



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

It is hard to believe this is our last week of term. Thank you all for your support during the last few months particularly the last couple of weeks where we have had to make changes to our timetables to follow Government guidance. Throughout this term the children have worked hard, behaved well and have pushed themselves to be the best person they can be.

Last Wednesday children across Key Stage 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from Nikki Love who is a marathon runner who shared her book with everyone. Children from year 4 and 5 represented our school performing at St Barnabas Cathedral carol service. For many of the children it was their first time in the cathedral and they were certainly in awe. Well done to Harlan, Serghel, Sam. Tyler, Sada and Sophie who are members of the Cathedral Choir. On Thursday our year 5 children graduated from their DARE programme. They shared what they had learnt with their families and year 4.

The children and staff looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers on Friday. On Thursday this week it is Christmas party day. The children will have Christmas dinner, watch a pantomime and take part in Christmas activities in class. This will be a non-uniform day for everyone.

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TRANSFER TO RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Each family who has a city address and has a child in nursery has received an information pack about applying for a reception place for their child for September 2022. **The closing date for applications is Saturday, 15th January 2022. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular. Although your child currently attends our nursery, this does not guarantee you a place in Reception.** We have to follow the admissions criteria from the diocese so it is important you visit other schools and list them too on your application. Failure to do so will mean the City Council will place your child in a school where there is a space available.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

If your child is baptised Catholic and in year three or above and has not yet received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion there is some information available about the programme which will commence in January for children and families. **If you would like to commit to the programme, please collect a form from church, complete and return the form to church by 19th December**



WORD OF THE WEEK: JOY



The third week of Advent is focuses on joy. We celebrate Gaudete Sunday to remind us of the Joy of Christmas that is almost here. It's a great chance to think about what brings us joy in our lives and to give thanks for it. It's also an opportunity to reflect on how we can bring joy to those around us and make the world a more joyful place for everyone!

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Gymnastics (Year 1,2 and 3I)	All day 3:30 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

Our Education Welfare Officer, Mrs Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time. **The winners of this week's attendance is CLASS 3 and CLASS 5 with 96.7%!! WELL DONE!!**



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
30.08.21	31.08.21: Health and Safety Day 01.09.21: INSET Day 02.09.21: School opens to pupils	02.09.21 Welcome back Assembly	
06.09.21		06.09.21 Whole School Assembly 10.09.21 Mass led by Year 6	
13.09.21		13.09.21 Whole School Assembly 15.09.21 Choir begins for Year 4 and 5 16.09.21 Year 6 retreat afternoon 17.09.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
20.09.21	24.09.21: International Day	20.09.20 Whole School Assembly 23.09.21 Year 5 Retreat afternoon 24.09.21: International Day Assembly 2:30pm	20.09.21 Year 6 information evening in school 6pm 22.09.21 Year 6 Information Meeting at The Becket
27.09.21	01.10.21 INSET DAY (School closed to all pupils)	27.09.21 Whole School Assembly 30.09.21 St Therese of Liseux House Retreat afternoon	27.09.21 Meeting for parents regarding Hathersage
04.10.21		04.10.21 St Francis Hub Mass 08.10.21 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams	04.10.21 Parent's meetings
11.10.21	11 th – 13 th Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4	11.10.21 Whole School Assembly 15.10.20 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
18.10.21	HALF TERM		
25.10.21	HALF TERM		
01.11.21		01.11.21 Whole School Assembly 02.11.21 All Souls Day Liturgy 05.11.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
08.11.21	08.11.21 Parish Mass Year 1 & 6 9:10am	09.11.21 Whole School Assembly 11.11.21: Remembrance Day Liturgy 12.11.21: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
15.11.21	15.11.21: Parish Mass Year 2 & 5 9:10am	15.11.21 Whole School Assembly 19.11.21 Judaism Celebration	
22.11.21	22.11.21: Parish Mass Year 3 & 4 9:10am	22.11.20 Whole School Assembly 26.11.20 Advent Mass	
29.11.21		29.11.21 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 03.12.21: Celebration Assembly	
06.12.21	10.12.21: Christmas jumper day	06.12.21 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 06.12.21 Advent Reconciliation Year 4 -6	
13.12.21	16.12.21: Christmas Dinner	17.12.21 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4 2pm	

PUPIL VOICE

Children in Year 4 and 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their first term being part of the National Schools Singing Programme. From the beginning of September, the children across year 4 and 5 have been enthused, engaged and excited to participate in the sessions. They have grown in confidence in so many ways and there was no better way to witness the joy on their faces tonight as they showcased their talents in St Barnabas families and friends. Well done to Sophie and Sada from year 6 who joined us too as they belong to the Cathedral girls and boys choir.

A special thank you to Greg who by sharing his faith and his passion for singing has inspired so many of our children. We cannot wait for next term!



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PARISH NOTICES:

We are now: Parish of the Holy Family, East Nottingham Bishop Patrick has issued a formal decree, determining that our current three parishes will be merged to form a single, new parish called Holy Family. A copy of the decree and a map of the new parish boundaries is up at the back of each church and on our website. All three of our churches will retain their current names and have all retained their designation as 'Parish Churches' – equal in status and importance. Our Parish Feast Day will come very soon on Sunday 26th December and will always be the Sunday immediately after Christmas Day.

Supporting Emmanuel House: as a parish we would like to donate to those in need in Nottingham. There are boxes at our churches to donate NEW socks, scarves and underwear. They are also requesting sleeping bags, waterproof jackets, hoodies and jogging bottoms in a medium or large size – good quality please. Thank you for supporting this homeless charity.

