



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

Thank you to all the parents who came into school last week to meet their child's class teacher to discuss the progress they are making. We look forward to meeting the remainder of parents throughout this week. Thanks also to those parents who completed our parent view questionnaire, we will share the opinions with you before the end of this term.

On Friday we celebrated World book day in school. Thank you to all parents who came into school to share a story with their child. The children looked amazing as they dressed as their favourite character.



Throughout the day, the children participated in a range of reading related activities including character descriptions, book reviews as well as moving and dancing like their favourite characters. All enjoyed the hot chocolate and biscuit treat too,



Today your child will have their photo taken and you will have the opportunity to purchase their class photo.

On Wednesday, all children in year 5 will require a pair of shorts and a t-shirt as well as their usual swimming costume as they will be assessed on their life saving skills during their lesson.

**Please make a note of our remaining INSET day - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. School will be closed for all children on that day.**

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**WORD OF THE WEEK: SACRIFICE**



During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God, and that we too, are called to live our lives for others as humble servants.

| Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40 | EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Monday Breakfast Club          | TB Sport: Volleyball Year 4, 5 and 6)<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care   | 3:30 - 4:30<br>3.30-5.30  |
| Tuesday Breakfast Club         | TB Sport: Athletics (Year 1,2 and 3I)<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care   | All day<br>3:30 - 4:30<br>3.30-5.30   |
| Wednesday Breakfast Club       | TB Sport: Tennis ( Year 1,2 and 3)<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care      | 3:30 - 4:30<br>3.30-5.30  |
| Thursday Breakfast Club        | TB Sport: Gymnastics ( Year 4, 5 and 6)<br>TB Sport Wrap Around Care | 3:30 - 4:30<br>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 5 who achieved 100% attendance last week. Well done to nursery, reception, year 3 and 4 who all had attendance above 98%. Let's keep this up throughout school.**

**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<br>12.01.24 Epiphany Mass in church 2pm   | EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN<br>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<br>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<br>26.01.24: Talent Show Final   |  |
| 29.01.24        |   | 29.01.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Leadership<br>02.02.24: Celebration Assembly   |  |
| 05.02.24        | 06.02.24 Safer Internet Day<br>09.02.24 INSET Day                           | 05.02.24 Word of the Week Assembly - Diversity<br>06.02.24 Safer Internet Day Assembly<br>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<br>23.02.24: Lent Mass  |  |
| 26.02.24        |   | 26.02.24 Word of the Week Assembly – Fasting led by Year 1 and 2<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>28.03.24 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly                             | 28.02.24 – 01.03.24 Briars Residential Year 6  |

## PUPIL VOICE

**Well done to St Alban house who enjoyed their prize for winning the most house points last half term. House captains Filip and Hollie-Mae presented Mrs Rogers with a shopping list so all children could enjoy an ice cream. Despite the cold weather, the children enjoyed a choice of flavours, sauce and of course a chocolate flake.**

**Serghel and Nadal organised a disco and games session for the children in St Joan of Arc house too. Mrs Turnbull said the children had a great time.**

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

**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 March 12th, 19th St Augustine's: 7pm Fridays March 15th, 22nd Sacred Heart: Fridays after 9.15 am Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Lenten Reconciliation Service**; Monday 11th March, 7.00 at Our Lady & St Edward's. Several priests available for Confession. Come and make your spiritual preparation for Easter by celebrating God's mercy and forgiveness. **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

**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.

**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's 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. This will be led by the Verbum Dei Missionary Community. For more info; [maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com](mailto:maureenbrennancsjp@gmail.com)

**Planned Giving Boxes - commencing 7th 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.

**Red Missio Boxes**: Please could anyone with a Red Missio Box bring it in to be emptied. Leave it with Deacon Anthony or Bernadeta Gabb at St Augustine's by the 6/7th April or to the Welcomers/Sacristy at Sacred Heart and Our Lady & St Edward's Churches. If you don't have a box and would like one, there are spares available at the back of the church or please ask for one. Alternatively, you can arrange to pay by direct debit – forms are available at the back of church. Thank you for your support.

