

Welcome to Year 5's information meeting

Mission statement

Love of God

Love of one another

Love of our world

Love of learning

This is what we encourage in school and we ask you to do the same

School day

- If you need to speak to a teacher in the morning, please leave a message with the office.
- Contact should be made with the office via phone/email wherever possible
- The office will make appointments if you wish to see a member of staff.

Keeping Children Safe

- Please call us if your child is sick, please inform us promptly. We need to check they are not harmed on the way to school.
- Please let us know of arrangements for collecting your child, or allowing them to walk home on their own. A form can be collected from the office.
- Keeping safe online

A Healthy School

- **A healthy snack** is available for your child at break time at a cost of 20 pence.
- **Children are encouraged to drink water** throughout the school day. Please ensure they have a water bottle in class (may be purchased from the school office).
- **Healthy Schools status** – in line with this, **no chocolate-covered snacks, crisps or biscuits** please.
- **Food allergy information** - Please ensure that we hold up-to-date pupil information. **Sacred Heart School operates as a nut-free zone.**

Homework

- Homework is set on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.
- Spelling tests are also completed on a Friday from the list your child has been provided. All six weeks stuck at front of orange book.
- English homework-GPS or comprehension(purple book).
- MyMaths-set on a Friday. Linked to what we have taught that week.
- TTRS-so important! Foundation for lots of maths e.g fractions.
- All logins are in front of reading diary.
- Homework should be completed in pencil.

Reading at home

- Reading books will be sent home from school, please read with your child daily and sign the reading record to work towards the class reading challenge.
- Pupils will be encouraged to choose their own reading book from the library.
- Colour banded books that are appropriate for pupils to read and take into account pupils' understanding of the words they read as well as their ability to decode the text are used to develop the pupils reading skills.
- Please read as much as possible. Reading diaries will be checked and house points awarded to those who have read.

Trips & Visitors

- This year we have two exciting trips booked so far:
- Science Dome
- Harry Potter
- Prittlewell Priory
- The Mayor's House
- Trial of King Henry
- Residential (Wat Tyler)
- We will provide more information about Wat Tyler in the Summer Term. Permission and deposits are all completed via School Money and payment plans are available.

11+

- This is an entrance exam for Southend's grammar schools. It is created by the teachers of SH and WH through the CSSE.
- It should be the 19th September 2026 and if you would like your child to complete the test, you will need to register in May 2026.
- The test is made up of an English paper (comprehension & 2 writing tasks) and a Maths paper.
- The Maths paper is set a standard that is higher than we teach in school.
- The results are normally sent by email in October and a letter follows shortly.
- Should your child do the test? We recommend that if your child is working above expected then they should find this pathway a good challenge for them to apply themselves to.

Secondary School Open Days

- In Year 5, we will organise for your child to visit St Bernard's and St Thomas More for a whole day to experience secondary school.
- There are other schools in our local area that hold open evenings for families to visit.
- Please keep an eye out from May onwards on various school website for the dates.
- You will need to have chosen your child's secondary school by October 2026 once the 11+ results are out.
- Grammar schools, King John and Eastwood all have different entrance exams if you are out of catchment.

Any questions?

Many thanks for your attendance
this afternoon.