

# Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



3 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

And just like that...September has gone already!

## Enrichment

We are very proud of our enrichment offer and continue to fundraise to make these events more affordable for parents. However, we ended the year with a £1800 deficit due to under payments. We try to subsidise trips wherever possible but with tight budgets this cannot be sustained. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions for future trips they unfortunately may have to be cancelled. Thank you for your support with this; we know money is tight all round.

This half term we have secured off-site visits for every class from Y1-Y6 linking to curriculum themes. EYFS will have their enrichment brought to them.

In addition to the visits below, we are continuing our close partnership with Paignton Academy this year and provided half termly swimming from Y2 onwards.

## Curriculum Visits/Visitors Map: Autumn 1

| Year Group | Destination                                                    | Curriculum Link                | Subject                               |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Nursery    | In school visit<br>Paignton Library<br>librarian/ Firefighters | People Who Help Us             | Understanding the<br>World / Literacy |
| Reception  | In school visit<br>British Sign<br>Language session            | Inclusion and<br>Communication | Music / PSHE                          |
| Year 1     | Paignton Zoo                                                   | Animals and their              | Science                               |

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|               |                                           | Habitats                                                                                     |                        |
| <b>Year 2</b> | The Golden Hind & Brixham Heritage Museum | Explorers                                                                                    | History                |
| <b>Year 3</b> | Fairy Cove<br>Geopark                     | Geology                                                                                      | Geography              |
| <b>Year 4</b> | Exeter Museum                             | Timelines in history from stone age to modern age<br>Ancient Civilizations                   | History                |
| <b>Year 5</b> | Torquay Museum<br>Exeter Museum           | Space Workshop<br>Timelines in history from stone age to modern age<br>Ancient Civilizations | Science<br><br>History |
| <b>Year 6</b> | Paignton Zoo                              | Classification                                                                               | Science                |

### **Celebrating and Sharing Achievement and Talent**

One of my favourite parts of the week is on Friday when I get to give out certificates, badges and trophies and share in the delight of proud pupils sharing their out of school talents. Dancers, singers, poets, footballers, gymnastics.

If your child receives certificates, trophies or awards in an out of school activity, they are encouraged to share this with the school community so please send achievements in. Some children like to share their talent and interests in other ways such as performing something they have been working on in a club outside of school.

This week, Erin in Y4 shared a fundraising project that she is doing over the month of October.

Throughout October Erin will be running 13.1 miles in support of the Mersey Mind Project. The project is a men's mental health charity based in Merseyside. Through peer sessions and football therapy, the charity supports men who are struggling.

Erin will be completing the challenge after school and on weekends at Victoria park.

The link to her Just Giving page is:



<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/erinroberts>

And the link for the Mersey Mind Project is:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1GHHfpcBXN/>

### **Unreasonable Behaviour Policy**

At Sacred Heart, we are proud of the positive relationships we share with the vast majority of our parents and carers. Working together in a spirit of trust and respect helps us to give your children the very best.

Sadly, like many schools across Plymouth CAST, we have also experienced some instances of unreasonable behaviour towards staff over the past year. This can include aggression, threats, or inappropriate communication. Such behaviour is never acceptable, and our Trust has introduced a new policy to ensure that all staff are protected.

As headteacher, I have a duty of care not only to all pupils but to every member of staff and to myself. Just as you would expect in places such as GP surgeries or hospitals, we all deserve to come to work in a safe and respectful environment.

To support this, we will now be displaying posters provided by Plymouth CAST as a reminder of the standards of behaviour expected from everyone in our school community. The school will adhere to the policy and take action against any parent causing distress to a member of staff.

### **Emails and Class Dojo Communication**

We expect all communication through emails and Class Dojo to remain respectful and measured. Staff should not be subjected to messages that are excessive in volume, aggressive in tone, or sent outside of reasonable working hours. Repeated negative or critical posts that cause distress or disruption to staff or the wider school community will be considered unreasonable behaviour and addressed in line with this policy.

I would like to thank the overwhelming majority of our families who always work with us in partnership, with kindness and respect. Your support is what makes Sacred Heart such a welcoming place for children to learn and thrive.

### **School Lunches**

Please may I remind parents to order their child's lunch on parent pay in advance to ensure that your child has our full offer of food choice. The cut off point for orders is 8am on the day of the meal. School will assist with late orders to ensure that all children are fed but the choice is restricted to pasta or jacket potato. To support your child and avoid unnecessary stress for them, please order their meals in advance. I understand that there have been some issues with parent pay recently so please let Mrs Macdonald or Mrs Garside know in the office if you are struggling with ordering.

Warm regards,

Mrs Nichola Day  
Executive Headteacher



## Diary Dates

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>** Y4 Paignton Academy RUGBY **Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** Visiting musicians Kip & Elfyn leading workshops for YR to Y6.

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>**: Y2 Paignton Academy RUGBY

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** Y6 Paignton Zoo trip

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Provisional date for PTFA disco (TBC)

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>**: Y3 trip to Fairy Cove

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Break up for half term



Y1 and Y2 trip dates to be confirmed.



