



# Autumn 1 Newsletter

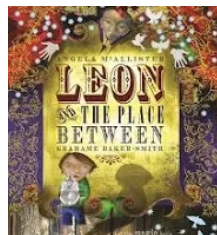
## Wheatley Class

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**YEAR 4/5 • HALF TERM 1 • 2026–2027**

Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to the new families that have joined our class. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer! I just want to say a huge thank you to everybody who has made me feel so welcome - I feel very lucky to be part of the Sacred Heart community and I'm really excited about all we have planned this year.

### ENGLISH / PHONICS

This half term, we will be exploring the book *Leon and the Place Between* by Angela McAllister. Through Ready Steady Write, the children will develop their vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar skills as they explore this fabulous portal story. In Spelling, we will be focusing on a range of spelling rules including words beginning with il-, im-, sub- and ending in -ation.



### MATHS

In Maths, Year 4 will develop their understanding of the place value of 3 and 4-digit numbers, before moving on to focus on addition and subtraction. Year 5 will develop their understanding of numbers to 1,000,000 before moving on to addition and subtraction. Both year groups will focus on their instant recall of multiplication facts, please encourage your child to use their Times Tables Rock Stars log in at home to support their knowledge of these key facts.

### RE

Our topic this half term is Creation and Covenant. We will be focusing on the prophet of Abraham, learning about his time, place and journey. We will explore the term 'covenant' and reflect upon how this applies to the covenant Abraham had with God. The class will consider why God's covenant with Abraham is known as the foundation of faith, and why Abraham is viewed as a model of prayer. At the end of the unit, we will retell the story of Abraham and identify the links the story has with the virtues of faith, hope and love.

### CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

In History, we will learn about Ancient Egypt and consider how the Egyptians influenced writing and engineering.  
In Science, we will be looking at animals, specifically skeletons, nutrition and food chains.  
In Art, our topic will be linked to our history topic as we will be designing and making Ancient Egyptian scrolls.  
In Computing, we will be exploring Animation, using animation software to plan, create and evaluate their own animations.

### PE

PE day this half term will be on a **Monday** and a **Friday** so we ask that the children come into school dressed in their PE kits on those days.

### MUSIC

Year 4 will have weekly ukulele lessons taught by a visiting Music teacher.



### 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

This newsletter should give you an insight into the curriculum areas we will be covering this half term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the school office to see me.  
Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Burkinshaw