



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a super summer holiday and managed to find the sun, rest, relax and enjoy some family time together! On behalf of all the staff thank you for all the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. Your kind words of thanks were very much appreciated by all members of staff.

Welcome to our new Nursery and Reception pupils as well as children who have joined us in Key Stage 1 and 2. I hope everyone settles in quickly and is looking forward to a great year ahead. Welcome to Miss Philbin who begins her full time teaching career in Year 3 and to Miss Swaby who is teaching in Reception.

Last week flew by so quickly! I am pleased to say that all the children have happily settled in to their new classes and are working hard. Thank you to all parents who have supported children with preparing their backgrounds. Children and staff across school are enjoying learning about each other.

Next week year 1 and 2 begin their Forest School sessions so please ensure you have returned the necessary paperwork to school. Children must be dressed in appropriate clothing as they may get dirty or wet. Mrs Harrison and Mrs Nicholson will still take the children out in the rain!! On Wednesday, 34 children from Year 3 and 4 are taking part in a two-night stay at St Michael's Residential Centre in Hathersage. They will take part in a range of activities including orienteering, pond dipping and lots of walking. Thanks to Mr Whittle, Mr Jessop, Mrs Chyla and Mrs Nicholson who are joining the children. Please do not contact school for updates, in case of emergency a member of staff will contact you. Photos will be uploaded to Twitter but please be patient as the Wifi can be intermittent in the Peak District. Children in Year 5 begin Dare on Thursday, it is a ten-week programme where they will learn about keeping safe online, alcohol and drug mis-use and gang and knife crime. Please ensure if you haven't already returned your consent form you do as soon as possible.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

Encounter

To encounter Christ is to have a personal experience of God's love and presence. It can happen in any place or time, and it can take many different forms. We often encounter Christ when we feel loved and cared for and we too can help others to encounter when we share his love with others. An encounter with Christ can be a life-changing experience that can give us strength, hope, and peace.

Make time this week to look at where you might encounter Jesus in those around you.

Sunday Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Lacrosse (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Basketball (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:30 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Games (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation; forms are now available to register for this preparation in Holy Family Parish which will start in January 2025. Forms are to be collected from church and **MUST** be returned to church or the parish office by the 15th December. Do not return them to school. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. This preparation is open to children who have reached their 7th birthday by 31st August 2024 (are in Year 3 or above in school this academic year). The forms are available at St Augustine's Church, Our Lady & St Edward's Church and Sacred Heart Church.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform at the beginning of the new school year. Uniforms are an important reminder that they belong to a community and they should all wear it with pride. However, we have a small number of children who are wearing the incorrect uniform. All children should wear sensible black shoes; this does not include, plimsolls, trainers or boots. All children should also have a warm, waterproof coat as they go out to play in all weather. This does not include a denim jacket. PE kit is a red t-shirt and black shorts. In cold weather, children can wear plain black joggers and hoodie but must not include logos or brand names. All long hair must be tied back using white, blue or black bobbles.

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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
02.09.24	02.09.24: INSET DAY 03.09.24: INSET Day 04.09.24: School opens to pupils	04.09.24 Welcome back Assembly	
09.09.24	11.09 -13.09 Hathersage residential – Year 3 and 4	09.09.24 Mass led by Year 6 12.09.24 DAaRT commences for Year 5 12.09.24 Year 5 Retreat afternoon	
16.09.24	16.09.24 Individual and family photographs.	16.09.24 Whole School Assembly 18.09.24 Choir begins for Year 4 and 5 19.09.24 Year 4 retreat afternoon	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
23.09.24	27.09.24: International Day	23.09.24. Whole School Assembly 26.09.24 Year 6 Retreat afternoon 27.09.24 International Day Assembly 2:30pm	18.09.24 Year 6 Information Meeting at The Becket
30.09.24	04.10.24 St Francis Feast Day	30.09.24 Whole School Assembly 30.09.41 St Therese of Liseux House Feast Day	
07.10.24	07.10.24 Parent / teacher meetings 11.10.24 World Mental Health Day	11.10.24: The Selfish Giant Pantomime	
14.10.24		14.10.24 Whole School Assembly 17.10.24 Year 3 Retreat afternoon 18.10.24 Achiever of the Half Term Awards	
21.10.24	HALF TERM		
28.10.24	HALF TERM		
04.11.24		04.11.24 Whole School Assembly 08.11.24: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
11.11.24	11.11.24 Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am	11.11.24 Remembrance Day Liturgy 15.11.24: Celebration Assembly	
18.11.24	Judaism Week in school 21.11.24 Flu vaccinations	18.11.24 Whole School Assembly 22.11.24 Celebration Assembly	
25.11.24	29.11.24 INSET DAY	25.11.24 Whole School Assembly	
02.12.24		02.12.24 Advent Liturgy led by Year -6 06.12.24: Celebration Assembly	
09.12.24	11.12.24 EYFS Nativity 1:30pm 12.12.24 EYFS Nativity 9:30am 13.12.24 Christmas jumper day	09.12.24 Advent Liturgy led by Year 5 09.12.24 Advent Reconciliation Year 4 -6	
16.12.24	17.12.24 Reception visit the Theatre 18.12.24 Christmas Dinner and party afternoon	20.12.24 Advent Wreath Service led by Year 3 and 4	

PUPIL VOICE

As part of Education Sunday, Seth and Tobechi, two of our Parish Ambassadors shared our school ethos and vision with the Parish. They shared our seven values, how they are lived out and also various pupil leadership roles in school. Together we can make a difference in our school, community and in the world.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Education Sunday: celebrated today. It's an opportunity for us to thank God for our Catholic schools and to pray for all staff and pupils. We are truly blessed to have wonderful primary and secondary schools serving our parish. Thank you to our headteachers in particular, plus all those who serve as Governors. We welcome today, the headteacher and a pupil from each school talking about their school and Catholic education

