Autumn 2 Newsletter

Olicana Class

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR SIX • HALF TERM 2 • 2026–2027

THIS HALF TERM AT A GLANCE

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term break. This is a very exciting and very busy half term in the run-up to Christmas! We are looking forward to Peat Rigg, TTRS Rockstar Day, Bikeability Week, and all the fun of Advent.

ENGLISH

Our writing this half term will be based on the beautiful novel 'A Story Like The Wind', which tells the story of a group of refugees fleeing danger, who find hope, comfort and courage through the power of music and story-telling. We will be writing flashback narratives, as well as formal newspaper reports about a pivotal moment in the story. Underpinning all of our writing is an explicit focus on grammar and spelling; we encourage children to practice their weekly spellings on Spelling Shed (a little, daily is best preparation for the weekly test!)

MATHS

In Maths, we are moving on to cover a lengthy unit on fractions: we will be learning how to simplify fractions and find equivalent fractions, how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions, as well as how to calculate with fractions and find fractions of amounts. Before Christmas we will also look at converting metric and imperial measures. We continue our focus on developing fluency and strong arithmetic skills with daily practice.

RE

In RE, our topic for this half term is 'Prophecy and Promise', with a strong focus on the significance of women in the narrative of the Bible. Particular emphasis is placed on the figure of Mary as the fulfilment of the salvation promise. In Other Faith week, we will explore what is important to Hindus. Our virtues this half term are Prayer and Generosity, and these will be the focus of our Celebrations of the Word as we enter the liturgical season of Advent.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

In Geography, we will be learning about Volcanoes and Earthquakes.
In Science, we will be looking at properties and changes of materials.

In DT, we will be learning about gears and pulleys.
In Computing, we will be exploring databases and statistics.

In Music, we are looking at the composition of ancient music.

PE

PE day this half term will be on a **Monday (basketball with Mr Gibson)** and a **Friday (fitness with Mrs Horne)** so we ask that the children come into school dressed in their PE kits on those days. Additionally, all children have been invited to attend a Bikeability course this half term; please contact the office if you have not received the form for this.

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. We encourage children to log on little and often for Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed to practise weekly spelling lists.

KEY DATES & REMINDERS

- **6th November | 2.45-3.15** – Olicana Class Assembly
- **9th-11th November** – Peat Rigg residential
- **13th November** - Times Tables Rockstar Day
- **23-27 November**—Y6 Bikability Week
- **18th and 25th November**—Parents Evening
- **28th November** – FOSH Christmas Fair
- **1st December** – Advent Mass at School
- **10th December** – Christmas jumper day
- **15th December | 6pm** - KS2 Carol Concert
- **18th December**—break up for Christmas

We are very excited about our upcoming residential to Peat Rigg— thank you to all parents for completing and returning the consent and medical forms. Kit lists have been sent home but please contact me if you need another one, or if you have any questions or concerns about the trip. We are so excited to see the children shine in a different environment—stay tuned for lots of photos of our adventure!