



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

It is hard to believe we are now approaching 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. Throughout Advent different Liturgies will be led by the children in school.

Year 5 children are coming to the end of their DAaRT project and are busy preparing to graduate. The graduation is due to take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am and parents are welcome to join us.

Year 3 and 4 children are also busy preparing to perform at The Good Shepherd church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 have a non-uniform on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December in return for a full bottle for our bottle stall at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon.

**Our third INSET of this year is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.**

**WORD OF THE WEEK:**

**Kingdom**



The Kingdom of God is a place of peace, justice and love. It is a place where everyone is welcome and everyone is loved.

**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



**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 17th December. Any forms returned after this date will not be accepted. They must be returned to the parish, not school.**



<b>Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40</b>	<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball ( Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Gymnastics (Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	All day 3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball ( Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dodgeball ( Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3.30-5.30

**ATTENDANCE**

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's whole school attendance including Nursery was 95%. The winners of last weeks school attendance was Year 5 with 99%! This is fantastic Year 5 Well Done!

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

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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
04.09.23	05.09.23/06.09.23: INSET Day 06.09.23: School opens to pupils	06.09.23 Whole School Assembly	TB Sport Wrap Around Care begins
11.09.23	13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Residential to Hathersage Year 3 and 4	13.09.23 Welcome Mass led by Year 6. 9:15am in school 14.09.23 Year 6 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 15.09.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	TB Sports Extra Curricular starts
18.09.23	22.09.23: International Day of languages	18.09.23 Whole School Assembly 20.09.23 Choir begins for Year 3 and 4 21.09.23 Year 5 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 22.09.23 International Day Assembly 2:30pm	18.9.23 Meet the Teacher 3.20-3.45pm 19.09.23 Year 6 information evening here at school 6pm 20.09.23 Year 6 Open evening at The Becket 6pm and 7.15pm
25.09.23		25.09.23 Whole School Assembly 28.09.23 SEN Coffee Morning 9.30-11am 28.09.23 Year 4 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 30.09.23 St Therese of Liseux Feast Day- Assembly	
02.10.23	06.10.23 World Mental Health Day	04.10.23 St Francis Feast Day Hub Mass 05.10.23 Year 3 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 06.10.23 World Mental Health Day	Parents Coffee afternoon 2.15pm
09.10.23		11.10.23 Harvest Liturgy led by Year 5, 2:30pm 12.10.23 Year 2 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 13.10.23 Feast of St Edward Mass in church 9:15am	09.10.23 Teacher – Parents meetings 1:00pm-6:30pm
16.10.23		16.10.23 Whole School Assembly 19.10.23 Year 1 Retreat Afternoon – Encounter 20.10.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
23.10.23	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
30.10.23	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
06.11.23		06.11.23 Whole School Assembly linked to Anti-Bullying 10.11.23: Remembrance Day 10.40am	
13.11.23		13.11.23 Whole School Assembly 17.11.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
20.11.23		20.11.23 Whole School Assembly 24.11.23 Judaism Assembly 2.30pm	
27.11.23		27.11.23 Whole School Assembly 01.12.23: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
04.12.23	08.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Fayre	04.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 06.12.23 Advent Reconciliation year 4,5 and 6	
11.12.23		11.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 13.12.23 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 1.30pm 14.12.23 EYFS/KS1 Nativity 9.30am	
18.12.23	20.12.23 Christmas dinner and party afternoon	18.12.23 Advent Liturgy led by Year 1 and 2 21.12.23 Achiever of the Half Term Awards 9.15am 21.12.23 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4 2pm	<b>22.12.23 INSET DAY</b>



## **PARISH NOTICES:**

**Advent and Christmas in Holy Family Parish – For service times take a leaflet from church or visit our website. Give one to your family and friends and ask them to come along.**

**Today is World Youth Sunday, Feast of Christ the King, a day on which Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. In Lisbon this year, Pope Francis told young people that “Jesus’ door is always open: Come and See!” This has inspired the theme for World Youth Day celebrations in England and Wales for 2023, and there are several World Youth Day resources, visit:**

**<https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>**

**Hymn Books:** the hymn books at Our Lady & St Edward’s and St Augustine’s are very tired looking and a bit out of date. We plan to replace them in the next few months with Laudate; this is the best Catholic hymn book on the market and it will mean that we all use the same book across the three churches. **If you would like to dedicate a hymn book for a particular intention, take a green form from the back of church and return it with a donation; suggested amount £10.** The dedication can be in memory of someone who has died or any other prayer intention. It’s lovely to open a hymn book and see a prayer request. There will be 150 books each at OLSE and SA. There are a few books at Sacred Heart without dedications, but most already have them in from a few years ago. Any current dedications in hymn books at OLSE will be transferred over to the new books.

**Church Flower Arrangers Meeting at Our Lady & St Edward’s:** 13th December at 7pm in the café to welcome new and current members. Refreshments will be available. For more information call the office or Yvonne on 07921912326.