**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>**: INSET day – staff only

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup>**: Term starts today

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup>** Parents' Evening

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**: Skipping Ninja PE/PSHE enrichment

Thursday 13th: Parents' Evening

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** Children in Need (Mental Health focus) – Dress in sportswear.

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>**: Rudolf Run for Rowcroft

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>**: Christmas Market

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup>**: Break up



# 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.

## 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)

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|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Executive Head Teacher</b> | Mrs Day       | <a href="mailto:day@shrcps.org">day@shrcps.org</a>                                         |
| Senior Administrator          | Mr O’Kane     | <a href="mailto:senioradmin@shrcps.org">senioradmin@shrcps.org</a>                         |
| 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>                                 |
| <b>Inclusion Team</b>         |               |                                                                                            |
| 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>                                       |
| <b>Support Team</b>           |               |                                                                                            |
| Play Therapist                | Jane Doidge   | <a href="mailto:doidge@shrcps.org">doidge@shrcps.org</a>                                   |
| Family Support Worker         | Rachel Ripley | <a href="mailto:rachel@attendance-solutions.co.uk">rachel@attendance-solutions.co.uk</a>   |
| Attendance Officer            | Natalie Black | <a href="mailto:natalie@attendance-solutions.co.uk">natalie@attendance-solutions.co.uk</a> |



# What's on...

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## 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!!!



[www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk](http://www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk)  
01803302296  
[info@kineticsportsgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@kineticsportsgroup.co.uk)

## HALF TERM FUN FOOTBALL DAY



FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

VENUE: KEVICC, TOTNES TQ9 5JX

£20 | Age 5-14 Years | 10am-3pm



LIMITED PLACES • BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

TO BOOK VISIT [www.shearsoccer.co.uk](http://www.shearsoccer.co.uk)

Contact Adam on 07967 124844 or [info@shearsoccer.co.uk](mailto:info@shearsoccer.co.uk)



COACHING SESSIONS • SMALL SIDED TOURNAMENTS • FUN COMPETITIONS  
TROPHIES & PRIZES • CERTIFICATES • PLAYER OF THE COURSE AWARD  
IMPROVE PERFORMANCE • BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE • MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
FOR BOYS & GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES • ALL STAFF UEFA/FA & CRB QUALIFIED

You can be active

You can be creative!

## Come and join Brownies

### Girls age 7-10

Do you want to learn new skills?

Do you want to have lots of fun?

You can make friends and have adventures

Your nearest Brownie unit is

11th Torquay Brownies

Need You to join in new adventures and have fun

Mondays 6pm / 7-15pm

contact [barsuits@msn.com](mailto:barsuits@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

## OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL



**MONDAY:** Spires College (MUGA) - Youth & Minis  
Torquay Boys Grammar School - Girls

**TUESDAY:** Spires College (MUGA) - Youth & Minis  
Teignmouth College - Youth (6-13 Years)

**WEDNESDAY:** Spires College (MUGA) - Youth & Minis

**FRIDAY:** Torquay Boys Grammar School - Youth, Minis & Girls

**EVERY COURSE 9.30AM - 3.00PM**  
**£15 PER DAY**

**AGES**  
MINIS: 4-6  
YOUTH: 7-13  
GIRLS: 6-13



**BOOK:** [HTTPS://TORQUAY-UNITED-CST.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/](https://torquay-united-cst.classforkids.io/)  
**CONTACT:** [ADMIN@TUCST.CO.UK](mailto:ADMIN@TUCST.CO.UK)





**TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
OPEN EVENING 7 OCTOBER 2025

THE EVENING WILL COMMENCE WITH A WELCOME SPEECH AT 6.30PM FROM MS FORSTER, HEADTEACHER  
SITE OPEN FOR FAMILIES TO LOOK AROUND  
THE EVENING CLOSES AT 8.30PM

\* BOOKING REQUIRED \*  
AT THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT:  
[WWW.TGGSACADEMY.ORG/OPENEVENING](http://WWW.TGGSACADEMY.ORG/OPENEVENING)




## New To You

FREE CHILDREN'S CLOTHES  
& TOY SWAP

SATURDAY 4TH OCT | 10AM-12PM  
BAY CHURCH, SANDS ROAD, TQ4 6HA

DONATE ANY PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, SHOES,  
TOYS AND BOOKS WITH PLENTY OF LIFE LEFT IN  
THEM AND GO AWAY WITH SOMETHING NEW TO YOU!

REFRESHMENTS AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES PROVIDED



DONATION  
DROP OFF TIMES:  
MONDAY 29TH SEPT  
TUESDAY 30TH SEPT  
WEDNESDAY 1ST OCT  
AT BAY CHURCH  
9AM-5PM




 **St Cuthbert Mayne**  
*Educating for life in all its fullness*

## OPEN EVENT

Come along and discover our school.  
To book your place, use the link below:  
**Monday 20th October 2025 9-11am**

 To find out more about  
our open events, please visit  
[st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk/open-events](http://st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk/open-events)  
or call 01803 328725



## 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 22nd June 2026  
Open Morning: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026



**Booking is essential!**