

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

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Children in year 5 and 6 begin their Forest School sessions this week. If your child has not returned their consent form, they may not be able to take part. We appreciate that the weather will get warmer over the term but it is important the children are dressed appropriately. Due to the activities they take part in, they must wear long sleeves and joggers. If the weather is too hot to wear these throughout the day, they are able to wear short sleeves but must bring long sleeves to change into for their session. If they do not they will not be able to take part. This is for their own safety and is part of our school expectations of participating in Forest School.

Now that we have

Today we have our OLoL marketing team in school. They will be taking photos of our wonderful children, which will be used to update our school website.

Please join us on Friday at 2pm as our Chaplaincy Team lead us in our Easter themed Mass in church.

If your child in nursery is due to start in Reception in September, you will now know which school they have been allocated. Please ensure you have logged onto the portal by Thursday 25th April to accept this place otherwise it will be withdrawn and offered to another child.

Our final INSET Day of this academic year is Friday 28th June. School will be closed for all children on this day.

STAFFING UPDATE

It is with sadness that I share, Mrs Carter has left her role as a teaching assistant in our school. During her two and a half years at OLSE she worked with Miss Whitmore in Year 1, Mrs Harrison in Year 2 and with the EYFS team. In a short space of time, Mrs Carter made a positive impact to the lives of many children with her positive and encouraging personality. We thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future.

FRIENDS OF ST EDWARD'S

We are keen to start a small parent group who will support with hosting social events for the children in our school. We are fortunate that we have volunteers who support Mrs Astley and Mrs White in organising our Christmas Fayre which is a wonderful fund raising opportunity. However, we would like to host termly social events in the future, ideas so far include, discos, film evening, games, family barbecue.

Ideally, we would need a team of approximately 10 parents who would be able to commit. If you are able to help please speak to myself or Miss Greenwood in school or Yvonne Davies out on the playground.



WORD OF THE WEEK: VOCATION



A vocation is God's call to each of us. It is the unique way that God has designed us to serve him and others. Finding our vocation can take time and discernment but our vocation is a reminder that we all have a special purpose in this world, and we are all called to do something significant with our lives.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Football (Year 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Striking and fielding (Year 1, 2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dance (Reception, Year 1 and 2)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dance (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	TB Sport:	3:15 - 4:30

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. This week Mrs Bradshaw said: **"Congratulations to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 whose class attendance last week was above 98%. Well done to year 4 and year 6 whose class attendance was above 97%. Let's keep this going throughout the whole term.**

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
15.04.24		15.09.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 19.04.24 House Prize Afternoon	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
22.04.24		22.04.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 26.04.24 Whole School Mass – Easter 2pm in church	
29.04.234		29.04.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 03.05.24 Rosary led by Year 5 2;40pm	
06.05.24		08.05.24 Rosary led by Year 4 2:40pm 10.05.24 Celebration Assembly 2:20pm	
13.05.24 KS2 SATs week		13.05.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 15.05.24 Rosary led by Year 3 17.05.24: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
20.05.24	22.05.24 Partake visiting year 1 24.05.24 St Joan of Arc Feast Day	20.05.24 Rosary led by Year 6 24.05.24 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
27.05.24	HALF TERM		
03.06.24		13.06.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 07.06.24: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	05.06.24 New parents meeting at The Becket
10.06.24	12.06.24 Partake visiting year 3	10.06.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 14.06.24 :Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
17.06.24	17.06.24 Partake visiting school – EYFS 17.06.24 Year 4 visit The Becket 21.06.24 St Alban Feast Day	17.06.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 21.06.24 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
24.06.24	28.06.24 INSET DAY School closed to all pupils	24.06.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 27.06.24 St Peter and Paul Feast Day Mass	
01.07.24	05.07.24 Partake visiting year 5	01.07.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm	
08.07.24	Healthy Schools Fortnight 08.07.24 Transition Visits in school and Becket 09.07.24 year 6 visit The Becket 12.07.23 Year 5 visit The Becket	08.07.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 12.07.24 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
15.07.24	Healthy Schools Fortnight 18.07.24 Key Stage 2 Sports Day 1:30pm 19.07.24 EYFS / KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm	15.07.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm	
22.07.24	22.07.24 Family picnic	24.07.24 Achiever of the term Assembly 25.07.24 Year 6 leaver's Assembly 9:15am 26.07.24 Year 6 Leavers Mass 2pm	

PUPIL VOICE

We know that reading is critical for personal growth and development. It helps us to learn new information, expand our knowledge, and develop critical thinking skills. Reading is not just about decoding words on a page, but it is also about comprehension, analysis, and interpretation. A huge thank you to all our parents who join EYFS each Friday to promote a love of reading. We value your support.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Vocations Sunday: we are asked to pray today for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; that men and women will hear God's call and respond generously. We are fortunate in our own parish to not only have priests and a deacon, but also three different religious orders. For information on the Diocesan priesthood and diaconate, see www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/vocations For the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace; www.csjp.org/become-a-sister for the Presentation Sisters; www.pbvmengland.co.uk/vocations and for all other religious orders; www.ukvocation.org/religious-orders. Pope Francis' message for Vocations Sunday is here www.cbcew.org.uk/papal-message-forvocations-sunday-2024-called-to-sow-seeds-of-hope-and-to-build-peace/

Second Collection: This weekend for the CLERGY FORMATION FUND.

