



Autumn 1 Newsletter

Olicana Class

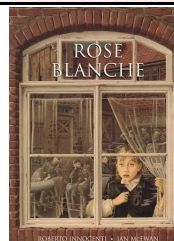
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
YEAR SIX • HALF TERM 1 • 2026–2027

THIS HALF TERM AT A GLANCE

Welcome to Year 6 — we have a very exciting year ahead! We have so much to look forward to, from student leadership, to meeting our Bluebell Buddies, to our residential to Peat Rigg, as well as lots of busy learning in class. Below is an overview of what we will be covering in class to support discussions and learning with your children at home.

ENGLISH

We are focusing this half term on Roberto Innocenti's 'Rose Blanche' to inspire a variety of narrative and non-fiction writing based on the story of a young girl living in Germany during the Second World War. We will be recapping key elements of the grammar curriculum to support the accuracy of our writing and will focus on tailoring the formality of our writing to audience and purpose. In spelling, we are focusing on various suffixes such as -cious, -ence, -ance, -ible and -able.



MATHS

In Maths, we will start by recapping and extending our knowledge of place value and number up to 10 million. Particular focus is given to rounding numbers to a given degree of accuracy and calculating with negative numbers in context. We will then move on to mastery of the four operations and calculation. We have a daily focus on arithmetic and number fluency—children need to practice at home using their Times Tables Rockstars login to support automaticity and fluency.

RE

In RE, our topic for this half term is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will explore different interpretations to the story of the Fall and we will explore covenant history, culminating in Jesus as the New Covenant. We will learn about Christian beliefs linked to the sacrament of Baptism and understand papal teaching about the principle of stewardship, linking this to our own personal responsibility for the world around us.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

In History, we will learn about the Shang Dynasty, understanding their legacy for the modern world. In Science, we will be looking at evolution and genetic inheritance, studying the work of Darwin and Wallace.

In Art, Year 6 will be exploring street art with environmental messages, developing their mastery of perspective.

In Computing, we will be exploring blogging, using Purple Mash to create our own blogs.

PE

PE day this half term will be on a **Monday (football with Mr Gibson)** and a **Friday (dance with Mrs Horne)** so we ask that the children come into school dressed in their PE kits on those days.



READING & HOME LEARNING

Please read with your child **at home** and add a comment in their reading record. Books will be changed once they have finished them. Please remember to sign their reading record to confirm they have finished the book.

Children will have access to Times Tables Rock Stars to practise their times tables at home, as well as Spelling Shed accounts and will be given weekly spelling patterns to focus on and practise.

KEY DATES & REMINDERS

- **3rd September | 3.30–4.30pm** – Meet the Team Event
- **14th September | 2.30–3.15pm** – International Day of Grandparents Celebration – Grandparents and extended family welcome
- **25th September | 2.00–3.15pm** – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
- **2nd October | 2.45–3.15pm** – Celebration Assembly
- **9th October | 2.45–3.15pm** – Reading Assembly
- **13th October | 3.30–4.30pm** – Enterprise Fair
- **23rd October – TRAINING DAY** - School closed

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to Sacred Heart. I am very excited to get to know the children and their families this half term, and to getting stuck in to all the wonderful learning we have in store! If you have any questions or concerns about life in Year 6, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office. Thank you for your continued support! Mrs Horne