

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

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you had a very peaceful and happy Christmas with family and wish you all a very Happy New Year! On behalf of all the staff and myself, many thanks for all the cards and presents we received for Christmas, you're very generous and we really appreciate it! We hope families of EYFS and KS1 children enjoyed watching their nativity, we all agree they spoke, sang and acted with such confidence. Many thanks to all of you who were able to join us in school for our Advent Wreath Service, it was a lovely end to our term. We look forward to a busy term ahead. Please see the calendar on this newsletter outlining important dates for the term ahead. Your child has also bought home their topic mat which identifies key events, facts and vocabulary they will be learning about over the coming weeks. Please share the topic mats with your child to ensure new learning is reinforced and in turn stored in their long term memory. This information will help them to make links and comparisons with new learning in the future.

This term, children in Year 3 and 4 will take part in Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison, Mrs Nicholson and Mr Jessop. The children will go outside in all weathers so it is essential children wear suitable clothes as they may get muddy. They need a hat, scarf, pair of gloves and bring wellies to wear. Also this term, children in year 5 will be going swimming so need to bring their swimming kit each Wednesday.

Please make a note of our next INSET day this term. It is on Friday 9th February when staff from all the schools within Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust will come together.

School is closed for all children on this day.

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TRANSFER TO RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2024

FINAL WEEK TO APPLY

The closing date for applications is Monday 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 on your application too. Failure to do so will mean the City Council will place your child in a school where there is a place available and this could be further away for you to travel to.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to all families who returned their child's enrolment form before Christmas. There is a meeting for parents (not children) in church tonight at 6pm to discuss how and when we will deliver the programme.



WORD OF THE WEEK: Epiphany



The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th January, 12 days after Christmas day. This very special feast day celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world. It is a time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's birth and to renew our own commitment to following Him. For us, the Epiphany is a time to recognise that Christ came for all people and we see this reflected in the visit of the Magi and the gifts that they brought. What is a gift that you can give to others? This week, think of a way that you can share your gifts with your community and family.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (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: Dance (Year 1,2 and 3l) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	All day 3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Handball (Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Friday Breakfast Club	TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3.30-5.30

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.

School Matters!



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
01.01.24			
08.01.24		08.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Epiphany 12.01.24 Epiphany Mass in church 2pm	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN 08.01.24 Parents meeting in church 6pm for children making their First Holy Communion
15.01.24	19.01.24 Feast of Blessed Cyprian Tansi	15.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 19.01.24 Talent Show Auditions	
22.01.24	25.01.24 School Council working with Lay Chaplain- Catholic Social Teaching	22.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - scripture 26.01.24: Talent Show Final	
29.01.24		29.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Leadership 02.02.24: Celebration Assembly	
05.02.24	06.02.24 Safer Internet Day 09.02.24 INSET Day	05.02.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Diversity 06.02.24 Safer Internet Day Assembly 08.02.24 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
12.02.24	HALF TERM		
19.02.24		19.02.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Prayer 23.02.24: Lent Mass	
26.02.24		26.02.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Fasting led by Year 1 and 2 01.03.24 Celebration Assembly	
04.03.24	06.03.24- World Book Day	04.03.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Almsgiving led by Year 3 06.03.24 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6	04.03.24 Parent teacher Meetings
11.03.24	11.03.24 British Science Week	11.03.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Sacrifice led by Year 4	
18.03.24	22.03.24 World Maths Day 18.03.24 Assessment Week	18.03.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Journey led by Year 5	
25.03.24		28.03.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Passion led by Year 6 28.03.24 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	28.02.24 – 01.03.24 Briars Residential Year 6

A lovely start back to the new term with Nursery and Reception starting their new RE topics.



Funerals and baptisms; Due to the number of baptisms, set dates are offered after each baptism course and families are asked to book onto one of these dates. It is not possible to give families individual dates. Each date/time could have up to 3 families at the same baptism ceremony.

There are increasing challenges with the booking in of funerals. This is mainly due to the lack of availability for burials. Cuts in government funding have left councils with very limited capacity for burials and funerals directors are offered just one or two 'slots' at a cemetery. If this date/time is not possible for the church or priest, then this delays things for a week or two. Families should always leave a funeral director to organise the date and should not try and make the arrangements themselves. **Both these issues will be helped by families being flexible.** If a family requests a particular date and time for a baptism or funeral, they should not be surprised if the church, priest, funeral director or cemetery is not available. Frs Joe, Marcus and Deacon Anthony are as flexible as they can be, but other commitments mean that they are not always available when families demand.

Baptism Course: our next course for those wanting their child Baptised is on Saturday 20th January 10 am – 12 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Please complete and return a Baptism form from the back of church and return it along with a parents Baptism Certificate if not Baptised in the Holy Family Parish before this date.

Second Collection next Weekend: Sick & Retired Priest Fund

Next weekend; 14th January we will, at all Masses, enrol children on the preparation for 1st Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Talk for Young Adults: Join Young Adults from across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire on Thursday 11th January at St Barnabas Cathedral for our monthly gathering. This month Christine Ward of the national Theology of the Body network will give a talk about what actually is theology of the body. The Cathedral will be open for prayer and confession from 6:15pm and the talk will be at 7pm and then we will go to the pub for some social time. Contact cv@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information.

