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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Thank you to all parents who attended our parent teacher meetings last week. If for any reason you were unable to attend, please make an alternative appointment with your child's class teacher. Thank you also for completing our Catholic Life, RE and Collective Worship questionnaire. Feedback is being collated and will be shared with you soon.

Recently, we have had an increasing number of children switching from school dinners and packed lunch throughout the week. We do not allow this as the changes in numbers effect the food orders that the kitchen makes and can lead to shortages. We appreciate the recent increase in school meals for children in Key Stage 2 may influence your decision so want to remind you that you can apply for free school meal entitlement at any point throughout the year. If you would like any advice how to apply, please speak to Mrs Barfield in the office who will be happy to help

The weather last week was extremely cold, please ensure your children wear a warm coat, hat and gloves as we aim to take them out to play in all weathers.

Please make a note of our remaining INSET day this academic year. The final one is Friday 30th June. School will be closed for all children on that day.

As always, follow us on Twitter [@olseacademy](https://twitter.com/olseacademy) for the latest news and photos

MOBILE PHONE INCIDENTS

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had more incidents involving children upsetting other children whilst using their mobile phones at home. Children are part of group chats and are discussing other children within the class. This upset is brought into school and impacts on friendships out on the playground and on learning time as needs to be discussed. We cannot emphasise enough that social media apps are given an age restriction for a reason due to content and inappropriate adverts. We are always proud of how children treat each other in school and we do not want them to believe it is okay to say things in a message they would not say directly to someone. We ask parents to regularly check their children's phones and do not allow them to use the various messaging apps that are available.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

As part of our Lenten journey we are having A non-uniform day on Friday 17th March. This also coincides with St Patrick's Day and Comic Relief.

We ask for a £1 contribution, which will be Donated to Cafod's emergency appeal to Help all those in Turkey and Syria affected By the recent earthquake. Thank you in advance.



WORD OF THE WEEK: ALMSGIVING



Almsgiving means simply giving what we are able to those in need. It's not just about giving money to charity however. You can give of yourself in so many ways - you can give your time, your compassion or your love to those in need and by doing so truly understand what Lent is all about.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Volleyball(Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Badminton(Year 1,2 and 3I)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Fitness (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Athletics (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 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. Last week she said, **"Not the best week for school attendance last week. We had a lot of students who were absent due to snow when school was open. But the winner of last week's attendance was YEAR 2 with 98.3% Huge Well Done to Year 2!**

School Matters!





Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
02.01.23		06.01.23 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	
09.01.23	12.01.23 Year 6 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	09.01.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 10.01.23 Celebration Assembly	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
16.01.23	19.01.23 Year 5 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship 20.01.23 Feast of Blessed Cyprian Tansi	16.01.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Inspire 20.01.23 Talent Show Auditions	
23.01.23	26.01.23 Year 4 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	23.01.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Challenge 27.01.23: Talent Show Final	
30.01.23	02.02.23 Year 3 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	30.01.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Care 03.02.23: Celebration Assembly	
06.02.23	07.02.23 Safer Internet Day 10.02.23 INSET Day	06.02.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Healing 07.02.23 Safer Internet Day Assembly 08.02.23 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
13.02.23	HALF TERM		
20.02.23	23.02.23 Year 2 Retreat afternoon - Discipleship	20.02.23 Word of the Week Assembly – Forgiveness 22.02.23: Ash Wednesday Mass in school 9:15am 24.02.23: Celebration Assembly	
27.02.23	01.03.23 World Book Day Dance Workshop 03.03.23 World Book Day	28.02.22 Word of the Week Assembly - Prayer	
06.03.23		06.03.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Fasting 10.03.23 Celebration Assembly	08.03.23 Parents Evening 1:15-6:30pm
13.03.23	13.03.23 British Science Week	13.03.23 Word of the Week Assembly – Almsgiving 13.03.23 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6 17.03.23 Celebration Assembly	
20.03.23	20.03.23 Assessment Week 23.03.23 Year 1 Retreat afternoon 24.03.23 World Maths Day	20.03.23 Word of the Week Assembly - Sacrifice	22.03.23 – 24.03.23 Briars Residential Year 6
27.03.23		27.03.23 Word of the Week Assembly – Journey 31.03.23 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	

PUPIL VOICE

Thank you to children from Year 3 and 4 who led us in our second Lent liturgy focusing on the theme of almsgiving. Each class received a Lent challenge card with different ways to show how they care for others

Throughout Lent the children will be leading us in reflections:

20th March - led by Year 5 on theme of sacrifice

27th March – led by Year 6 on theme of Journey.