**The latest edition of the Diocesan e-Magazine** (with 2 Holy Family articles) was published last week on the Feast of Saint Hugh of Lincoln. Read and/or subscribe to receive it directly via email here: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news)

**School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) -** Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020. The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 15th January 2024. Application forms are available on your ‘home’ Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You **MUST** also include the supporting evidence\* as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

\*If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

**Open Days - Sacred Heart Catholic School, Southcliffe Road, Carlton, NG4 1EQ:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 9.30-11 am or Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 4 – 5 pm. Come and meet the Headteacher and get an insight into the high standards the children achieve through inspiring and creative learning environments. To find out more: [bit.ly/Sacred-Heart-Carlton](http://bit.ly/Sacred-Heart-Carlton) or telephone 0115 911 2117, email [admin@sacredheart.notts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sacredheart.notts.sch.uk)

**HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FROM CHURCHES OR THE OFFICE, £1 PER TICKET – PLEASE TAKE SOME TO SELL TO FAMILY & FRIENDS. To be drawn on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**Volunteer Forms** – thank you to those who have returned the forms – we are waiting for another 40 to come back. If you haven’t received your form, contact the office or give your name to a welcomer. The Diocese (and us) do need a record of all volunteers.



**Events this week in the parish:**

- **Our Lady & St Edward's Café:** Wednesday 12 noon.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart** Thursday 12 noon. All welcome
- **Meditation Group:** All Welcome. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November in the Sacred Heart Community Centre. 7.30 pm.
- **Scripture Group:** is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent focussing on Mk 13:33-37. All are welcome.

**Wednesday Word Link:** resources for children on this week's Gospel:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/kindness?pid=MTA101634&v=110.1>

**Coming Up**

- **Christmas Market - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at the Greyfriars 12-3 pm:** Holy Family will be running a stall. Do come along and support the community – live music, stalls, crafts, festive food and drink.
- **Sacred Heart School Christmas fair:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall 3-5 pm. Come along and join in some festive fun and have a go at our many activities. Entrance £1 per adult.
- **St Augustine's School Christmas Fayre:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 3.40 - 5.30pm in the school hall. Walk around the school enjoying the trees, decorated by the children based on our Gospel Values. Come and enjoy many stalls selling a variety of Christmas gifts, crafts, toys and lots more, all provided by local craft sellers and small businesses. All are welcome.
- **Our Lady & St Edward's School events:** – Parishioners welcome
  - 5<sup>th</sup> December Year 3 and 4 choir are singing at Schools Singing Project Carol Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe at 6pm.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fayre in school beginning at 1:15pm
  - 13<sup>th</sup> December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in school at 1:30pm
  - 14<sup>th</sup> December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in school at 9:30am
  - 21<sup>st</sup> December Advent Wreath Service in school at 2pm

**Synod – what's been happening?** Over the past couple of months, Pope Francis has been meeting in Rome with Synod delegates from all over the world to look at what parishes like ours have been saying as part of the Synod process. There have been questions that the delegates have been considering .... And we have a chance to think about the same topics. **Come along on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7 – 9pm** at Sacred Heart Community Centre to take part. We will look at the same questions considered in Rome and work in the same way that Francis has led the recent Synod.

**A reminder:** Fr Joe's mobile phone number is given on the parish answering machine message. This mobile is to be used **ONLY** for emergencies such as a request for Anointing of the Sick when someone is nearing the end of life. It is NOT to be used for routine enquires or information that could be found on the parish bulletin or website.

**Job opportunities:** In response to the outcomes of the recent consultation, the Diocese of Nottingham is pleased to announce two opportunities for individuals to assist in the mission of the diocese providing key practical support, through Young Adult Ministry and through Communication in the departments of Formation for Mission, Communications, and Outreach (Caritas). To apply visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers)

**Confirmation preparation:** will start in the New Year and we need a team of people to lead our work with young people of secondary school age, training and support will be given ..... if you are interested in being part of the team, let Fr Joe or Diane Williams know.



**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**  
**FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER AT 2:30PM**

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

**NURSERY: Hanani and Faushina**

**RECEPTION: Princess and Omolola**

**YEAR ONE: Nicole and Rylinn**

**YEAR TWO: Rey and Amarah**

**YEAR THREE: Freya and Mailany**

**YEAR FOUR: Thomas and Amelia**

**YEAR FIVE: Cheryl and Connor**

**YEAR SIX: Keelan and Harlan**

Parents of these children, are invited to join us.

**TRANSFER TO RECEPTION**  
**CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2024**

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2024 is now open and closes on 15th January 2024.

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.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!**

We are very excited to be holding our Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 8th December beginning at 1:15pm.

Raffle tickets are still on sale. They cost 20p per ticket or £1 per book. Please return payment and stubs to the office. We will be holding a dress as you like day on Friday 1st 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, some of the children will organise some Christmas themed games for the children and Santa has confirmed he will be visiting us too.

The Christmas Fayre is CASH only.



**Family Mass- The Feast of Christ the King**

Well done to all of the children who joined us in family mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King which is the end of the church's liturgical year. The year ends and celebrates the kingdom of God in all its richness before we begin the new Liturgical year.