Eucharistic Ministers: due to increased numbers at Masses, please could Eucharistic Ministers ensure that if they are at Mass, they make themselves available to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. The only exception to this is the 8.45 Sunday morning Mass. Masks must be worn when distributing Holy Communion.

Carol Singing Why not come along and enjoy this traditional Christmas activity wrap up warm, bring your singing voice carol sheets provided, 90 minutes of carolling. We are joining with our local Anglican churches to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to our area. Friday 17th 6.30 meet at St Christopher's to go round Sneinton. Tuesday 21st 6.00 meet at Our Lady & St Edward's to sing down through St Ann's, finishing at St Augustine's with a cuppa and mince pie.

Christmas Fair at the Greyfriars: on Saturday 18th December beginning at 12 noon. We are hosting a stall at the fair so are appealing for good quality items for our table? Have you any crafts or knitted items that you can donate? If so, please bring them to church, Our Lady & St Edward's presbytery, or the Community Office. Thank you.

NOTTINGHAM DEANERY Reconciliation Services

- Monday 13th December. 7.30pm. Our Lady's, Nottingham Road, Eastwood. NG16 2AQ
- Thursday 16th December. 7.30pm. St Teresa's, Aspley, Kingsbury Drive. NG8 3EP
- Monday 20th December. 7.30pm. Holy Spirit, Melton Road, West Bridgford, NG2 7NT
- Tuesday 21st December. 7.00pm. Our Lady's, Brooklyn Road, Bulwell. NG6 9ES

Synod corner. The final two questions are out there. Pick up one of the yellow flyers and have a think, scribble down any thoughts and get them back in over the next week or two. 5) How do I hear and respond to the voice of God's Holy Spirit, in my life; what signs of the Spirit at work do I see in the life of my parish/chaplaincy? 6) What steps may the Holy Spirit be calling us to take, as a parish/chaplaincy, on our journey together into God's future? The questions have been translated into Vietnamese and are available at the back of church. Please pass the message on and return your comments to church. Thanks, Nhung. Regular updates about the Synod are posted on our diocesan website at: <http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/synod2023> Information about the Synod around the world can be found on the Vatican's website at: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Please continue to wear masks and sanitise hands in our churches. We pray for:

- The staff and pupils in our schools as they come to end of a long and challenging term.
- June Folan RIP whose funeral takes place at Our Lady & St Edward's on 21st December.

This Week:

- Scripture Group: Wednesday 15th December 2 – 3pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Café focussing on the Sunday Gospel.
 - Community Café: Thursday 16th at Sacred Heart 1.30 pm.
 - Meditation Group: Thursday 16th December at 7.30 meeting in Sacred Heart Community Centre.
 - Scripture Group: Thursday 16th December in St Bernadette's room attached to Sacred Heart Church at 2 pm, the last one of the year.
- This week's Gospel Reading: Lk 1:39-45.
- Advent Prayer Evening: St Augustine's 7 pm

Wednesday Word link for children's activities on the Gospel. Special Christmas and New Year edition: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesdayword/preparation?pid=MTA101634&v=46.10>

Second Collection: this weekend for Poor & Needy parishes.

Refreshments at Our Lady & St Edward's café are available after both the 9.30 and 11.30 Masses, do join us.

Christmas Services

Friday 24th December; Christmas Eve St Augustine's 5.30pm Our Lady & St Edward's 6.00pm and 8.00pm.
Sacred Heart 6.30pm and 9.00pm

Saturday 25th December; Christmas Day St Christopher's 8.45am Our Lady & St Edward's 9.30am Sacred Heart 10.00am
St Augustine's 11.00am

Sunday 26th December; Feast of the Holy Family Sacred Heart 10.00am



Advent services in school

Year 5 led us in our second Advent service in school last Monday morning. They focused on the theme of peace and how Jesus is the Prince of Peace. They asked us to bring peace to others but also to find peace within our own lives.

Also on Monday, children in year 4, 5 and 6 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their preparations to welcome Jesus at Christmas. Thank you to Fr Joe, Fr Liam and Fr Marcus for joining us.

On Friday 17th December at 2pm Year 3 and 4 will lead us in our Advent Wreath Service. Due to the Government moving us into Plan B we have had to move this to Teams. If you would like an invite, please complete the form to register an email and return to school.

EYFS / Key Stage 1 Nativity

Unfortunately, we are now unable to invite families into school to share these. Mr Whittle, our Chair of Governors is filming on Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon and these will be shared with families to watch together at home.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 13 th December St Lucy	9am (OLSE) 9:30am (SH) 11:30am (OLSE)	MASS Maria Nguyen thi Hong RIP Mary Kate & Jack Dunbar RIP Funeral of Anthony Gilman RIP
Tuesday 14 th December St John of the Cross	10am (SA) 11am, (SA)	MASS Pam – thanksgiving Teresa Waldon RIP
Wednesday 15 th December	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Michael Jennings RIP Michael Finn
Thursday 16 th December	10am (SA)	MASS Holy Souls RIP
Friday 17 th December	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Holy Souls RIP Tom King RIP
Saturday 18 th December	6.30 pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.45am (St Christopher's) 9.30am (OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11.30am (OLSE)	MASS Sr Julia Howard SMG RIP Anna Phm Thi La RIP Patrick & Annie Coyle RIP Barbara Rzepa Anna Le thi Khuong & Peter Tran Quang RIP (anniv)

ON BEHALF OFF ALL THE PUPILS, STAFF AND GOVERNORS, WE WISH YOU ALL A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



DARE GRADUATION

Congratulations to our year five children who graduated on Thursday after completing the DARE programme. It was a real celebration of what you have learnt over the last ten weeks Thanks to everyone who joined us.

