



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

**We hope you have enjoyed a lovely half term break with your family and friends.** This half term, children in Year 3 and 4 continue to 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 wet and muddy. They need a hat, scarf, pair of gloves and bring wellies to wear. Also, this half term, children in year 5 continue with their swimming lessons so need to bring their swimming kit each Wednesday.

During half term we celebrated Ash Wednesday and are now in the penitential season of Lent. Please join us on Friday as our Chaplaincy team lead us in Mass. This will take place in school beginning at 2pm. Our Year 6 children are looking forward to their two night residential at The Briars next week. Please ensure any outstanding balances are paid by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Our Lady and St Edward parish are looking to recruit volunteers for a variety of roles including church cleaners and flower arrangers. If you are interested in serving the parish, please contact Diane Williams either by phoning 0115 9118266 or email [ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk) You will need to complete a volunteer form and training will be given for all roles.**

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

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**WORD OF THE WEEK: PRAYER**



God made prayer as a way for us to communicate with him. Through prayer, we can praise God, ask for forgiveness, thank God for all He has one, and ask for his help. Prayer happens in many different ways, such as through words, music, or silence. During Lent, we can use prayer to reflect on our relationship with God, and to ask for his guidance and strength.

<b>Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40</b>	<b>EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b>	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Volleyball Year 4, 5 and 6) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Athletics (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: Tennis ( Year 1,2 and 3) TB Sport Wrap Around Care	3:30 - 4:30 3.30-5.30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Gymnastics ( 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

**HOLY FAMILY SOCIAL**



**RACE NIGHT:** Back by popular demand on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Licensed bar. Tickets £2 from the office or churches. Great fun!!!!

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

There is a meeting on Wednesday for parents whose children are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The meeting will be at Sacred Heart Community Centre beginning at 7pm and last an hour. Please note this is just for parents and not children.



**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.

**Welcome back Our Lady and St. Edwards, I hope you have all had a lovely half term? We had a nasty sickness bug in school on the last week before we broke up and I hope all students are feeling much better and ready to learn this week! The winners of the last week of half terms attendance was Year 4 with 98% - Well Done**





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	
<b>12.02.24</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
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**

**As part of us celebrating Children’s Mental Health Week we have so many scarves on show in school to show our @SCARF values - keeping safe, caring for ourselves and others, achieving our best, being resilient and being a good friend.**



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## **PARISH NOTICES**

**This Sunday** a member of the parish Live Simply (Cafod) group will speak briefly at all masses in advance of Cafod Lenten Fast Day. Please take an envelope today. Next weekend, they will give out Lent 'pledge' cards on which we can write our Lenten promise. There are a couple of great videos 5 - 10 mins each, which really explain this year's cause well with interviews with the fishermen themselves and the local CAFOD project worker. <https://vimeo.com/895898302>

<https://vimeo.com/903311844>

### **LENT IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH**

**Taizé Prayer service;** Sunday 3rd March, 6pm at Sacred Heart Church

**Women at the Cross;** an evening of reflection through the eyes of some of the witnesses to the Crucifixion. Monday 25th March 7 – 8pm St Aug.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Our Lady & St Edward's:** 7pm Tuesdays February 20th, 27th, March 5th, 12th, 19th

**St Augustine's:** 7pm Fridays February 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

**Sacred Heart:** Fridays after 9.15 am Mass

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Reconciliation Service;** Monday 11th March 7pm Our Lady & St Edward's. Several priests available for confession.

**'Drop-in' confessions;** Monday 18th March 3 – 5pm, Our Lady & St Edward's Tuesday 19th March 3.30 – 5.30pm St Augustine's Wednesday 20th March 3 – 5pm Sacred Heart

**Flower Arranging Course:** one of our florists is running a flower arranging workshop at Our Lady & St Edward's Café on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning 21st Feb at 6.30 pm to learn basic techniques. It's aimed at new arrangers willing to join a flower rota at one of our churches, no experience necessary. Flowers and sundries will be provided, please bring any foliage and scissors/secateurs. Booking required via the office 0115 9118266 or email, or Yvonne 07921912326

**Mary Potter Visitor Centre, Nottingham:** we are organising a parish visit to the centre beginning at 10 am at the Cathedral on Wednesday 28th February. We have 20 spaces, if you would like to go contact the office.

**Book Sale:** at Our Lady & St Edward's after Mass on Sunday – pop into the meeting room next door to the café and pick up a book or two. The Franciscans left behind their library, as did some of their successors, so we have lots of books to clear out. No fixed price, just make a donation.

**Lost Property** at Our Lady & St Edward's seems to have piled up. Have you lost anything? If so, take a look at the back of church.