Parking at OLSE: please park considerately and don't block our neighbours' driveways, nor park on the pavement. The hatched area in front of the double gates is also restricted. Thank you

Eucharistic Ministers: the Diocese is providing training in September for new Eucharistic Ministers who can distribute Communion at Mass and take it to the sick and housebound. We need some more ministers at each of our churches, so in the next few weeks, members of the Pastoral Team are going to approach individuals to ask if they would be willing to take up this important ministry. Please be generous in your response if asked. If anyone feels called to this ministry, speak to a Pastoral Team member. **Social Events in our Parish:** We are holding a meeting next Tuesday 23rd April 2024, 7 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre to enable us to create a parish group with people from all churches and parish organisations to meet twice a year to coordinate dates of events to prevent clashes. Also come along if you would you like to be involved in helping/organising events in our parish, or do you have any new ideas? Thank you to those that already organise events, you do fantastic, successful job to make our parish into a vibrant, welcoming community!!

The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for volunteers to help with the moderating process of the Faith in Action Award; a national scheme to encourage young people in their faith and service. Moderators could be anyone with experience running the award, or someone who's never run the award but wants to bear witness to the work and faith journey of young people in our diocese. All training, guidance and support during the moderating process will be given beforehand. Moderation will take place during June. If you're interested, please contact Elise at eliserichardson@ndcys.com before the end of April. Job opportunities:

The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a highly professional, motivated Governance, Admissions, and Appeals Officer to join their small and friendly team. For details visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

• Headteacher for St Edmund Campion in West Bridgford, Nottingham

• Deputy Headteacher St Mary's, Grantham

• Deputy Headteacher - Our Lady of Lincoln

For details: <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/>

To celebrate the diversity in our parish, we would like to know where our parishioners were born. Please take a slip from church, add your name and where you were born and hand it to a Welcomer. Your birth country will then be high-lighted on our World Map which is to be displayed in church. How many different nationalities do you think we have? Answer on Pentecost Sunday!! **So far we have parishioners born in Nigeria, Republic of Ireland, Goa, Trinidad & Tobago, France, Philippines, Zimbabwe, Poland, England and Cameroon.**

Please pray for: • The repose of the soul of Elizabeth Francis RIP and Bill Stanton RIP (Reception and Vigil Sun 28th April, 6pm, Funeral Mass Mon 29th 10.30 SA)

This week:

• Our Lady & St Edward's Café: Wednesday 12 noon, all welcome.

• 1st Holy Communion parents meeting; Wednesday 24th, 7 – 8pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Parents only – no children!

• Community Café at Sacred Heart Thursday 12 noon. All welcome

• Scripture Group: is cancelled this Friday.

• Meditation Group: Thursday 25th April, 7.30 pm on zoom, all welcome. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWTMRDdkMEpUZz09>

This week's reflection from Pope Francis: All our thoughts and activities should be a part of our daily conversation with the Lord. There is no aspect of our everyday lives, however mundane, that cannot be offered in prayer to God and become an occasion of deeper union with him. In our fragility, prayer is a mark of our supreme grandeur, for prayer can work miracles in our world, transform lives and history, and serve the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

Baptism Course: if you have a child for Baptism, our next course is this Saturday 27th April, 10 am – 12 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. To register onto the course, please complete and return a form from the back of church by 21st April. Godparents are welcome to attend.

Nottingham Diocesan Pilgrimages/events

Melwood Pilgrimage: 4 th May, 12 noon Post code DN9 1AD

Beauvale pilgrimage: Notts Martrys Sunday 5th May 3.30 pm Mass with Bishop Patrick, homily - Fr Christopher McBride NG16 2AA

Rodley Pilgrimage: Derbyshire Martyrs 30th June 3 pm DE6 3AP

Padley Pilgrimage: 7 th July 3pm, S32 2JA honouring St Augustine Webster

Young Adults evenings (18-35): 1st Thursday of the month next one 2nd May beginning at 6.15 pm at St Barnabas Cathedral.

Diocesan Family Day: Saturday 22nd June at Trinity School 1 -5 pm, BBQ, games and activities, Mass with Bishop Patrick.



POINTS MAKE PRIZES!!

We shared with you last week that **St Therese of Liseux House** were our half term house point winners. House Captains **Paige and Harlan** decided they would like to offer two winning opportunities to the pupils in their house. They chose cartoon cinema or football and then spoke to Mr Jessop how the football session would be inclusive for all and to Mrs Chyla to share their cartoon cinema idea. It was obvious sweet treats would be included so they also spoke to our resident baker Mrs Nicholson to ask her if she would bake red themed cakes.



The prize afternoon took place yesterday afternoon and fun was had by all the children. You may see our wonderful house captains on The Apprentice in the future.

#pupil voice

#everyone's voice listened to

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

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.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 22 nd April	9am (OLSE)	MASS Forgotten souls RIP
Tuesday 23 rd April St George	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 th April	6pm Reception and Vigil; (OLSE) 6pm (SH)	MASS Reception of Elizabeth Francis RIP Bridget Keogh RIP
Thursday 25 th April	10am (SA) 2pm (OLSE)	MASS Mass in church with school; Marian Proudlock's intentions Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Francis RIP
Friday 26 th April	9:30am (SH) 2pm (OLSE)	MASS Mass in church with the school; David Cartwright RIP Mass in church with the school; Peggy Towey RIP
Saturday 27 th April		MASS
Sunday 28 th April Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.00am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11.30am (SA)	MASS Sr Patricia Donlan's intentions Tim & Dinah Horan RIP People of the parish

EASTER MASS

Following the 50 days after Easter Sunday, we are now in the season of Eastertide when we are full of joy celebrating Jesus' resurrection. Please join us in church on Friday at 2pm as our Chaplaincy Team lead us in Mass. I'm sure it will be a lovely school, home and parish celebration.

