



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR YEAR 6 AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR SATs

During your time in Year 6 you have worked so hard, all of your scores are getting higher and higher and you are motivated to improve for yourselves. For some of you, this is the week you were looking forward to, the challenge of the tests. For some of you, you will be feeling nervous, worried, wondering what will happen if you don't get the score that you should get. Our message to you is do not worry!! The role you play in school as a Chaplain, Well-being Champion, School Councillor, Parish Ambassador, Eco Warrior, E Safety Champion or House Captain makes a huge difference to a lot of people in our community. Remember, you are a role model and many children aspire to be like you. That is because of YOU and not because of your SATs score.

**SATs don't measure sport, SATs don't measure art.
SATs don't measure music or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't see your worth,
SATs don't see the reason why you were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile.
SATs don't measure how each of you go the extra mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.**

**So here at St Edward's, you've
made us all so proud,
We all sit here smiling and we
shout this out loud...
Year 6 you amaze us. You shine
as bright as stars
And we don't need a test to know how amazing you all are!**



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

OUR ECO WARRIORS NEED YOUR HELP

Following on from our Eco Team leading an Assembly to the whole school about recycling batteries and the importance that this has on our environment, they would like to thank you for your response so far. They met last week to count the batteries donated already and some classes had nearly filled their tubs. We are continuing with this mission for our school to recycle batteries and if we are able to recycle enough we can win some free books for our school library.

The batteries we are able to accept are AA, AAA, C, D 9V batteries and button batteries. We cannot accept damaged or leaking batteries or batteries with connecting wires.

Lithium and button batteries need to be taped at each end so their contacts don't touch and we can store them safely. Please securely bag and send in your batteries for recycling with your child. The class that recycles the most batteries will win some extra playtime!

WORD OF THE WEEK: COMMUNICATION



Communication can take many forms in the world today. It is a way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share.

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.

Last week was a fantastic week with Nursery achieving 99%, Reception, year 4 and 5 all achieving above 98%, Year 2 and year 6 achieving above 97% and year 1 and 3 achieving above 96%. Well done to everyone and let's keep this up as there is clear correlation between high attendance and attainment.



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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	01.05.23 Bank Holiday Monday, school is closed 03.05.23 Coronation Afternoon Tea 2pm	29.04.24 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 03.05.24 Rosary led by Year 5 2:40pm	
06.05.24	08bank holiday .05.23 Coronation Bank Holiday Monday, school is closed	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 2:40pm 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

Nursery have been Historians this week finding out all about dinosaurs that lived on earth millions of years ago. They explored lots of dinosaur activities and found out that dinosaurs are now extinct.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Today is World Communications Sunday: Pope Francis, in his message for the day, focuses on Artificial Intelligence – in particular its impact on information technology and communications. The Holy Father examines the opportunities presented by AI, but also the ethical dimension that impacts greatly on our quest for authentic human communication. This technology can be of enormous value to us, but we must identify clear boundaries as to what serves the common good, and what should be avoided. You can read the full message here: cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papalmessage.

NEXT WEEKEND we will be having a second collection and our donations will go towards funding for communications projects over the next 12 months at CBCEW.

CAFOD APPEAL FOR SUDAN: thank you for your generous response to this appeal. Holy Family Parish raised £1000!!! You can still donate online at cafod.org.uk

Holy Family Parish Rosary for Mary's month of May: Wednesdays – 7 pm

15th May - Our Lady & St Edward's Day Chapel

21st May - St Joseph of Peace Convent, next to Sacred Heart Church

28th May - St Augustine's Lady Chapel

Our Lady & St Edward's: car parking in front of the wooden gates is now strictly forbidden as this is 24 hr access and parking for our tenants. The yellow hatched area is not to be used for parking.

Missionary Disciples: Bishop Patrick invites you to a free online webinar, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00pm, led by best-selling author and eminent speaker Sherry Weddell who will share her inspirational ideas on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. This seminar will help re-energise Catholics to be strong Missionary Disciples. Register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw

Jericho Road Project: Could you give 3 hours of your month to volunteer with them? They need male and female volunteers to join their wonderful team and show Jesus' love to women affected by the sex industry in Nottingham. Visit:

www.jerichoroad.org.uk for more info or contact Sally Jackman at: sally@jerichoroad.org.uk

Contactless Giving Machines: our 6-month trial is nearly over so our finance team will assess the figures at the end of the month to see if the machines are worth their investment. Please do continue to use the machines over the next few weeks. Thank you for your continued financial support to our parish - don't forget to Gift Aid your contribution.

Parish Diary Dates: Summer Fair: 20th July. Helpers required, also wanted; raffle prizes, unused beauty products for tombola and TISSUE PAPER to wrap bottles. Have you any to donate? If so, drop in at church or the office.

