

Sacred Heart R.C. Primary School Newsletter



Love God, Love each other, Love Learning

9TH FEBRUARY 2024

MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Mass Times

There are two Churches in our Parish. Holy Family in Kirkholt and Sacred Heart on Kingsway. The Parish Priest is Father Simon and he resides in Sacred Heart Presbytery.

Saturday at Sacred Heart

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass

Sunday

9 am at Holy Family

11 am at Sacred Heart

PENALTY NOTICES



Poor attendance

Children who miss more than 20 sessions/10 school days unauthorised absence in a 12 week period will receive a Penalty Notice which is £60 per parent.

Holiday absences

Children who miss 10 sessions/5 school days unauthorised absences will receive a Penalty Notice which is £60 per parent, per child. Holiday requests will be reviewed separately and in some circumstances may be approved.



Parents Evening



THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 1—5 PM
DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR SLOT

ASSEMBLIES

Friday 8th March 8.50 am Y2 Mothers Day

Friday 15th March 8.50 am Y1

Friday 22nd March 8.50 am Reception

HALF TERM Monday 19th-23rd February 2024

TRIPS

Tuesday 13th February Y5 Manchester Art Gallery

Friday 1st March Y5 Buddhist Centre Manchester

Thursday 14th March EYFS Smithills Farm

Monday 18th March Y5 Chocolate Museum York

ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Does your child take part in any out of school hours activities? Dance/Gymnastics/Judo/football/Cubs/Brownies/horse riding etc? If you would like to share their achievements/certificates/medals please send them into school on Thursday morning with an explanation and Mr Jones will present these to your child during Merit Assembly in the afternoon.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week the School Council have been designing posters to remind children about expected behaviour at lunchtime

Congratulations to this weeks Golden Hearts children Laine and Nabeel chosen for consistently showing respect to her peers and showing a good understanding of tolerance and for demonstrating mutual respect and tolerance during PSHE.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to our Y2 on achieving the highest percentage attendance this week of 99% and for being the most improved. Who will get to 100% first?

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Headteachers award children awarded this week in Nursery to Isaac for helping to set up “special helpers” for his friends and to Destiny for helping our new friends Rosie settle into school.

In Reception Year to Caleb for being helpful to others on his first day as special helpers and to Lauren for sharing her ideas with her talking partner to help them understand

In Year 1 to Evie for helping and supporting a friend at lunchtime when she was unable to play out and to Caoimhe for supporting another child with their English work.

In Year 2 to Robyn for being a fantastic classroom helper to both the children and adults in class and to Bobby for supporting a friend to edit their English work

In Year 3 to Julian for helping a friend with maths through questioning.

In Year 4 to Riley for supporting his friend when on task and to Ryan Moyo for a caring attitude towards his friend

In Year 5 to Covenant for helping other children in our class with their learning and to Olivia Crossley for treating everyone with respect regardless of ability

In Year 6 to Dorian and Jesse for wonderful answers to our RE Big Question, showing care for God’s work and people.

Well done everyone.



Well done to Grace, Lucas, Chloe , Evie (and friends) all chosen this week for lovely manners and great use of cutlery.

Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember: featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format, in case the service suffers a data breach. The strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it *does* definitely provide extra protection and security.

DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("FourBlueShoes", for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

 **National Online Safety**
#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

HOLIDAY PATTERN 2023-2024

SPRING	Thursday 4 th January 2024	Monday 19 th February 2024 To Friday 23 rd February 2024	Wednesday 27 th March 2024
EASTER HOLIDAY – Thursday 28th March 2024 – Friday 5th April 2024			
SUMMER	Monday 8 th April 2024	Bank Holiday Monday 6 th May Monday 27 th May 2024 To Friday 7 th June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024

HOLIDAY PATTERN 2024-2025

TERM	SCHOOL STARTS	HALF-TERM	SCHOOL CLOSES
AUTUMN	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Monday 28 th October 2024 To Friday 1 st November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Monday 23rd December 2024 – Friday 3rd January 2025			
SPRING	Monday 6 th January 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025 To Friday 28 th February 2025	Wednesday 16 th April 2025
EASTER HOLIDAY – Thursday 17th April 2025 – Friday 25th April 2025			
SUMMER	Monday 28 th April 2025	Monday 26 th May 2025 To Friday 6 th June 2025	Friday 18 th July 2025