

# Sacred Heart R.C. Primary School Newsletter

Monday—Friday 13th—17th May

# Y6 SATs

CLEANER VACANCY take a look at our website for details

## The School Day



### REMINDER

In line with the letter sent home September 2023, lessons start at 8.45 am school gates open from 8.35 am and close at 8.50 am classroom doors close at 8.45 am. If you arrive after this time please bring your children to the main office and wait until they are signed in.

### ASSEMBLIES

Friday 3rd May 8.50 am Y2 Crowning of Our Lady

Friday 17th May Y1 8.50 am

### SCHOOL TRIPS



- Y5 17th May Blackpool Zoo
- Y3 20th May Summit Up
- Y1 21st May Hollingworth Lake
- Y4 22nd May Neeli Mosque
- Y4 20th June Tropical World
- Y2 26th June Lytham St Annes
- Y1 9th July Blue Planet Aquarium
- EYFS 5th July Williams Den

**Please log onto Parent Pay to give permission for your child to attend**



Love God, Love each other, Love Learning

26TH APRIL 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.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# THREADS

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

However, Threads' reliance on an Instagram login effectively makes it 13+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Threads is currently the number one trending social media app. Developed by Meta, the company behind Instagram and Facebook, Threads is a clear rival of Twitter (now known as X) in that it's a text-based conversation platform which allows posts of up to 500 characters, with the option to include links, photos and short videos. Threads is connected to a user's existing Instagram account, which lets people get started on this new app straight away: their followers and favourite creators will be imported from Instagram to their freshly created Threads account.

## DIFFERING OPINIONS

Meta claim they will encourage friendly, positive engagements but haven't specified how they plan to moderate this. As we have already seen on the likes of Twitter, Facebook and so forth, any app where users can talk freely about topics meaningful to them also contains the possibility of offence being caused or hatred being spread.

## ENDLESS SCROLLING

Threads doesn't currently have the facility to search for content – only for other users. Someone's feed, therefore, is made up of either threads from people they follow or content that Meta's algorithms have recommended. This could result in users absent-mindedly scrolling for long periods of time through nothing of particular interest, simply in search of that feeling of connectedness.

## ACCOUNT DELETION IS COMPLEX

As Threads is linked to a user's Instagram account, it's comparatively tricky for someone to completely remove their Threads profile without automatically deleting their Instagram as well. Most 'Insta' users, having spent considerable time building up a bank of posts and followers, will absolutely not want to lose them and could therefore feel pressured into keeping their Threads account active.

## OPEN NETWORKING PROTOCOLS

Reportedly, Meta's plan is for Threads to be compatible with ActivityPub, which will allow users to connect and share content more easily across different apps. If your Threads account is set to 'public', therefore, your posts would be accessible from other linked apps. What's more, people using these compatible apps would be able to interact with Threads users without needing an account.

## DATA COLLECTION

In Threads' privacy policy, Meta states that certain data about users will be collected and linked to that person's identity, including details relating to (among other things) health and fitness, financial information, browsing history, usage data, purchases, location and contacts. This can paint a very detailed picture of a person's life, and Meta does not explain why it needs all this information.

## POTENTIAL FOR EXCESSIVE TRACKING

Its tracking of every interaction, engagement and activity gives the impression of Threads being a sophisticated data-collection tool. There are no adverts on the platform right now, but – given the sheer volume of information being gathered and Meta's history of selling data for advertising purposes – it may not be long before ads start appearing on young people's Threads feeds.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### READ THE SMALL PRINT

Privacy policies for apps are usually long and probably the last thing young people read (if at all) when signing up for a trending new platform. However, we'd advise parents and carers to take time to look through Threads' policy and see if they agree with their child's data being collected. Think critically about why Meta needs all that personal information, where it goes and what's done with it.

### HIDE THE LIKES COUNT

Research has shown that young users often feel anxiety over how many likes they receive for their social media posts – and question whether this reflects their real-world popularity. Through the settings menu, Threads allows users to hide the likes count on their (and others') posts. While your child's posts won't display an exact number of likes, they'll still be able to see who *did* like their post.

### FILTER OUT OFFENSIVE WORDS

Like Instagram, Threads has an option to hide replies that contain offensive words, phrases or emojis. These are predetermined by Meta, but you can also customise the list with terms that you deem offensive or which you don't want your child to read. Usefully, there's a crossover between the two apps, so words that you select to screen out on Instagram will also be hidden on Threads.

### GO PRIVATE, AND STAY ALERT

Even if your child's Instagram account is already set to private, they'll need to select this option again in Threads (it's one of the first things the app asks at sign up). You can also edit who can mention them in a comment. Try to keep a regular eye on your child's account: as Threads' popularity and number of features increases, so will opportunities for potentially harmful content to slip through the net.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2023/jul/11/threads-app-privacy-user-data-meta-policy> | <https://time.com/6292586/privacy-concerns-threads-meta/> | <https://about.fb.com/news/2023/07/introducing-threads-new-app-text-sharing/>



Please click on the link to see this weeks Wednesday Word [Growing \(1\)](https://sacred-heart-school.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Growing-1.pdf)

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**THE** Wednesday **WORD**



**SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL**

**A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

All parents want to help their children to grow into the best people that they can be. Growing in goodness is for parents and children alike.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses an image that would have been familiar to people of his time and he reminds us that we all depend on God for life. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

God loves us, and wants us to live and grow in him – just like a branch grows on a vine – to be full of God's own energy. Keeping lively contact with Jesus helps us to grow in goodness and to live fruitful family lives, filled with peace, kindness and love.