**Diocesan Lenten Retreats:** As we celebrate the Year of Prayer and we look for ways to grow in our prayer life, try a retreat. Each retreat day will run from 10am-4pm: Saturday 2nd March – Young Adults' Retreat (18-35) with Word on Fire – Holy Cross Leicester (Free); Saturday 9th March – Women's Retreat (18+) – Holy Trinity, Newark (£12); Saturday 23rd March – Men's Retreat (18+) – Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire (£12). For more info visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/events) or email [adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Calling Catholic Teachers:** If you are a Catholic teacher currently working outside of Catholic education and would like to find out more about the joys of working in a Catholic school, a virtual information session will take place on Monday 4th March from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Contact Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan education Service:

[julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)

**Please pray** for the repose of the souls of:

**Michael Cambell RIP** (Funeral Fri 1st March 2.15 OLSE)

**John Searby RIP** (Reception Tues 5th March, 5pm, Funeral Mass Wed 6th March 10.00 SH)

**Eileen Gallivan RIP** (Reception Sun 10th March 6.30pm, Funeral Mass Mon 11th, 11.00. OLSE)

**Jimmy Greaney** (funeral details tbc)

### **This week:**

• **Our Lady & St Edward's Café:** Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.

**First Holy Communion parents meeting;** Wednesday 21st. 7 – 8 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Just for parents, not children. • **Community Café at Sacred Heart** Thursday 12 noon. All welcome

• **Meditation Group:** Thursday 22nd February via zoom Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. All welcome. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUJz09>

**Scripture Group:** is on Friday 23rd February at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent. During Lent we will be focussing on a book by Dominicans Radcliffe and Popko: 'Questioning God' which explores Biblical conversations with God through a series of questions and Scripture readings. 2nd Sunday in Lent: Where is Abel, your brother? (Genesis 4:1-16). All are welcome.

**Friday is Cafod Lenten Fast Day;** pick up a Cafod envelope from church and try and go without some food on Friday, donating the saved money to Cafod.

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=119.3> **SPECIAL HALF TERM EDITION**

**Job Vacancy at Holy Family Parish:** part time (10 hours) Adult Formation Coordinator. If you are interested in applying for the role or would like more information contact Diane Williams, Community Coordinator: 0115 9118266 [ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk) The closing date 26th February.

**Thank you!!** To the Vietmanese Community for hosting our meal last Sunday. An amount of £1137 was raised in ticket sales, raffle and donations. Thank you, also, to the Greyfriars for the use of the venue.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO .....**

All our pupils who were recognised by their teachers during the Lent Term and awarded Achiever of the Half Term –kind, thoughtful, resilient, positive, hard-working, reflective, polite, well behaved and cheerful are just some of the many words that were used to describe you. **Well done to Sophie, Jessica, Andrei, Byrian, Filip, Philip M, Natan and Siyane**



**Congratulations to the following children who achieved:**

**Bronze awards (100 house points)**

Janelle, Andrei, Jeremy, Joseph, Mila, Samuel Z, Ethan, Mark, Zack, Alan, Oliver, Jayden, Omobolaji, Bryan, Julia, Elijah, Michelle, Isabella, Anthony S, Kian, Nikodem, Oskar, Isaiah, Kyanna, Oliwia D, Sara, Seth, Shalom, Yotam, Javonna, Huy, Axel, Keira, Darragh, Kaylin, Sam, Hollie-Mae and Katie.

**Silver Award (250 house points)**

Julia, Finlay, Antonina, David, Mmolola, Olivia, Brenda, Princess, Joseph, Jessica, Evanna, Seamus, Melva, Rebecca, Hannah, Emmanuella, Cheryl, Connor, Diana, Rose and Samuel.



**MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	9am (OLSE) 11am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Peggy Towey RIP Requiem Mass for Betty Conlon RIP
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	10am (SA)  7pm (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Service of Word and Holy Communion Stations of the Cross; Our Lady & St Edward's
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	6.00 Mass; (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Doyle & Pykett RIP
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February <b>Chair of St Peter</b>	10am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Geoffrey Reagan's intentions
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February <b>Cafod Lent Fast Day</b>	9:30am (SH)  2pm (OLSE)  7pm (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Fr Peter Wilson RIP. In school. Parents and parishioners welcome Holy Souls RIP. In school. Parents and parishioners welcome Stations of the Cross; St Augustine's
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	10am (SA)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Augustine's. 10 – 11am
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	9.00am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:300am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Michael Kelly RIP (anniv) Peter Finn RIP People of the Parish

**HOUSE POINT WINNERS**

**Although it was a short half term, our children managed to collect an amazing 15,106 house points. Each house won the following:**

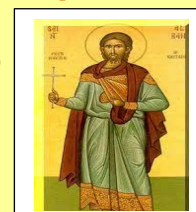
**St Joan of Arc: 3,501 points**

**St Therese of Liseux: 3,526 points**

**Blessed Cyprian Tansi: 3,871 points**

**St Alban: 4,208 points.**

**Children in St Alban house will receive their prize later this week.**



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