



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

It is hard to believe we are now in the season of Advent. We know the lead up to Christmas is a very busy time for everyone but we must take time to prepare to welcome the light of Jesus in to our lives and our homes at Christmas.

Year 5 children are coming to the end of their DARE project and are busy preparing to graduate. The graduation is due to take place on 8th December at 10:30am and parents are welcome to join us.

Year 3 and 4 children are also busy preparing to perform at St Barnabas Cathedral on 5th December. If you haven't returned your slip, please do so as soon as possible. Please indicate on the reply slip whether you are joining us at 6pm or picking up directly at 7pm. We also have a group of children from year 5 and 6 who have been invited to sing at the parish carol service on 8th December. If you haven't returned your slip yet please do so ASAP.

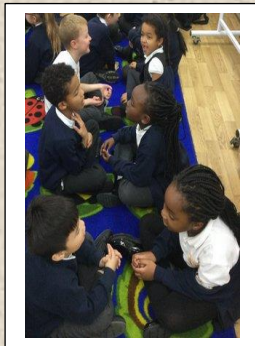
We have a non-uniform on Friday in return for a full bottle for our bottle stall at our Christmas Fayre next Friday afternoon.

Our third INSET of this year is Wednesday 4h January. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

VOICE 21

This year we are taking part in a project with Voice 21 across the whole school. This is an oracy based project which gives every child the opportunity to improve their oracy skills, in the way they articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language.

We had a launch on Friday when every child from Nursery to Year 6 had the opportunity to talk to a peer about something that made them happy. They also participated in a variety of games to develop conversation and debating skills.



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. Forms to enrol on this preparation are available from the sacristy at each church after Mass.

They must be returned by 18th December. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted. They must be returned to the parish, not school.



WORD OF THE WEEK: HOPE



The first week of Advent is themed around Hope. It's a chance to remember the hope of God's people as they waited for a messiah and an opportunity to reflect on our hope that one day Jesus will come again. What are you hopeful for in our world? If you could have just one hope for the future what would it be? God gives hope to everyone and as we enter the season of Advent we should remember that whenever things are difficult we can always hope in God.

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 3)	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. Mrs Bradshaw said: **I'm so pleased to announce YEAR 4 were the winners of last week's attendance with 100%! And an extremely close second was Year 5 with 99.2%! Keep up the fantastic work guys! Just to let all parents know that holidays during term time will not be authorised unless they meet the criteria of the OLOL trust policy.**



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
29.08.22	31.08.21: INSET Day 01.09.21: School opens to pupils	01.09.22 Welcome back Assembly	
05.09.22		05.09.22 Whole School Assembly	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
12.09.22		14.09.22 Welcome Mass led by Year 6. 9:15am in school 16.09.22 Choir begins for Year 3 and 4 16.09.22: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
19.09.22	23.09.22: International Day of languages	19.09.22 Whole School Assembly 23.09.22 International Day Assembly 2:30pm	
26.09.22		26.09.22 Whole School Assembly 30.09.22 St Therese of Liseux Feast Day 30.09.22 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	26.09.22 Year 6 Information Meeting at The Becket 6pm 27.09.22 Parents Meetings regarding residential to Hathersage
03.10.22	07.10.22 World Mental Health Day	04.10.22 Our Lady of Lourdes Mass 07.10.22 World Mental Health Day	03.10.22 Teacher – Parents meetings 1:00pm-6:30pm
10.10.22	10 th – 12 th Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4	10.10.22 Whole School Assembly 12.10.22 Harvest Liturgy led by Year 5, 2:30pm 13.10.22 Feast of St Edward Mass in church 9:15am 14.10.22 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
17.10.22	HALF TERM		
24.10.22	HALF TERM		
31.10.22		31.11.22 Whole School Assembly 01.11.22 All Saints Day Mass 03.11.22 Year 6 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 04.11.22: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
07.11.22		07.11.22 Whole School Assembly 10.11.22 Year 6 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 11.11.22: Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am	
14.11.22	Anti-bullying Week	14.11.22 Whole School Assembly 17.11.22 Year 5 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 18.11.22 Judaism Celebration	
21.11.22		24.11.22 Year 4 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter	21.11.22 INSET Day – school closed to pupils
28.11.22		28.11.22 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 2:30pm 02.12.22: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
05.12.22	09.12.22: Christmas jumper day	05.12.22 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 9:10pm 05.12.22 Advent Reconciliation Year 4 -6	
12.12.22	14.12.22: Foundation Nativity 1:30pm 15.12.22: Foundation Nativity 10am	16.12.22 Achiever of the half Term awards.	
19.12.22	19.12.22: Christmas Dinner	21.12.22 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4	