School Masses: this week sees the first full week of the new school year, so each of our parish primary schools is celebrating Mass to start the new academic year. The times are in the weekly schedule and all these Masses are taking place in school. Parents, grandparents and parishioners are very welcome to come along to celebrate with the school.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation: forms are now available to register for this preparation which will start in January 2025. Forms are to be collected from church and MUST be returned to church or the parish office by the 15th December. Do not return them to school. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. This preparation is open to children who have reached their 7th birthday by 31st August 2024 (are in Year 3 or above in school this academic year)

One of our Vietnamese parishioners requires assistance in looking after her son who is 25 years old, autistic and nonverbal, they attend St Augustine's Church. He needs someone who possesses great communication skills, who is able to demonstrate a good understanding, is patient and able to encourage him to engage with activities. It is every Saturday for 6 hrs 10- 4pm at £11.44 p/h. For further information please call 07572315319 or speak to her at Mass. Recruitment for this PA is being supported by Social Services, references and a DBS check will be required.

Children's Liturgy begins today at St Augustine's and Sacred Heart 8th September. Our Lady & St Edward's will resume 6th October, all beginning in the community spaces before Mass.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in September. We proclaim the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart.

Second Collection Next Sunday - - to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

Please pray for:

- The repose of the soul of Brenda Smith RIP (Funeral 1.00 Monday 16th at SH), Julien Balchin RIP (Funeral 25th Sept, 10am at SH) the repose of the soul of Mary Greaney RIP
- Arabella, Jasmine, Roman and Billie, all being baptised next weekend. Congratulations to them and their families.

This week:

- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome.
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12 noon. All welcome
- Meditation Group: No meeting this week.
- STA History talk: :by Ian Wells Friday 13th 7 pm St Augustine's Church Parish Office: Our Community Coordinator, Diane Williams, is on leave this week. During this time, calls and enquiries to the office will be monitored daily but a response may be delayed.

Heritage Open Days: Friday 13th and Saturday 14th , see St Augustine's Church doors flung open wide to welcome in anyone who wants to learn a bit about the history of this hidden gem of St Anns. There will be exhibitions and displays of the history and life of the church and area, artefacts to look at and loads of interesting information about how the parish and church developed over the years. 10 - 4 each day, refreshments provided, people on hand to show you where things are. ADDED BONUS; Friday evening, 7 - 8 in the church, talk by local historian Ian Wells who has written extensively about the history of St Augustine's. Come along and hear about St Augustine's through the ages.

Information meeting on becoming Catholic for Adults: Thursday 19th September, 7pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Community Room ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. RCIA Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, friendly and relaxed setting. For booking a place or for more information please contact the Parish Community Office on 0115 9118266 or email :holyfamilyformationccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Film Night: Wednesday 25th September 6.45pm at the Sacred Heart Community Centre - free event. 'Heaven is for real' is a PG rated, beautiful true story of bravery, and faith, suitable for the whole family. We will have the opportunity for a short discussion afterwards and refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there.

At the Greyfriars: Sunday 29th September food 2-3 pm, Irish dance 3 pm an afternoon with Seamus Moore 4 pm. For tickets and info: www.greyfriarsnottingham.com



CAR BOOT SALE

£1 entry
10 am onwards
food available

£10 per car
07544 655070

SACRED HEART CAR PARK
SATURDAY 14th September

Do come along next Saturday and support the event. One of the stalls is raising funds for SVP and another for parish funds. Running alongside this in the hall is a pre-loved clothes sale. Proceeds will go to CAFOD and any unsold items will be donated to Sharewear. Thank you to the organisers and helpers.

Y6 TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Year 6 pupils and parents can now make their decisions for their next stage of their education as they move to secondary school. Should you wish to make an on-line application but do not have access to the internet, we are happy to help you do this in school, please make an appointment. **The closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular.**

Y6 INFORMATION EVENING

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 6PM.

We are holding a meeting for Year 6 parents on Monday 16th September at 6pm in school to go through Year 6 expectations, SATs, secondary transfer arrangements and information about a residential to The Briars. A representative from each family should attend the meeting.

Y6 OPEN EVENING AT THE BECKET

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

The Becket School are delighted to announce that their annual Year 6 Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th September. This year the evening will consist of a tour around school which will be needed to be booked online in advance. This will last for half an hour and afterwards there will be staff available in the hall to answer any questions you have. Please visit The Becket School website for further information

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 9 th September	9;15am (OLSE)	MASS Mass in school; Anna Le Thi Khuong RIP
Tuesday 10 th September	10AM (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 11 th September	12pm (SH) 6pm (SH)	MASS Funeral of Julien Balchin RIP James Conlon snr RIP (4th anniv)
Thursday 12 th September	9:30am (SA)	MASS Mass in school; Ned Bowe RIP
Friday 13 th September St John Chrysostom	9:30am (SH)	MASS Mass in school; Sr Pius PBVM; b'day intentions
Saturday 14 th September	12pm (OLSE)	VIGIL MASS Baptisms of Arabella & Jasmine
Sunday 15 th September 24th Sunday of the Year Evangelii Gaudium Day; prayer for the spread of the Gospel	9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Michael Campbell RIP Shelia Shelvin RIP Intentions of the Ridge family

INSET DAYS

We have arranged for INSET Days on the following dates:

29th November 2024

14th February 2025

28th July 2025

29th July 2025

School will be closed to all pupils on these days.