**Diary Date**: Saturday 15th June – we will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Our bus leaves Sacred Heart at 8.15 am and costs £26, we have 26 seats. Contact the office if you would like to go.

**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 of the Cross** 7pm. St Christopher's, Trent Lane, Sneinton Blessing of the Easter Food. **Holy Saturday** morning 30th March. 10am. Our Lady & St Edward's 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:**

- 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:**

- Our Lady & St Edward's Café: Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Thursday 12 noon. All welcome
- Meditation Group: Thursday 14th March is via zoom. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINM WtMRDdkMEpUJz09>

- Scripture Group: Friday 15th March at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent. In Lent we will be focussing on a book; 'Questioning God' which explores Biblical conversations with God through a series of questions and Scripture readings. 5 th Sunday in Lent: And if they ask "What is His name", what shall I say? (Exodus 3:1-14)

**This week's reflection from Pope Francis**: Reflect on how constant prayer was the driving force of the missionary activity of the first Christians. Saint Luke tells us that they "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Today too the Church's life is centred on prayer, which unites us to Christ, and inspires our witness to the Gospel and our charitable service to those in need. To read the full reflection and find more resources at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)

**Odd Jobs**: we have a few small jobs that require undertaking at our churches. For example: Our Lady and St Edward's – some pews need attention. St Augustine's – fence requires attention Sacred Heart-Rose Garden requires weeding. If you can help out, contact the office for more info and jobs!!

**The Diocese of Nottingham** is looking to appoint a part-time Choral Director to work in the Diocesan Music Department and to facilitate the development of the Schools' Singing Project in some of the St Ralph Sherwin schools in South Derbyshire. For more information email [gregory.treloar@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:gregory.treloar@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers)



**OUR LENT JOURNEY IN SCHOOL**

Thank you to Year 3 who led us in a liturgy on the theme of almsgiving. They shared the scripture of the last supper reminding us all how Jesus gave up his body and life for us.

The children asked us to think about how we can give to others just as Jesus did.



On Wednesday, our Chaplaincy Team led us in our Lenten Reconciliation service. We reflected upon how we experience Christ's love in reconciliation. We wrote down mistakes we had made, which were gathered and will be burnt to show how God has taken away our sins.



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

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.

All parents are welcome to attend.

**MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| Monday<br>11 <sup>th</sup> March  | 11am (OLSE)<br><br>7pm (OLSE)  | <b>MASS</b><br>Requiem Mass for Eileen Gallivan RIP<br><br>Lenten Reconciliation service. Several priests available for confession  |
| Tuesday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> March                                       | 10am (SA)<br><br>7pm (OLSE)  | <b>MASS</b><br>Service of Word and Holy Communion<br>Stations of the Cross; Our Lady & St Edward's  |
| Wednesday<br>13 <sup>th</sup> March                                     | 6pm Mass;<br>(SH)  | <b>MASS</b><br>Mary Bates RIP   |
| Thursday<br>14 <sup>th</sup> March                                      | 10am (SA)<br>6pm<br>Reception;<br>Cathedral                                | <b>MASS</b><br>Marian Proudlock's intentions<br>Reception and Vigil for Jimmy Greaney RIP   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>March  | 9.15 Mass<br>(SH)<br>10am<br>Funeral.<br>Cathedral<br>7.00 Stations;<br>SA | <b>MASS</b><br>Holy Souls RIP. Mass followed by Stations of the Cross<br>Requiem Mass for Jimmy Greaney RIP. St Barnabas Cathedral<br>Stations of the Cross; St Augustine's |
| Saturday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> March                                      | 10am (SA)  | <b>VIGIL MASS</b><br>Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Augustine's. 10 – 11am   |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup><br>March<br><b>Fifth<br/>Sunday of<br/>Lent</b> | 9.00am(OLSE)<br>10.15am (SH)<br>11:30am<br>(SA)                            | <b>MASS</b><br>Joseph McNamara RIP<br>People of the parish<br>Thanksgiving for healing and other favours  |

**BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK**

The theme this year is 'Time', – Students could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Students could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?



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