



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

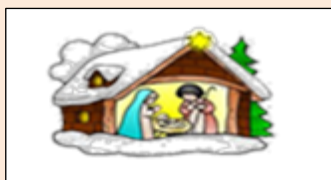
Last week was another busy week. Year 3 and 4 were amazing when they participated in the carol service at St Barnabas Cathedral on Monday evening. Some members of Year 5 and 6 were equally impressive as they sang at the parish carol service on Thursday evening at Sacred Heart Church. Thank you to all parents for your support and making this possible for the children to attend as well as staff who gave up their evenings too.



This may be our final newsletter of this term but there is still lots happening in school until the end of term. Today we have a live band performing a range of Christmas music. On Wednesday (1:30pm) and Thursday (10am) EYFS and Key Stage 1 will perform their nativity to families. On Tuesday 20th Reception are going to the theatre to watch The Singing Mermaid and we end our term with our Advent Wreath Service on Wednesday 21st at 2pm.

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

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



DAART GRADUATION

Congratulations to Year 5 for all of your hard work over the last ten weeks in your DAaRT sessions. Thank you for sharing everything you have learnt during your graduation on Thursday. You all looked great in your DAaRT t-shirts too. Thanks to all the families who were able to join us.



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: JOY



The third week of Advent focuses on joy. We celebrate Gaudete Sunday to remind us of the Joy of Christmas that is almost here. It is a great chance to think about what brings us joy in our lives and to give thanks for it. It is 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. Mrs Bradshaw said: **For the second week in a row the winners of this week's attendance goes to YEAR 6!! Leading the school by great example.**

School Matters!



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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 Christmas Dinner	
19.12.22	19.12.22: Achiever of the half Term awards.	21.12.22 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4	

PUPIL VOICE

On Wednesday, our Chaplaincy Team led us in our Advent Reconciliation Service. Just as the wise men were guided by a star to meet baby Jesus, we wrote our mistakes on stars and promised to be a light & a guide to others during this time of preparation. Thank you to Father Joe and Father Philip too.





PARISH NOTICES:

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Christmas Eve

5pm Sacred Heart

6pm St Augustine's

7pm Our Lady & St Edward's

Christmas Day

9.00 Our Lady & St Edward's

10.00 Sacred Heart

11.00 St Augustine's

12.00 Sacred Heart (Italian Mass)

Please take some leaflets, with our Mass times, and give them to your family and friends, all it takes is an invite.

Two friends for over 40 years were talking; Mary (a practising Catholic) was letting Jane know of her plans to go to Mass, as usual.

"Would you like to come?" Mary asked, Jane looked at her best friend intently and replied, "I've been waiting 42 years for you to invite me." Who would you like to be at Mass with you this Christmas?

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:** some still available for £1

❖ **Reconciliation Service:** Monday 12th December 6.30 at St Augustine's Church. Several priests available for Confession.

ADVENT DEANERY RECONCILIATION SERVICES

- 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.

Holy Family Christmas Raffle: Prizes include:

- £50 Cash and luxury 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, from Deacon Anthony: "Many thanks to those parishioners who contributed to buying 50 Catholic calendars for the men I serve in Prison. Your generosity is much appreciated by the men as it helps them feel a part of society and the Catholic community outside the Prison."

Consultation on Sixth Form Admissions Arrangements: The following sixth forms are consulting on their admission arrangements - All Saints' Sixth Form, Mansfield, Christ the King Sixth Form, Arnold, St Peter & St Paul Sixth Form, Lincoln, The Becket School Sixth Form, West Bridgford and The Trinity School Sixth Form, Nottingham. The consultation will run from 7 December 2022 – 17 January 2023. Details of the consultation, the proposed changes and how to make comment can be found at

www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/governance/admissions

This week:

- **Scripture Group** at Sacred Heart: Thursday 15th December at 2 pm in the sisters of St Joseph of Peace Convent focussing on: Mt 1:18-24 Last meeting this year, the next one will be on **January 5th 2023.**
- **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 14th December 12 noon – all welcome for soup & roll.
- **Warm space at St Augustine's Community Centre:** Monday 12th December 12 noon – all welcome for soup & roll
- **Meditation Group:** Thursday 15th December 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Meeting Room. All Welcome.
- **For those wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith:** Thursday 15th December at 7 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's café. Do join us and see what it's all about.

Wednesday Word: for children's resources on today's Gospel: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christ?pid=MTA101634&v=78.10>

Advent Carol Service: we had a beautiful service this past week with Bishop Patrick leading, organised by PACT, the prison's charity working with families of prisoners. Thank you to the children from Sacred Heart and Our Lady & St Edward's primaries who came and sang so beautifully and to everyone who came.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2023: Forms to
be in by next Sunday, 18th December.**



CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Mrs Astley and Mrs White for all their hard work in preparing for our fayre. Thank you to Year 6 for leading the activities for everyone.



A huge thank you to Santa for visiting. We know how busy you must be at this time!



Well done to our raffle winners and the children who won prizes too! Finally, a huge thank you to all families who joined us on the day and to our team of volunteers for your help. We really appreciated your support. It was a lovely afternoon and we raised approximately £800 which is a fantastic achievement.



ADVENT WREATH SERVICE

Year 3 and 4 are working hard to lead us in prayer, reflection and song during our Advent Wreath Service in church. This will take place on Wednesday 21st December beginning at 2pm. All families welcome.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 12 th December	9am (SH) 6:30pm (SA)	MASS May Kelly's intentions Advent Reconciliation Service at St Augustine's
Tuesday 13 th December St Lucy	10.00 (SA)	MASS Mary & Dave Ryan RIP
Wednesday 14 th December St John of the Cross	9am (OLSE) 10:45am (SH)	MASS Conor Sheeran RIP Requiem Mass for Maria Rosic RIP
Thursday 15 th December	10am (SA)	MASS Marie Dore – health
Friday 16 th December	9am (OLSE) 9am (SH) 7pm Carol Singing; Sneinton	MASS Michael Jennings RIP Brigid & John Boyce RIP Meet at St Christopher's at 7pm for Carol Singing
Saturday 17 th December	6.30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Private intention (Giacone)
Sunday 18 th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.45am (St C) 9.30am (OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11.30am (OLSE)	MASS Dinah & Tim Horan RIP Breda Murphy RIP People of the parish Rosa Coronato RIP Anna Tran Thi Tri RIP

**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.