



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week was Anti Bullying Week. This years theme was make some noise. We shared with the children the different types of bullying – physical, verbal and cyber. We spoke to them about consent and no means no.



Also, we spoke to the children about protected characteristics which do not define a person and that they should not be discriminated for their gender, age, race, religion or disability. We will remind them what they need to do if they ever find themselves in a situation when they feel uncomfortable and frightened. It was lovely to see so many children and staff wearing odd socks to show it is okay to be different.

Family Mass Sunday 26th November 2023

As part of our ongoing links with the parish, we have been invited to lead the parish in their Sunday Mass to celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The children will be leading us in the readings, the scripture, Gospel reflection and the bidding prayers as well as the children who are currently altar servers.

All children are to wear their school uniform.

Please join us at 9am.

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.**



WORD OF THE WEEK:

Youth



Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. We can see in young people an example of how to live life to the full. Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
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.

Whole school attendance last week including nursery was 96%. This is fantastic! The winners of last week's attendance was Year 2 with 99%! Congratulations Year 2!

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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 th – 15 th 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	HALF TERM		
30.10.23	HALF TERM		
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	22.12.23 INSET DAY



PARISH NOTICES:

Christmas Decoration Swap and craft event after today's Masses in the halls. Pop in and take a look and see how to make your own from upcycled material.

QUIZ TIME!!!

Social & Games Evening in the SH Community Centre next Friday 24th November from 7.30pm

Fun for all the family, gaming corner, Wii fit, table tennis, card games, quiz sheets, bingo, raffle and much more - or just sit and chat with friends and family. Tickets available after Mass today or from Parish Office during the week. £2 each or £5 per family.

Licensed Bar with pop and & crisps available to buy

Novena for Presentation Day: Parishioners are invited to join the Presentation Sisters at Augustine's for their Novena. Come along to the house at 7pm each evening **until 20th November** for about 40-45 minutes each evening to listen to some aspect of Mary's Life, led by the Sisters.

Renewal of Vows: The Sisters renew their Vows in the presence of the Parish Community this Sunday 19th November, 11.30 Mass at St Augustine's. Cake stall after today's Mass in the hall.

Walk with me booklets now available, £1 from church, with readings and prayers for each day of Advent and a message from Bishop Patrick.

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.

Support for married couples. Check out www.teamsgb.org.uk If you want to find out more, come along to Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, Meadows. NG2 1JQ. Sat 25th Nov, 2 – 3.30pm. If you want to go along, contact bishop.personalsec@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Handel's Messiah by Candlelight by Nottingham Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and special guests on Saturday 16th December at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe beginning at 7 pm. Tickets £5 - £20 from the parish office 0115 926 8288 or goodshepherd@dioceseofnottingham.uk or [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Nottingham Catholic Medical Association – are celebrating their annual Mass on Mon 27th Nov at 8pm in the Eucharistic Chapel, St Barnabas Cathedral. All are warmly invited, bring family and friends. Just turn up... Afterwards there is the option, just 2 mins walk, to gather at Brown's for drinks/order bar snacks (no booking needed, buy your own). Any queries contact Caroline 07757 285 888.

Headteacher vacancy: English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy, Oakham are seeking to appoint a new headteacher starting April 2024. Further details and an application form can be found at www.aquinas-cmat.org/careers/vacancies Closing date 24 November 2023



Coming Up

- **Christmas Fair - Sunday 3rd December at the Greyfriars 12-3: Holy Family will be running a stall. Volunteers wanted! Can you help out or donate good quality items? Contact the office.**
- **Sacred Heart School Christmas fair:** Monday 4th December in the school hall 3pm to 5 pm. Have a go at many activities such as 'whack a pudding', sample prize winning cakes, coal throwing, golden carrot picking, plus many more activities. Entrance £1 per adult. Fr Joe & Diane are running a stall. Please come along and join in some festive fun.
- **Our Lady & St Edward's School events:** – Parishioners welcome
 - 5th December Year 3 and 4 choir are singing at Schools Singing Project Carol Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe at 6pm.
 - 8th December Christmas Fayre in school beginning at 1;15pm
 - 13th December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in school at 1:30pm
 - 14th December EYFS / KS1 Nativity in school at 9:30am
 - 21st December Advent Wreath Service in school at 2pm

Holy Family Christmas Raffle: Prizes wanted! Could you donate a voucher or item for our luxury hamper?

Advent and Christmas in Holy Family Parish

Advent starts on 3rd December

Advent Reconciliation Service; Wednesday 13th December, 7pm. Sacred Heart. Several priests available for Confessions

Sunday 17th Dec; 3rd Sunday of Advent. Blessing of the Bambino during all Sunday Masses. A beautiful tradition: bring your figure of Jesus from your family crib set and we will bless them during Masses – then you can take it back home, ready to complete your crib on Christmas morning.

Wed 20th Dec. St Augustine School Carol Service. 10am in St Augustine's Church.

Wed 20th Dec. Carol Singing in Sneinton. Meet at 7pm at St Christopher's on Trent Lane. NG2 4FH.

Sun 24th Dec; Fourth Sunday of Advent.

9.00am. Mass. Our Lady & St Edward's

11.30am Mass. St Augustine's

Sunday 24th December; Christmas Eve

5.00pm. Sacred Heart. First Mass of Christmas

6.30pm. Our Lady & St Edward's

Monday 25th December; Christmas Day

9.00am. Sacred Heart

10.30am St Augustine's

12.00am Sacred Heart (Italian Mass)

5.00pm Our Lady & St Edward's (Vietnamese Mass)

Tuesday 26th December; St Stephen's Day

9.30am. Our Lady & St Edward's



E-Safety Champions

Well done to the following children for being voted as our new E-Safety Champions, who will work alongside Mr Whittle to ensure that children stay safe online and how we can promote this.

Yr1- Rylinn and Nicole

Yr2- Medet and Nell

Yr3- Majka and Dorian

Yr4- Jessica and Timmi

Yr5- Nicola and George

Yr6-Philip and Chloe

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. 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 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, 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.