Memory Lane Café: For people with memory loss and their carers. Join them for a cuppa and a chat, a bit of reminiscing and music etc. at The Irish Centre, 2 Wilford Street, Nottingham NG2 1AA, between 12pm – 2.00 pm. Their next sessions will be held on: Thursday 29th February, Thursday 28th March, and Thursday 25th April 2024. £2 entry fee to cover the cost of tea/coffee and cake, but please feel free to bring your own lunch if required. They cannot provide personal care so a family member, support worker or carer are welcome to join you. They are also looking for volunteers to help out at these sessions, an ideal way to meet people and a great addition to your CV. For more information, please contact Sheila: 07915037447 welfare@nottinghamirishcentre.org

Thank you! Our Christmas Raffle raised £800. The winners were: M Russell, S McNamara, L Titmuss, S McCullough, A Nguyen, D Flynn, S Williams and M Rivers. Congratulations! All raffle prizes have been claimed. Thank you to those who provided raffle prizes especially Judy for the Christmas cake and to Orient Chef for the Meal Vouchers. Our other fundraising events raised: Car boot - £386, 2 Cake stalls: £283 and Christmas Fair £115. Thank you for your support.

Holy Family Social: Our next parish event is hosted by the Vietnamese community at The Greyfriars on Sunday afternoon 11th February. Why not book a table - invite your family and friends. Further information and tickets on sale shortly.

Second Collections: over the last few months we have sent off the following amounts: Poor & Needy parish fund - £346. Cafod, including money for the conflict in Palestine - £629, Missio Red boxes - £450, World Mission Sunday - £381. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome to the January 'God who Speaks' updates. **Epiphany:** This month we follow the star <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/>

Please pray for:

- The repose of the souls of Ned Bowe (Funeral Friday 12th Jan, 9.30 OLSE), Jean Sabin (Reception of Body Sun 14th Jan, 4pm (Funeral Mass, Monday 15th 11.30 SH Church), Maria O'Connor (Funeral Mon 29th Jan SH 11 am). May they Rest in Peace.

This week in the parish:

- **Our Lady & St Edward's Café:** Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart** Thursday 12 noon. All welcome
- **Meditation Group:** Thursday 11th January 2024 on zoom. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09> All Welcome.
- **Scripture Group:** is on Friday 12th January at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent focussing on Jn 1:35-42. All are welcome.
- **Children's Liturgy** will start at OLSE on Sunday 7th Jan and will always be on the first Sunday of the Month. For the first time or two, children will be asked to come to the front of church and then leave with the leaders, returning at the Offertory. Thank you to the catechists who have come forward to make this happen.
- **Fr Joe is on call** for both QMC and City hospitals.
- **First Holy Communion and Reconciliation meetings for parents;** attend one only. Monday 8th OLSE 6 – 7 in the church, Tuesday 9th SA 6 – 7 in the hall. Wednesday 10th SH 6 – 7 in the hall. **Children should not come to this meeting – only parents. Please be prompt.**

Wednesday Word Link: resources for children on the Gospel

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=114.2>

Hymn Books: We plan to replace the hymn books 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.

No cash – no problem!! We have now installed a Dona contactless giving machine in all churches. This is very simple to use, just select an amount you would like to donate, or enter your own amount, and touch the card reader with your bank card. If you Gift Aid, it will ask you for your name, post code and house number. This information is required only once for all our machines. Thank you for your generosity.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Solemnity of the Epiphany: Christ is the Mediator, the bridge that we cross to turn to the Father. He is the only Redeemer, He is the Mediator par excellence. Each prayer we raise to God is through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, and is fulfilled thanks to his intercession. The Holy Spirit extends Christ's mediation to every time and every place: there is no other name by which we can be saved. Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity. *To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer*

Children's Liturgy:

Our Lady & St Edward's:	Sunday 7 th January Sunday 4 th February Sunday 3 rd March
St Augustine's:	14 th and 28 th January 11 th and 25 th February 10 th and 24 th March

Sacred Heart Children's liturgy is every Sunday during term time.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Huge congratulations to Kenneilia, Jenny, Isabel, Medet, Lilly, Jessica, Cheryl and Nadal who were our Achievers of last Half Term. As it was the end of term, Miss Greenwood also chose a child and awarded a badge to Kaylin in Year 6. Independent, confident, lovely, focused, consistent, determined, enthusiastic, organised and polite are just some of the many qualities used to describe you all.

Well done to St Joan of Arc house who were our House Point winners for last half term. The house captains for St Joan of Arc will decide what your treat will be and this will take place over the next couple of weeks.

Epiphany Mass

Parents are welcome to join us in church on Friday 12th January at 2pm as we celebrate the Epiphany Mass, the first mass of the term.

Congratulations to:

110 children who were awarded at least 100 house points over the Advent Term and achieved their Bronze Award. Congratulations to: Oakley James, Julia, Raphael, Benjamin, Jahvi, David, Mihret, Luis, Chicago, Tiffany, Nadia, Michael, Alex, Finlay, Najam, Orlaith, Emily, Imelda, Sammy, Piotr, Adiel, Emmanuel, Kevin, Milan S, Sheila, Michelle, Chiwetara, Lisa-Marie, Nell, Patrick, Sinead, Liam, Elizabeth, Abdoul, Chian, Medet, Melva, Lena, Alessia, Rey, Sophie, Joshua, Joseph, Alex, Eliash, Blanka, Ebube, Nrayah, Michal, Rozalia, Grace, Amara, Daisy, Filip, Orlaith, Evelyn, Mailany, Olly, William, Roman, Daniel, Nuala, Chiamaka, Lilly, Eva, Gabi, Dorian, Adam, John, Janice, Zofia, Majka, Sophie, Matthew, Emmanuella, Amelia, Martin, Filip, Charlie, Philip, Leo, Hermela, Cleondra, Hannah, Anthony L, Victory, Jeremiah, Tobeche, Abi, George, Nihal, Olivia H, Lena, Alley, Cheryl, Amelia, Samuel, Natam, Skyla, Tiarni, Nicola, Diana, Keelan, Sree, Chloe, Gordon, Katie, Siyane, Tyler, Kaylin