PUPIL VOICE

All the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Jewish faith last week. Content included

- EYFS – Hanukkah
- Year 1: Abraham and Moses
- Year 2: Shabbat
- Year 3: Synagogue
- Year 4: Torah
- Year 5: Passover and Seder plate
- Year 6: Rosh Hashanah





PARISH NOTICES:

Inter Care is a small charity based in Leicestershire that send surplus medical supplies to around 100 health units in sub-Saharan Africa. Bishop Patrick McKinney is their patron and recently ventured to Tanzania alongside Claudia (Fundraiser), and two trustees on the Inter Care team. Claudia will be visiting Holy Family Parish St Augustine's and 9.30 at Our Lady & St Edward's to give an insight into the challenges being faced at the Health Units they visited. They have an exciting Advent Campaign which they hope you can support by giving to our retiring collection. For more information on their mission please visit www.intercare.org.uk

Full, active, conscious participation This is how the church describes how we should participate in Mass. This means being on time to Mass as best we can, joining in with the singing, making the prayers and responses At some of our Masses, there is little participation with a really passive attendance. It is not fair for a few voices and the priest to be the only ones who speak – so let's make an effort to join in better and make our celebrations alive and vibrant.

Not sure of the responses in Mass? At the end of each bench in all our churches, there is a printed card with the prayers and responses for Mass. Please use this as a guide to help you make the responses during Mass And then leave it in the bench at the end of Mass.

Day for All Parishioners: Saturday 10th December 10 – 2.30 at Sacred Heart Community Centre – open to anyone who wants to have a bit of time out to reflect on our faith and belonging to the parish. David Wells is coming to lead this – David has worked in teaching and adult education in our own diocese and is now an international speaker who addresses Catholic conferences and meetings all over the world. He is a really funny, engaging and insightful speaker and this day will be well worth coming to. This is in response to the Synod meetings and feedback forms we received – soup and roll for lunch included.

Foodbank Appeal: this week we would welcome; coffee, sugar and toilet rolls. Thank you for your support.

SVP Christmas Tea Party: Parishioners over the age of 60 are invited to join us for our SVP Christmas Tea Party on Tuesday, 13th December from 2 to 4 pm in the OLSE Cafe. To help with catering arrangements please 'phone either 07847 954163 or 07979 047316 before 11th December if you would like to attend or email the office.

ADVENT IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

This beautiful season of preparation helps us take time to get ready for Christmas and not just get the Christmas shopping done!

- **Walk with me prayer books:** available at the back of church for just £1 – a great way of spending a bit of time each day in prayer.
- **Advent reflection evening:** Thursday 1st December, 7pm at Our Lady & St Edward's. led by Father Marcus in the (warm) day chapel.
- **Carol Service:** Thursday 8th December, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. Led by Bishop Patrick and organised by PACT.
- **Parish Retreat Day:** Saturday 10th December 10 – 2.30 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Led by David Wells.
- **Shared table and mini market:** St Augustine's, Sunday 11th December after the 11am Mass.
- **Reconciliation Service:** Monday 12th December 6.30 at St Augustine's Church. Several priests available for Confession.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Across the city, we have lots of opportunities to go to confession during this Advent season. There will be several priests available at each one.

