



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

There is a very busy week ahead in school.

Today Year 3 and 4 children are performing at St Barnabas Cathedral. The children have worked so hard to prepare for this and it will be a lovely celebration. If you are not attending, please ensure you are ready to pick your child up promptly at 7pm.

On Wednesday children in Year 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Advent is a season to prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas and this is a wonderful opportunity to think about those little mistakes we have made and show we are sorry.

We also have a group of children from year 5 and 6 who are singing at the parish carol service on Thursday at Sacred Heart Church. If you are unable to attend, please ensure you are ready to pick your child up promptly at 8pm. It is Christmas Jumper Day on Friday when we have our Christmas Fayre. This begins at 1:15pm and all families are welcome to join us. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help in any way. It is much appreciated.

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

**DAART GRADUATION**

Over the past ten weeks our year 5 children have been taken part in weekly DAaRT sessions. This is a new programme that has replaced DARE – it stands for Drug, Awareness and Resilience Training. The children have worked with an experienced DAaRT officer covering a range of life skills.

**Key topics have included:**

- Illegal and legal drugs including alcohol, tobacco, solvents, prescription drugs.
- Hate crime covering difference, prejudice and respect
- Knife crime includes the law, safety and risks and consequences

**Overarching themes included:**

- Responsibility
- Stress
- Confident communication
- Resistance strategies
- Pressure and peer pressure
- Becoming a good citizen
- Where to get help

**It is time to graduate!!  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
at 10:30am.  
All families welcome!!**



**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: PEACE**



God gave himself to the world, not as a powerful king but as a tiny baby. He brought a message of peace and humility to a world that needed it more than ever. Think this week about the peace in our world. Does everybody live in the peaceful communities that we do? This week let's try and remember that during Advent we are called to bring the peace of Christ to everyone we meet.

<b>Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45</b>	<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
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: **This week's attendance winners are YEAR 6 with 100%! I am so proud of all the YEAR 6 children who are setting an example to the rest of the school. Keep up the fantastic work!**

**School Matters!**



# OUR LADY & ST. EDWARDS PRIMARY AND NURSERY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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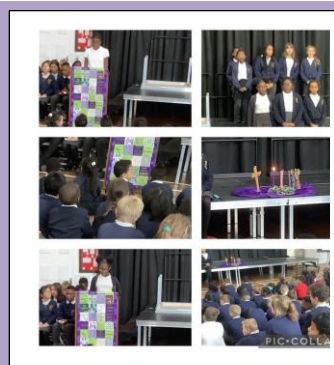
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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
29.08.22	31.08.21: INSET Day 01.09.21: School opens to pupils	01.09.22 Welcome back Assembly	
05.09.22		05.09.22 Whole School Assembly	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
12.09.22		14.09.22 Welcome 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 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> 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	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
24.10.22	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
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

We started our Advent journey in school last week as Year 6 led us in our first liturgy together on the theme of hope. We were reminded of our hopes that we will be ready to welcome Jesus when he comes at Christmas. The children told us their hopes for Christmas not just for themselves but for the world too – they hope for an end to conflict and war, an end to poverty and homelessness and that we can live in a fair world where everyone is treated equally. Well done Year 6.



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## **PARISH NOTICES:**

**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.
- ❖ 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 11 am Mass. Do come along and bring a small donation of food, if you can, to share with others. Our parish has a fantastic range of nationalities, who bring along some delicious food. Everyone welcome.
- ❖ Reconciliation Service: Monday 12th December 6.30 at St Augustine's Church. Several priests available for Confession.

### **ADVENT DEANERY 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.

- 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

### **Carol Singing**

Fancy spreading a bit of Christmas cheer? Then come along and do some carol singing in our local area. This has been a really popular and festive thing to do in past years – let's go out in force and remind people of the true meaning of Christmas.

Friday 16th 7pm meet at St Christopher's in Sneinton to join with other Christian Churches and spread the message of Christmas.

Wednesday 21st 7pm at Our Lady & St Edward's to wind our way through St Ann's, to finish at St Augustine's.

**Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith?** Our next session is on Thursday 15th December at 7 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's café. Do join us and see what it's all about.

### **Holy Family Christmas Raffle: Prizes include:**

- £50 Cash and hampers
- Voucher – Portobello's Restaurant, Carlton Hill
- Voucher – Orient Chef Takeaway, Carlton Hill
- Voucher x 3 – Celebration Cake, made to order
- Voucher - Beauty Temple, Nottingham, free back massage
- Voucher - PK Smith Motors, free MOT valid until Oct next year

Please return sold and unsold tickets as soon as possible and if you have a voucher prize to offer, contact the office. Thank you for your support.

**Thank you** to those who organised our 2 recent events and thank you to those that supported them, they were both great evenings. The Parish Quiz raised £510 and the Cheese and Wine evening raised £538. Watch out for our next event: Race Night on 11th February at Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Tickets available in New Year.

**Framework:** the charity for helping people achieve stable housing and health, social inclusion, financial stability and independence, are holding their annual Christmas Carol Concert at Southwell

### **This week:**

- **Scripture Group** at Sacred Heart: Thursday 8th December at 2 pm in the sisters of St Joseph of Peace Convent focussing on: Mt 11:2-11
- **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 7th December 12 noon – all welcome for soup & roll.
- **Warm Space at St Augustine's Community Centre:** Monday 5th December – all welcome for soup & roll
- **Meditation Group:** cancelled this week due to the....
- **Carol Service: Thursday 8th December, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. Led by Bishop Patrick and organised by PACT – join us for food afterwards in the Parish Centre.**

**Wednesday Word:** for children's resources on today's Gospel: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/preparation?pid=MTA101634&v=77.9>

**Solemn evening prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.** We are all invited to come to Nottingham cathedral at 6.30 on Wednesday evening for Evening Prayer led by the Cathedral Chapter Canons. This is to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, patron of our Diocese.

**Gifts for Emmanuel House;** as in previous years, we want to provide Christmas gift bags for the men and women who use Emmanuel House. For some, it might be the only gift they get .... So if you are able to donate any of the following items, they will be parcelled up into gift bags and taken to Emmanuel House in time for Christmas. We need; toothpaste, shower gel (for men and women) Deodorant (for men and women) shampoo, soap, toothbrush ... and we want to include a nice gift in each bag, so maybe an item of make-up, pair of gloves, scarf, hat, socks ... you get the idea. We also need Christmas gift bags if you have spares stuffed in a cupboard at home! Bring them to the back of church by the 14<sup>th</sup>, that would be great.





**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!**

We are very excited to be holding our Christmas Fayre in school on Friday beginning at 1:15pm. If you haven't returned your raffle ticket stubs and payment, please do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to or do not wish to buy tickets, please ask your child to return them to the office so somebody else will be able to buy them.

**We held a dress as you like day last Friday in return for a bottle for our bottle stall. Thank you 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 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Mary Boylan RIP
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December <b>St Nicholas</b>	10.00 (SA) 10:30am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Vera Trotman RIP Requiem Mass for Leonard Scavetta RIP
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Anna Tri Tran RIP
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>10am (SA)</b> 7pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> <b>Marjorie Stephenson RIP</b> Traditional Carol Service; Bishop Patrick leading
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Frank Dore RIP James Mills RIP
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm (SH)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> People of the parish
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	8.45am (St C) <b>9.30am (OLSE)</b> 10.00am (SH) <b>11.00am (SA)</b>  11.30am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Peg Floyd RIP Michael Rahilly RIP  James Queally RIP <b>Anne Mary Connolly RIP (Anniv)</b> Mary Burke RIP

**PARISH DAY**

Parish Day: Please do join us for this special morning get together and let's give David a warm welcome to our Parish – soup & roll included.

Holy Family Parish welcomes

**DAVID WELLS**  
REFLECT & INSPIRE

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 10 am

Sacred Heart Community Centre

You have the magic of mixing all emotions together but always being able to end on a laugh, a true gift.

I have found this experience to be utterly transformational, in more ways than I could explain.