These will begin at 2:30pm and parents are welcome to join us for these.

Today, children in year 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you to Fr Joe and Fr Philip who has made this possible.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Change in Mass Times: with effect from 16th April 2023 9 am - Our Lady & St Edward's, 10.15 am - Sacred Heart, 11.30 am - St Augustine's
For Holy Week & Easter Mass Times, please take a leaflet.

Lent in Holy Family Parish: This week sees the start of events happening in the parish for Lent. If you've not given anything up for Lent, or you've begun eating biscuits and cake again, why not come to the Lenten Reflection evening and just sit and 'be'. Join the Holy Family as we pilgrimage together, nourished by prayer and strengthened by Scripture. See newsletter for times of Stations of the Cross.

- Lenten reflection evening; Tuesday 14th March 7-8pm. Our Lady & St Edward's. Led by Sr Treasa entitled "You are The Body of Christ".
- Evening for Eucharistic Ministers; Wednesday 15th March, 7 – 8 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. For all parish Eucharistic Ministers
- 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD. Friday 17th and Saturday 18th March at St Barnabas Cathedral on Derby Road. Continuous Confessions 5 – 9pm Friday 17th and 8am – 5pm Saturday 18th. Come along and take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Evening for musicians. Monday 20th March 7 – 8 at St Augustine's. For all parish musicians and singers.
- Lenten Reflection evening. Tuesday 21st March 7 – 8 at Sacred Heart Church. Led by Fr Marcus
- Drop in Confessions; Monday 27th 3 – 5pm at Our Lady & St Edward's. Tuesday 28th 3.30 – 5.30 at St Augustine's. Wednesday 29th 3 – 5 at Sacred Heart.
- Evening for Welcomers. Wednesday 29th March 7 – 8.30 at Sacred Heart Community Centre
- Taize Prayer Evening. Thurs 30th March Our Lady & St Edward's 7pm
- Women at the Cross: Monday 3rd April 7 pm at St Augustine's. Reflections from the Women who were 'there'.

Easter Blessing of food: Our Lady & St Edward's on Holy Saturday 8th April at 10 am.

Calling all musicians and singers: please come along on Monday 20th March at 7.00pm down to St Augustine's. We will look at some Eastertide music and talk through our provision of music at Mass after Easter when the new arrangements kick in.

Flower arrangers: We are in urgent need of people for the flower rota at our churches. No experience necessary and expenses refunded. If you could spare an hour or two every few months, please contact the office or one of the welcomers. Training will be given. Thank you.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal raised £1060 – thank you for your generosity. For info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU>
Refreshments after Mass: please contact the office if you would like to be added to the refreshment rota at church. Informal visits will take place to show you the ropes if unfamiliar with the set-up. We do need more helpers. Thank you.

Easter Raffle: first prize is 2-night stay for 4 people at Saints Meadow Luxury retreat cabin, Crich, Derbyshire – see poster – plus other prizes. £1 per ticket available from the back of church. £5 per book.

Come to Lourdes! Bishop Patrick invites everyone in our diocese to join him in coming to this beautiful Marian Shrine between Saturday 15th and Thursday 20th July. Travel will be by air from East Midlands Airport, and the five-night all inclusive prices (full board) start at £709. See the poster at the back of church for more details, or visit <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-nottingham>

Good news!! After an absence of over two years, we will soon be able to start offering again the opportunity to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice during Mass. It will be each individual's choice whether they receive from the Chalice or not, but we will begin offering it at every Mass in the parish, starting on Maundy Thursday evening. There is a leaflet available at the back of Church and on our website, outlining the meaning of Eucharist, our celebration of Mass, and giving some context to this re-introduction of the Chalice.

Planned Giving Envelopes are at the back of church for those already donating by this method, with effect from April.

This week: • Community Café at Sacred Heart (Warm space): this Thursday 12 • Warm space at Our Lady & St Edward's Café: this Wednesday 12 ALL WELCOME TO SOUP AND ROLL AT OUR WARM SPACES • Meditation Group: this week in St Bernadette's Room in Sacred Heart Church at 7.30 pm. • Scripture Group: No meeting this week, 17th March. The Warm Space at St Augustine's has now finished – thank you to all the volunteers who helped out – a great team effort!!

