



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week the weather was cold, please ensure your child is wearing a warm winter coat and has a hat and a pair of gloves as they still go outside to play at break and lunch. We also have a small number of children who do not wear the correct uniform. Girls cannot wear leggings, they are able to wear school trousers or tights in the winter months. Joggers and hoodies worn for PE must be plain black or navy and not branded. We believe every child should feel included and part of our school community.

Today, children in Year 3 and 4 continue to take part in Forest School sessions with Mrs Nicholson and Mr Jessop. The children go outside in all weathers so it is essential children wear suitable clothes, as they may get wet and muddy. They need a hat, scarf, a pair of gloves and bring wellies to wear.

Year 3 and 4 begin their choir sessions again with Mr Treloar again. This later than planned as Mr and Mrs Treloar welcomed baby Xavier Joseph Gregory on 6th January. We look forward to listening to what they learn during the season of Ordinary Time and later on in Lent.

On Thursday, our School Councillors will work with our Chaplain to think about how we as a school live out Catholic Social Teaching. In school this half term we are thinking about how we value the human dignity of all, and how we care for our common home – God’s world.

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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WORD OF THE WEEK: SCRIPTURE



Scripture is the Word of God, found in the books of the Bible. Scripture tells the story of God's love for humanity, we learn about God's plan for our lives, and we are inspired to live a life of faith. Scripture can also be a source of comfort and guidance in difficult times and speaks to us throughout our lives.

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

.THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

It was lovely to recently receive a letter from Cafod thanking everyone at school for a wonderful donation of £1,300 This will go towards repairing broken boreholes preventing people in Uganda from drinking dirty water. We have our next tuck shop on Friday. Children can bring 50p to spend.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION BEGINS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to **Adam, Bryan, Dorian, Emmanuella, Eva, Evelyn, Filip C, Filip Z, Gabi, Janice, Jessica, Lily, Mailany, Nuala, Oliver, Omobolaji, Orlaith, Thomas and Zofia R** who begin their preparation to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The first session is tonight in the parish café at 6pm.



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.

What a sensational week for school attendance this week with all year groups in the high 90's!!!!The winners of the whole school attendance this week are N1 with a whopping 100%!! Well Done little ones! A very close second were Year 5 with 99%!





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

PUPIL VOICE – CYPRIAN TANSI FEAST DAY

On Friday 19th January, we celebrated the feast day of Blessed Cyprian Tansi with a house liturgy in school. We chose to name one of our houses Cyprian Tansi because he was born in Africa and moved to England. We have lots of children in school whose families share African traditions. We believe it is important to celebrate the diversity of our school and the different countries and cultures that make up our school. We can use Cyprian Tansi’s skills of courage, faith, bravery, kindness and respect by working as a team, sharing our knowledge and helping.



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PARISH NOTICES

Welcome: this weekend we warmly welcome Fr Simon Gillespie who will be celebrating Mass at 2 of our churches. Thank you

Thank you to everyone in the parish who contributes to the Holy Family Foodbank. Not a week goes by without Fr Joe or others taking bags of food up to OLSE to be distributed to those in need. Be assured that it is going to support individuals and families who are very appreciative of the generosity of the parish. Thanks also to the SVP at OLSE who coordinate this foodbank. If you are in need of this support, then you can speak confidentially to any member of the Pastoral Team and they will give you a referral letter with details of how to contact the foodbank and arrange support. It is completely confidential.

Funerals: there are increasing problems with families trying to arrange a funeral and insisting on a particular day and time and not being flexible when trying to make the arrangements. The availability of church, priest, cemetery or crematorium, funeral directors and family all have to come together and if one element of all those involved expects everyone else to fall in with what they want, then funerals are delayed, or families start shopping round for another church. The parish and clergy are being as flexible as they can but will not always be available on a day the family have fixed on. Please bear this in mind

Children's Liturgy: Our Lady & St Edward's: Sunday 4th February, Sunday 3rd March **St Augustine's:** 28th January, 11th and 25th February, 10th and 24th March. **Sacred Heart** Children's liturgy is **Sundays** during term time.

Confirmation 2024: details and dates of the programme have been sent out to all candidates by email or post. If you have not received the information, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- Maria O'Connor RIP (Reception 4pm Sun 28th Jan, Funeral Mass 11am Monday 29th at Sacred Heart)
- Mary Logelain RIP (Gedling Crematorium Monday 29th Jan, 4pm)
- Margaret McManamon RIP (Reception 6pm Tues 30th Jan, Funeral 11am Wednesday 31st Jan. Sacred Heart)
- Mary Kelly RIP (Reception 6pm Thurs 1st Feb, Funeral Mass Fri 2nd, 11.30am at Our Lady & St Edward's)
- Marie Dore (Reception 4.30pm Tuesday 6th Feb, Funeral service 11 am Wednesday 7th Feb, St Augustine's)

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 25th January 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 26th January at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent focussing on Mark 1:21-28. All are welcome.