Walking the Labyrinth - Saturday 21st September 10am to 2pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre. More details here. or visit the parish website, click on news/events

Please pray for: Dominic, Jimmy, Alan and Daniel, all being baptised this weekend.

This week:

- Our Lady & St Edward's Café: Wednesday 12 noon, all welcome.
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Thursday 12 noon. All welcome
- Scripture Group: is on Friday 17 th May at 2pm in St Joseph's Convent focussing on John 20:19-23. All are welcome.
- Meditation Group: Thursday 16th May in Sacred Heart Community Centre at 7.30 pm All welcome

Wednesday Word: resources for children on the Sunday Gospel:

<https://www.paperturnview.com/uk/wednesdayword/care?pid=MTA101634&v=128.9>

Pentecost Sunday: to celebrate our diversity (over 30 nationalities in our parish) next weekend, we will be invited to pray the 'Our Father' in our native language so get practising! It will be a wonderful babble of voices, much like the praying in tongues at the first Pentecost. We will also display our parish world maps showing where we are all from.

This week's reflection from Pope Francis. The communion of saints! Whenever we pray, we find ourselves immersed in a great stream of past, present and future intercessions, for we pray together with all the saints in the communion of the Body of Christ which is the Church. In Christ too, we sense a mysterious solidarity with our loved ones who have died, for whom we continue to pray. We experience this prayerful solidarity also here below, as we pray for one another and for our brothers and sisters who are poor, suffering and most in need. To read the full reflection and find more resources at

dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

New members of the team! In the past couple of weeks, we have made two important appointments to the team in Holy Family Parish. **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:** Lee Summers has been appointed to take over from Pauline Baptist. Lee is from Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Eastwood and is currently training to be a Deacon for the diocese. He's been involved in catechesis in his own parish and is really looking forward to working with us and supporting catechists and adults in our parish to grow in faith. **Facilities Manager:** Steve Pepper has been appointed to this role, shared with Our Lady's, Bulwell and Holy Cross, Hucknall. He will work 18 hours a week over 5 sites, managing our buildings, Health and Safety checks and all work with volunteers and contractors. Steve worked for many years in facility management with Nottingham City Homes and the City Council. We'll have a chance to meet and get to know Lee and Steve over the next few weeks. Both start their jobs with us in June.

Holy Family Foodbank: Thank you for your continued support to our parish foodbank. For the next month we require; dried pasta, rice, cereals, biscuits, tinned peas, carrots and fruit. Please be assured that these donations go to help those in need in our parish.

Job Opportunity: Part time Administration Assistant required at The Good Shepherd Parish, Woodthorpe, Nottingham to support the Administration Suite 12 hours per week @ £12 per hour. For job description and further information, contact:

francesca.lynch@dioceseofnottingham.uk Tel: 0115 926 8288 closing date 22nd May.

MAY, A MONTH DEDICATED TO MARY

Following a retreat afternoon, year 4 led us in our second rosary liturgical prayer on Friday. They focused on the Glorious Mysteries and shared pieces of scripture including Jesus' resurrection and His ascension into heaven. They told us that although it must have been hard for people to understand what was happening at this time, it reminds us that we must always put our trust in God as he is there to guide us especially at the most difficult times.



Over the coming weeks, all classes in Key Stage 2 will enjoy a retreat afternoon with our chaplains focusing on one of the mysteries of the rosary and will lead the school in liturgical prayer. These will take place weekly beginning at 2:40pm
 Year 3 on Wednesday 15th May
 Year 6 on Wednesday 22nd May
 Parents are welcome to join us.



ASCENSION MASS

Thanks to our Chaplaincy Team, Parish Ambassadors, Yr 5/6 choir & Fr Joe for leading us in a lovely Mass to celebrate the feast of the Ascension. Now Jesus has returned to His father, we are his disciples on earth. How do we live out our school values to help the church to grow?



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 13 th May	9am (OLSE)	MASS Martin Rooney RIP
Tuesday 14 th May St Matthias	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 15 th May	6pm (SH)	MASS Audrey Hopkins RIP
Thursday 16 th May	10am (SA)	MASS Bill Stanton RIP
Friday 17 th May	9:15am (SH)	MASS Bridget Keogh RIP
Saturday 18 th May		MASS
Sunday 19 th May Pentecost Sunday	9.00am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11.30am (SA)	MASS Aidan Harkin RIP People of the parish Michael & Zofia Szuciak & dec. grandchildren RIP

DESIGNERS OF THE FUTURE

To finish off their DT project nursery children showed their junk model wild animals to reception children. They used their oracy skills to talk about how they made their animals and the materials they used.

