Autumn 2 Newsletter
Bluebell Class

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

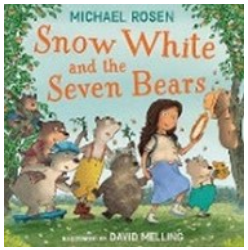
RECEPTION • HALF TERM 2 • 2026–2027

We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely half-term break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back and enjoying another busy and exciting half term together, with lots of learning and Christmas celebrations to look forward to!

ENGLISH / PHONICS

We will continue learning Phase 2 sounds and practise blending them to read simple words. The children will also learn the tricky words **the, I, no, go** and **to**, and use their sounds to write simple words. In handwriting, we will practise forming letters in a pre-cursive style.

This half term, we will enjoy *Snow White and the Seven Bears* through book talk, drama and storytelling. The children will practise writing labels and captions using their phonics knowledge. As Christmas approaches, we will also enjoy festive stories, including *Stick Man* and *What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas*.



MATHS—In maths, we will explore 2D and 3D shapes and learn to find one more and one less than a number within five. We will also begin to explore number bonds within five and develop our understanding of position and space.

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

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD— The children will have opportunities to talk about places that are familiar to them and explore our school and local area. They will also enjoy our visit to the Toy Museum, where they can discover toys from the past.

ART & DESIGN—In design technology, the children will explore how simple mechanisms work and help to make a matching slider game. They will also enjoy a range of creative activities linked to our stories and Christmas celebrations.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT—We will continue to develop our friendships and talk about how we can care for one another, say sorry and make fair choices. We will also think about hope and patience, and learn about the communities we belong to.

MUSIC—The children will enjoy singing familiar nursery rhymes and using percussion instruments. They will also learn and practise songs for our Nativity performances.

RE—Our RE theme is Prophecy and Promise. We will learn about the Annunciation, Advent and the Christmas story, thinking about how we can show kindness and prepare to welcome Jesus. We will also explore Christmas traditions around the world.

REMINDERS

Reading: Please read with your child every day and comment in their reading record. Books will be changed twice a week.

Wellies & Weather: Please bring in a spare pair of wellies for your child's welly box. As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child with a coat and hat. We go outside in all weathers!

KEY DATES—more details to follow.

- Open Morning—Saturday 7th November—All welcome
- Parents Evening— Wednesday 18th November and Wednesday 25th November—3.30pm—6pm
- Toy Museum Visit— Thursday 26th November
- Mr Gibson's Sports Assembly— Friday 27th November—2:45—3:25pm
- Whole School Mass—Tuesday 1st December—9:30am—All welcome
- Bluebell and Wharfe's Nativity—Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th December—2:pm—3:15pm
- Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 10th December
- Bluebell class assembly—Thursday 28th January—2:45—3:15pm

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to us. We are looking forward to a wonderful half term with the children!

Mrs Fisher and Mrs Gilhooly