- Saturday 3rd December 11.00am. Good Shepherd, Arnold. Thackery's Lane. NG5 4HT
- Monday 5th December 7.00pm. Our Lady & St Thomas', Ilkeston. Nottingham Road. DE7 5RF
- Monday 12th December 6.30pm. St Augustine's, Nottingham. Woodborough Road. NG3 4QF
- Tuesday 13th December 7.00pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell. Brooklyn Road. NG6 9ES
- Thursday 15th December 7.00pm St Teresa of Lisieux, Aspley. Kingsbury Drive. NG8 3EP
- Friday 16th December 6.30pm. Holy Spirit, West Bridgford. Melton Road. NG2 7NT
- Monday 19th December 7.30pm Corpus Christi, Clifton. Southchurch Drive. NG11 9BP
- Thursday 22nd December 6.30pm. Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave. Candleby Lane. NG12 3JG

This week:

- Scripture Group at Sacred Heart: Thursday 1st December at 2 pm in the sisters of St Joseph of Peace Convent focussing on: Mt 3:1-12
- Community Café (Warm space): Thursday at 12 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre - everyone welcome to soup & roll.
- Warm space at Our Lady & St Edward's Café: Wednesday 30th November 12 noon – all welcome for soup & Roll
- Warm Space at St Augustine's Community Centre: Monday 28th November – all welcome for soup & roll
- Meditation Group: this Thursday 1st December at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre. All Welcome.
- Live Simply Meeting: 29th November Our Lady & St Edward's 7 pm – all welcome to share their ideas and hear about others.

Wednesday Word: for children's resources on today's Gospel: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/advent?pid=MTA101634&v=76.8>

PACT's Christmas Carol Service: all are welcome, led by Bishop Patrick on Thursday 8th December at 7.00pm, at Sacred Heart Church, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1FP with refreshments and food afterwards. There will be a collection for PACT's work with prisoners and their families during the Service. Visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk for more information about their work. No need to book, just come along and enjoy the service.

Emmanuel House Appeal: They rely on donations to continue providing much-needed support and services to homeless and vulnerably housed people in Nottingham. It's clear from what people are telling them that the cost-of-living crisis is impacting their lives, particularly people at risk of homelessness. This is due to increasing energy bills, rising rents, no-fault evictions and escalating food costs. The impact of the cost-of-living crisis is beginning to show. To donate visit their website:

<https://www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk/donations-sponsorship/>



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

We are very excited to be holding our Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 9th December beginning at 1:15pm. Raffle tickets will be given out this week. They cost 20p per ticket or £1 per book. Please return payment and stubs to the office. If you are unable to buy tickets, please ask your child to return them to the office so somebody else will be able to buy them.

We will be holding a dress as you like day on Friday 2nd December in return for a bottle for our bottle stall. This may be a bottle of wine / lager, coke / lemonade, perfume / bubble bath etc. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

On the day, the older children will organise some Christmas themed games for the children and Santa has confirmed he will be visiting us too.

We appreciate that with the current cost of living crisis, we do not want this to be an extra expense. Myself, Mrs Astley and Mrs White have met to suggest ways we can keep the cost to a minimum whilst enabling families to enjoy time together as a community.



TRANSFER TO RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2023

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2023 is now open and closes on 15th January 2023. 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. If your child is baptised Catholic or a member of another Christian denomination, you must complete a supplementary form and share their Baptism / Christening certificate with us. If you do not provide the supporting evidence your child will be placed in a lower ranked category. 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.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 28 th November	9am (SH)	MASS Colin Morris RIP (anniv)
Tuesday 29 th November	10.00 (SA)	MASS Anne Dunne RIP
Wednesday 30 th November St Andrew	9am (OLSE) 10am (OLSE) 11:30am (SH)	MASS Bridget Kean RIP Requiem Mass for Peg Floyd RIP Requiem Mass for Maria Stevens RIP
Thursday 1 st December	10am (SA)	MASS Holy Souls RIP
Friday 2 nd December	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	MASS Holy Souls RIP Coyle family RIP
Saturday 3 rd December	6.30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Isobel Mackay
Sunday 4 th December Second Sunday of Advent	8.45am (St C) 9.30am (OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11.30am (OLSE)	MASS Holy Souls RIP Anna Ly Ho RIP (anniv) Holy Souls RIP People of the parish John Keane RIP

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER AT 2:30PM

Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to be in Celebration Assembly this week.

NURSERY: Alex and Najarn

RECEPTION: Isabel and Seamus

YEAR ONE: Lena and Medet

YEAR TWO: Lilly and John

YEAR THREE: Enudi and Timileyin

YEAR FOUR: Connor and Zuzanna

YEAR FIVE: Andzelika and Hope

YEAR SIX: Ashley and Kylie

Parents are invited to join us.

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