Wednesday Word: this week's link for children's resources for the Gospel: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/god-s-love?pid=MTA101634&v=86.9>

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- ❖ Mary Fitzmaurice (funeral 15th March 10.00 at St Augustine's)
 - ❖ Mary Upton (funeral 21st March 10.30 at St Augustine's)
 - ❖ Brian Trotman (Wednesday 29th 10 am at St Augustine's)
 - ❖ Margaret Tuohy (Thursday 30th 10 am at St Augustine's)
 - ❖ Joselyn Jameson (Gedling Crematorium Friday 31st at 1pm)
- May they all rest in peace.

Funerals: in our parish, we average about 50 – 60 funerals a year. With one priest, being available for all of these will be a stretch. Certain elements of Funeral Liturgies do not need to be led by a priest; Reception and Vigil the night before, simple cremation or burial service, burial of ashes can all be done by a trained lay person. This might be a Eucharistic Minister who had been visiting the deceased, a catechist who knows the family well, someone who leads a prayer group in the parish Could this be you? We will be offering training later in the year in preparing and leading funeral liturgies. If you think you might be interested, please let Fr Joe or Diane in the office know.

Fundraiser: in aid of Rainbows Hospice and Parkinsons on Saturday 25th March am at Foxhill Court Community Room (rear of Tesco) from 10 am; plenty of stalls including tombola cakes, breakfast cobs.

Parish Trip to Mount St Bernard Abbey: in Leicestershire on Monday 1st May. Time of arrival to be confirmed. If you would like to visit Mount St Bernard Abbey with the parish, please add you name to the list at the back of church. We require your name, contact Number/email and transport details. We are hoping that those that are going and have car spaces, will offer to take others.



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

During the week beginning 13th March we will be celebrating, exploring and investigating 'British Science Week' at OLSE.

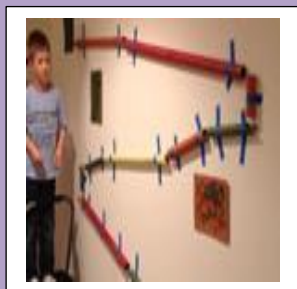
The theme for this year's British Science Week is "Connections".

We will be encouraging our young people to think about the different ways, as humans, we are connected – through transport, communication systems, through our senses, technology and within our environment.

On Monday 13th March there will be a Science Week introduction assembly for the whole school. Each class will be set a connection theme and an investigation challenge to support the development of pupils' 'working scientifically' skills. We aim to share and display our findings with each other in school and online,

Our OLOL Trust is also running a science week competition challenge that we will be undertaking during our **Science Activity Day on Thursday 16th March**. The challenge is to see which class can build the longest marble run from recycled materials – the winning class will receive a construction kit prize for their class. **We need help from home with this challenge – please can your child bring in any recycled materials for this competition, e.g. card tubes, plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, insulation tubes etc. Thank you.**

We are looking forward to an inspiring and enjoyable science week with lots of investigating, exploring, designing and making.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 13 th March	9am (SH)	MASS Bridie & Michael McGowan RIP
Tuesday 14 th March	10am (SA) 6pm (SA) 7pm (OLSE)	MASS Felix Kowal RIP Reception and Vigil for Mary Fitzmaurice RIP Lenten Reflection evening led by Sr Treasa
Wednesday 15 th March	9am (OLSE) 10am (SA)	MASS Holy Souls RIP Requiem Mass for Mary Fitzmaurice RIP
Thursday 16 th March	10am (SA)	MASS Richard, Jas & Jane Trivett RIP
Friday 17 th March	9am (OLSE) 9:15 (SH) 5-9pm	MASS Sheeran & McQuaid families & Stephen Walsh RIP Malcolm Ellis RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Barnabas Cathedral
Saturday 18 th March	8am- 5pm 6:30pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Barnabas Cath Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 19 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:45 (St C) 9.30am(OLSE) 10.00am (SH) 11.00am (SA) 11:30am (OLSE)	MASS People of the parish Rita & Joe Harkins RIP Thomas Keogh RIP Michael & Zofia Szuciak RIP Dec. clergy of Our Lady & St Edward's

FOOTBALL STARS

Well done to Abi, Alley, Cheryl, George, Janka, Pacem, Samuel, Seth, Skyla and Yotam who represented Year 3 and 4 at a football tournament last Monday. The children won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. Mr. Whittle was very impressed with the way you played and supported one another as a team.



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