Enjoy your week together **GROWING** in God's love.

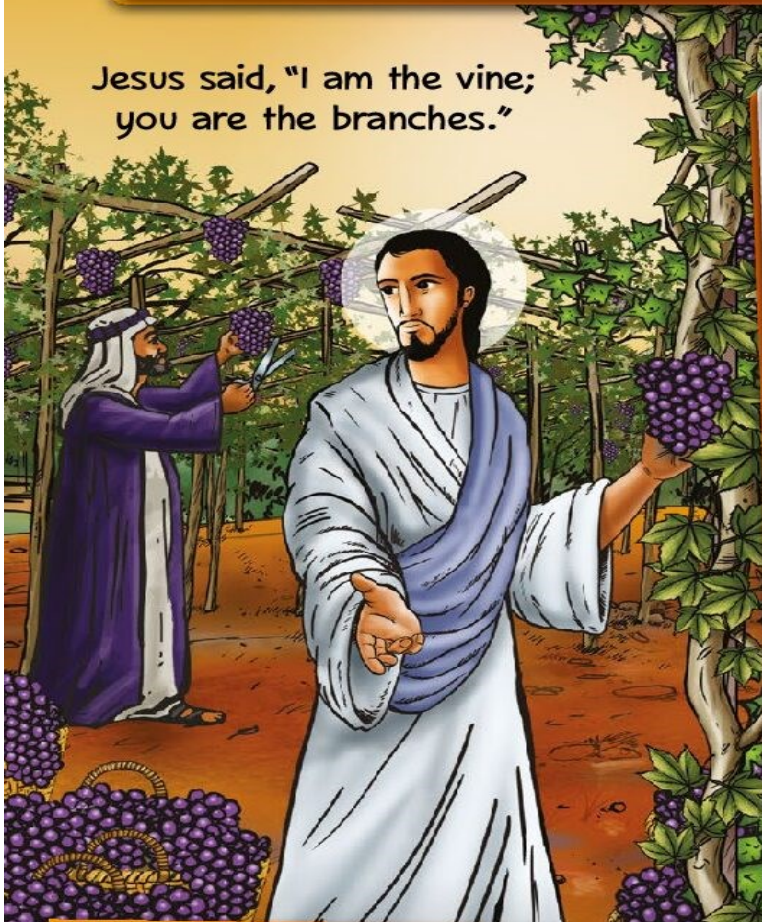
*Dom Henry Wansbrough*



**A Word from Pope Francis**

*"May nothing keep you from growing in friendship with God."*

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches."



**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**



Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

*Adapted from John 15:1-8  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year B*

**Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.**  
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

**2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share**

**Good News for Everyone**

In this Sunday's Gospel, the fruit which gives God glory is not the type that grows on trees, but the goodness that grows inside each one of us (e.g. joy, love, kindness, patience, courage, generosity, peace and self-control). We are filled with these 'fruits' when we choose to stay close to Jesus.

**The Wednesday Word: Spread some Joy this week through sharing the Good News with your Friends**





## GIFT TEAM

This week, the GIFT have been preparing to celebrate the month of May. They have prepared a Rosary service to share with Reception and lunchtime prayer times for the rest of the school

Congratulations to this weeks Golden Hearts winners Isla for always following class rules and understanding their importance and to Riley for showing respect and tolerance when learning about different religions.



Congratulations to Y3 for the highest percentage attendance this week of 97.9 % and for being the most improved

**CONGRATULATIONS**



Dear Nursery and Reception Parents/ Carers,

Our CARITAS workers, Jayne and Louise, are hosting 'Positive Parenting' sessions in the Summer Term.

The sessions will include activities, ideas and strategies to support positive parenting, as well as the opportunity to seek advice or ask questions from our CARITAS workers. It is also a lovely opportunity to chat with other parents. The session dates and themes are as follows:

**29<sup>th</sup> April-** routines sleep, mealtimes and bedtimes

**13<sup>th</sup> May-** rewards and consequences

The sessions are from 9-10.30am.

Parents will then be invited to join their child in class from 10.30-11am to complete play and activities linked to the weekly theme.

Thank you for your continued support,

# HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Headteachers award children awarded this week in Nursery to Destiny for showing the other children how to sit beautifully on the carpet and showing good listening skills and to Isabella for working hard with her name writing and colouring in.

In Reception Year to Cameron for always keeping busy and challenging himself and to Fareyl for super listening and showing respect to others during phonics

In Year 1 to Kamella for excellent understanding and great use of vocabulary in Science and to Lucie for an excellent effort in all subjects

In Year 2 to Kai for a great improvement in handwriting and to Ava for a great contribution in all lessons

In Year 3 to Kaielle for taking pride in her reading at home

In Year 4 Isabelle for a great contribution to very lesson and always being a kind and helpful friend and to Oscar for beginning to join up his letters

In Year 5 Emmerson for taking pride in all subjects and to Eithen for amazing high level vocabulary used in his English work for The Explorer

In Year 6 to Erin for demonstrating a positive attitude towards all aspects of her learning including her SATS boosters and to Alex for working hard on completing extra reading at home

Well done everyone.

Well done to Tyler, Lottie, William and Dillon and all chosen this week for calm, polite table manners, lining up quietly with great manners, using his knife and fork consistently and for beautiful manners at lunchtime