Fr Joe is away from Friday 19th – Sat 27th. If a priest is required urgently in this time (for end-of-life anointing for example) please contact either the Cathedral (0115 9539839) or Good Shepherd (0115 9268288). For all other enquiries, please contact the parish office.

Wednesday Word Link: resources for children on this week's Gospel <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/community?pid=MTA101634&v=116.3>

Hymn Books: We still have plenty of new hymn books which need a dedication - 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. Any current dedications in hymn books at OLSE will be transferred over.

Contactless Giving: Our new Donamachines are in all churches near the exits and are really simple to use: Touch the screen, Select amount, Touch the card reader at the side of the screen with your phone / card.

To Gift Aid, you will need to insert your name and postcode and house number. This information is required only once for all our machines.

Notts Hospice Appeal: over the following two weekends we will be joined by Becky Sills, from Nottinghamshire Hospice which is situated in our parish at 384 Woodborough Road, Nottingham NG3 4JF. She will be talking about the hospice to raise awareness and to raise funds. She writes: "Since opening in 1980, Nottinghamshire Hospice has provided palliative and end-of-life care in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Our services are provided free of charge to our patients and their families. We believe everyone has a right to expect care and a death which respects and celebrates their life, is dignified and is in a place with those around them that they care for. Because of this, most of our care takes place in people's homes – last year, we provided 31,101 hours of care in people's homes and cared for 2,489 people living across Nottinghamshire. At our Woodborough Road site, there are services such as physio, social groups and craft groups. In addition to this, we have qualified Counsellors and emotional support volunteers to support people facing bereavement. Visit our website for more information: <https://www.nottshospice.org>". Becky will be speaking at Our Lady & St Edward's and St Augustine's next Sunday, 28th January, and Sunday 4th February at Sacred Heart.

This week's Reflection from Pope Francis: If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus' prayer also become our own. "I cannot pray today, I don't know what to do: I don't feel like it, I am unworthy". In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, "You are God's beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven". Visit: dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer for more info and for the Year of Prayer podcast exploring a type of Lectio Devina.



OLSE'S GOT TALENT 2024

Our House Captains were very proud of the wonderful array of talent, which was on show on Friday afternoon at our Talent Show auditions. There was singing, magic, instruments, jokes and lots more to admire. Each house voted for their favourite act from EYFS/Key Stage 1 and their favourite from Key Stage 2.

Congratulations to:

Emmanuel, Alley and Max

Lena, George, Lena, Tyler, Tobechi and Yotam

Patrick, Janka, Javonna, Jeremiah and Seth

Melva and Timmi.

House Captains chose a wild card to go through and after much deliberation we say

Congratulations to:

Eva

Bryan and Filip

Alessia

Chloe and Katie

The final will take place on Friday 26th January beginning at 1:30pm. If your child is in the final or is a House Captain, you are welcome to join us. We have some very famous faces from our community joining us to judge the event!

We would like Friday to be a non-uniform day for everyone so please wear the colour of your house to support our finalists.

Thank you,

Harlan, Paige, Nadal, Serghel, Jessy, Tommy,

Hollie-Mae and Filip.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 22 nd January St Vincent	9am (OLSE)	MASS Agnes Spencer RIP & dec. relatives and friends of J. Mannix RIP
Tuesday 23 rd January	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 th January St Francis de Sales	6pm (SH)	MASS No Mass or service
Thursday 25 th January The Conversion of St Paul	10am (SA)	MASS Maggie Lacey RIP
Friday 26 th January Ss Timothy and Titus	9am (SH)	MASS Ints. of Filomena Di Francesco Marino (90th birthday)
Saturday 27 th January	10am (SA)	VIGIL MASS Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Augustine's. 10 – 11am
Sunday 28 th January Fourth Sunday of the Year	9.00am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Mary Walsh RIP Paddy Kenny RIP People of the parish

HOLY FAMILY SOCIAL

Please celebrate with the parish whilst enjoying a delicious Vietnamese meal. Tickets are on sale at all of our churches after mass over the coming weeks - - ask a Welcomer. If you attend Sacred Heart, they are available from the shop. Payment can also be made on the Dona machine.



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