)

Open Morning: [Monday 4th October 2025](#)

Open Morning: [Monday 20th October 2025](#)

Open Morning: [Monday 22nd June 2026](#)

Open Morning: [Monday 4th July 2026](#)



Booking is essential!

Join Us for the Torbay Baton of Hope – Tuesday 30th September 2025

We're proud to support the Torbay Baton of Hope, a powerful community event promoting mental health awareness and suicide prevention across Torquay, Paignton, and Brixham. On Tuesday 30th September, over 100 Baton Bearers will take part in a symbolic relay walk, with a range of family-friendly wellbeing events happening throughout the day. Highlights include live entertainment, stalls, and activities at the Torquay Hope Hub in Princess Gardens, a children's takeover from 4–6pm, and the inspiring BIG Show of Hope at the Riviera International Centre in the evening. Families are warmly encouraged to come along, cheer on the Baton Bearers, and take part in this uplifting day of hope and connection. The baton will be visiting Torquay, Paignton and Brixham with wellbeing events along the route and The Big Show of Hope at the Riviera Centre in the evening – a show of comedy, magic and music!

Find out more at torbaybatonofhope.com



30TH SEPTEMBER

TORBAY

BATON OF HOPE

THE UK'S LARGEST SUICIDE PREVENTION INITIATIVE IS COMING TO TORBAY

WHAT?
We aim to promote better mental health across The Bay, raise awareness of the impact of suicide and spread a message of hope.

WHY?
For many years Torbay has had one of the highest suicide rates in England (70% higher than the English average). An estimated 2,700 residents are impacted by suicide each year.

HOW?
Around 100 baton bearers will take part in a relay walk across Torquay, Paignton and Brixham with events being held throughout the day along the route.

WHO?
YOU can join us at the Event Village in Princess Gardens with a live tour screen, at one of the wellbeing events in each town or at the Finale Event at the Riviera International Centre

TSPP #BRINGHOPE2THEBAY

FOLLOW US



TORBAY
BATON OF HOPE
30TH SEPTEMBER
HOPE HUB

TSPP
TORBAY SUICIDE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

NEXT GEN TAKE-OVER

TONIC CREATIVES

- FACE PAINTING
- CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- GIANT GAMES (giants not included)

SOUND COMMUNITIES

- DJ WORKSHOP
- GRAFFITI WORKSHOP
- LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE

Torquay Hope Hub, (Princess Gardens) 4pm – 6:30pm

WWW.TORBAYBATONOFHOPE.COM