



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

Our Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their two night residential at The Briars. On Wednesday they spent the day at Conkers and despite the muddy conditions they had a great time. Whilst there, they enjoyed an indoor play area, a visit to a 4D cinema and playing in the adventure playground.



Whilst at The Briars, they participated in the Agents of Love Programme around the scripture Micah 6:8 **The Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God.** The 'Agents of Love' programme enabled our young people to explore what it means to be in service to God, each other and the world. Through learning and practicing virtues as well as working on the CST principle of solidarity and social justice.



There was also plenty of time to chill too playing pool and Uno, going on a walk in the countryside and the disco was great fun too. Many thanks to Mr Whittle and Mrs Landa who stayed with the children.

**Please make a note of our remaining INSET day this academic year. The final one is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. School will be closed for all children on that day.**

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**WORD OF THE WEEK: ALMSGIVING**



Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others. Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God's blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.

<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 3I) 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

**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. **Well done to year 6 who achieved 100% attendance last week. Well done to reception, year 1, 3 and 5 who all had attendance above 98%. Let's keep this up throughout school.**

**School Matters!**





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**

**Year 3 & 4 have been enjoying the theme of 'dragons' in forest school. We have shared, played dragon team games, created clay dragon's eyes, made shelters for dragon eggs and have made 'dragon's breath' – whilst learning about setting and lighting a campfire safely.**



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## **PARISH NOTICES**

**Holy Week services:** We need ministers to sign up for which Holy Week services they are able to help at ....readers, welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers etc ....Please sign the sheets at the back of church to help with our planning for this most important week in the Church's year.

**Book Sale** After Mass at Sacred Heart this weekend, there is a book sale in the hall. Lots of religious/spiritual books and secular titles too.....

**CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal:**£1166 was donated, thank you! You can still give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) or cash to the church.

**Are you interested** in handing on your faith to others by working in the Holy Family Parish as our Adult Faith Formation coordinator, to organise and support opportunities for the faith formation of adults through Sacramental preparation programmes, and other opportunities? If so, take a look at the job description on the website <https://ccen.co.uk/jobopportunity/> and join our great committed team. Application forms available from the office or: [ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**No to Nottingham Cuts! - Action Network:** Bishop Patrick has urged us all to sign the petition opposing Nottingham City Council cuts to our services during a time when they are most needed: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/no-to-nottingham-cuts>

**Framework's annual Spring Service** at Southwell Minster, on Saturday 23rd March at 10:30am. Free of charge but there will be a collection towards their Building Better Futures appeal. Doors open at 10am for a 10:30am start followed by refreshments: <https://www.frameworkha.org/>

**The Sisters of St Joseph of Peace** invite you to a Day for Young People 15- 18yrs, 9-12 noon, 19 -25yrs, 2-5pm and 25+, 6-8pm on Saturday 27th April at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Hall, Nottingham, NG6 9ES, with time for prayer, reflection, discussion, fun and getting to know other young people in a relaxed and friendly environment. The Retreat will be led by the Verbum Dei Missionary Community. For more information contact [maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com](mailto:maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com)

**Planned Giving Boxes - commencing 7 th April 24:** these are now ready for collection from the back of church and are mainly for those who cannot contribute by Direct Debit but Gift Aid their donation. If you are eligible to Gift Aid and would like a set of envelopes, please contact the office.

**The Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** will be led by Bishop Patrick between Monday 15th and Friday 19th July. By air from East Midlands Airport directly to Lourdes, prices for the full-board five-day pilgrimage start at £819, including a full liturgical programme, and medical care and assistance for those who need it. For more details visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes)

**EASTER TRIDUUM** **Holy Thursday 28th March;** Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm St Augustine's **Good Friday 29th March;** Service of The Passion 3pm. Our Lady & St Edward's Good Friday Stations of the Cross with Veneration 7pm. St Christopher's, Trent Lane, Sneinton **Holy Saturday 30th March;** Easter Vigil of the Resurrection 8 pm Sacred Heart **Easter Sunday 31st March.** 9am Our Lady & St Edward's, 10.15am Sacred Heart, 11.30am St Augustine's

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

- 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 RIP (Reception 6pm, Thurs 14th March, Requiem Mass 10.00 Fri 15th at St Barnabas Cathedral)
- Oliver Dwyer RIP (Reception 6.30pm Monday 18th March, Requiem Mass Tuesday 19th 11.30. Sacred Heart).

**This week:**

**Monday 4th;** Christ the King School Governors meeting • Our Lady & St Edward's Café: Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome. • Live Simply Meeting:

**Tuesday 5th** OLSE café 7.30 pm. All Welcome • Wednesday: Confirmation sessions; St Augustine's. 7.30pm • Community Café at Sacred Heart Thursday 12 noon. All welcome • Meditation Group:

**Thursday 7th** Meditation Group at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre. All welcome. •

**Friday 8th** scripture group 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. 4 th Sunday in Lent: What is your name? (Genesis 32:23-33)

Diane is on annual leave this week. Office is still open, ring the office for opening hours.

**Wednesday Word:** resources for children on today's Gospel - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesdayword/enthusiasm?pid=MTA101634&v=12>



**OUR LENT JOURNEY IN SCHOOL**

Thank you to Year 1 and 2 who led us in A liturgy on the theme of fasting. They reminded us when Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days and nights. They shared some ways we can fast but also do something extra:

Fast from hurting others and be a better friend.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from feeling pressured and be more prayerful.

Fast from anger and instead be filled with patience.

Fast from using hurtful words and instead say kind, positive things to others.

Fast from watching TV or going on your tablet but instead spend more time with family and friends.

Fast from saying the negative and use kind words



Throughout Lent, the children will be leading us in reflections:

4th March at 9:05am – led by Year 3 theme of almsgiving

11th March at 2:30pm - led by Year 4 theme of sacrifice

18th March at 2:30pm – led by Year 5 theme of Journey.

28th March at 2:30pm – led by Year 6 theme of passion.

Children in year 4, 5 and 6 will also have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you to Fr Joe who has made this possible.

**MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

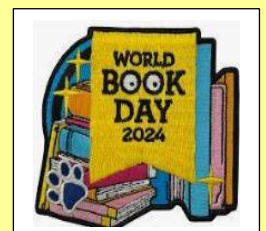
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March <b>St Casimir</b>	9am (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Fr William Newton RIP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	10am (SA)  5pm (SH)  7pm (OLSE)	<b>MASS</b> Service of Word and Holy Communion Reception and Vigil for John Searby RIP Stations of the Cross; Our Lady & St Edward's
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10am (SH) 1.30 – 3 6pm Mass; (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Requiem Mass for John Searby RIP Confessions at OLSE school Fiona Lane's intentions
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Ss Perpetua and Felicity</b>	10am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Mary Kelly RIP
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March <b>St John of God</b>	9am (SH)  7pm (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Fr Henry Young RIP. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross; St Augustine's
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	10am (SA)	<b>VIGIL MASS</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Augustine's. 10 – 11am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	9.00am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Fiona Leak RIP People of the parish Fr Terry Fellows RIP

**WORLD BOOK DAY  
FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

On Friday children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character or snuggle up with a good book and wear their pyjamas to school.

On Friday, we invite parents into school to read with their child on Friday morning between 8:50 and 9:15am.

All children will take part in reading themed activities throughout the day and pupil librarians will lead activities too at break time.



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