

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

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WHAT IS IN THE NEWS?

Hope you have all enjoyed a lovely half term break, the children have returned refreshed and ready to learn. Last half term, year 4, 5 and 6 spent a morning with Aspens our catering partner. They chose their fruits and worked together to pedal on a smoothie bike to create a smoothie which they enjoyed with their lunch.



There is another busy week coming up in school. Today Year 1 and 2 continue their Forest School sessions. As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure your child is dressed in appropriate clothes and brings a pair of wellies.

On Wednesday, year 3 and 4 continue to enjoy their choir sessions with Mr Treloar. They are now preparing for their carol service on 3rd December at St Barnabas Cathedral. This half term, Year 6 will continue their swimming lessons every Wednesday too.

On Thursday Year 5 continue with their DAART sessions and they will graduate later this term.

FEAST OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Thank you to our new Chaplaincy Team, our Parish Ambassadors, Fr Joe and Deacon Anthony who led us in our Mass to celebrate the feast of St Edward the Confessor. We hope to follow his example and live a generous and holy life with others.



100% ATTENDANCE DURING ADVENT 1 TERM

Well done to Pacem, Victory, Thea, Jeremiah, Tiaroluwa, Chimeremeze, Freda, Sinobi, Zina, Michelle A, Chiwetara, Tobeche, Nicole, Princess, Timi, Michael A, Raphael A, Abi, Hanani, Rebecca, David, Connor, Andrei, Hanelle, Nell, Joyce, Luis, Evelyn C, Liam, Charlie, Daisy, Filip C, Huy, George, Louise, Brenda, Elizabeth, Chi-An, Imani, Beverley, Kennelia, Emmanuella, Nihal, Franklin, Shalom, Ayla, Leo, Olivia H, Kendall, Medet, Lena J, Witold, Seweryn, Joseph J, Joshua, Ephron, Melva, Alan, Kingsley, Alley, Cheryl, Dorian, Temi, Didareli, Zuzanna L, Barron, Clara, Kevin L, Anthony L, Iveira, Adam, Phillip M, Lena M, Freya M, Iwar, Joseph MB, Oliver MB, Alice, Rosie, Alessia, Leo N, Alex N, Hannah N, John, Kayden, Rey, Sienna, Sophie, Maria, Axel, Sairose, Chime, Bryan, Tiffany, Janelle, Jeremy, Lanaola, Milan O, Roman, Zofia R, Joseph P, Samuel P, Jessica, Eva-Joy, Alex R, Amelia R, Najarn, Skyla, Mihret, Benjamin, Nathan, Thomas, Oskar S, Majka, Eliash, Nicola, Blanka, Elihah, Evanna, Chicago, Alicia, Diana, Omobolaji, Omolola, Havanna, Lyly, Cleondra and Otis.



WORD OF THE WEEK: ACCOMPANIMENT

Week 31 in Ordinary Time Year B

Word of the Week

Accompaniment

First Reading
Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Gospel Reading
Mark 12:28-34

Second Reading
Hebrews 5:6-10
Exodus 3:1-6
New Testament
Luke 24:13-35

Meaning
Accompaniment is the act of walking with someone on their journey. It is how we, as followers of Christ, show support and love for others. We are called to accompany others on their journey of faith, both in good times and in bad, just as the Holy Spirit watches over each of us in our own lives.

Prayer
Think about the people who walk with you in life. Take time this week to tell them how much they mean to you.

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

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

Our Education Welfare Officer, Miss Bradshaw, continues to monitor attendance daily. She will make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

Our whole school attendance target is above 97%, it is currently 96.5%.

Congratulations to Year 1, 3 and year 6 who achieved our target last term. Year 2 were close with 96.7%.



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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 08.10.24 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm via Microsoft Teams	
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	Microsoft T 13.10.21: Harvest Celebration y Year Microsoft Teams
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

During our Achiever's Assembly an amazing 79 badges were presented to children who have been chosen to represent their class / school as a member of a pupil leadership group. We will announce all our Chaplains, Wellbeing Champions, House Captains, Librarians, Eco Warriors, School Councillors and E safety Champions in our newsletter next week.

All the children worked hard last term to achieve many house points for working hard and being a good friend. The results are:

Blessed Cyprian Tansi - 3,707 points

St Alban - 3,610 points

St Joan of Arc - 3,656 points

St Therese of Liseux - 3,330 points

House Captains will choose their winner's prize, which all members will enjoy later this week.

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PARISH NOTICES:

RED MISSIO BOXES: If you have a Missio Box, could you please bring your box for emptying to church on or before week ended 10th November. If you do not have a box and would like one, there are spare boxes available at the back of the church or please ask for one. Alternatively, you can make donations by standing order, forms are at the back of church.

Memorial Masses in November: At each of our churches, we will celebrate a Memorial Mass to remember all those who have died in the past year. We will be inviting families along who have had a funeral in the church, but everyone is welcome to come and remember loved ones. The Masses are at 10.30 am and are followed by refreshments; Saturday 16th at St Augustine's, Saturday 23rd at Sacred Heart.

Holy Family Parish lottery: The winners for October were Sue Rahilly £100 and Linda Warren £55. Congratulations!

Catechist Formation Pathways – Are you a catechist? Have you thought about being one? The Diocese offers three on-line courses that can be done together or stand alone. Encounter Catechesis provides the foundations of catechesis; Discipleship Catechesis explores a good knowledge of key points of Catholic Theology; and Missionary Catechesis is focused on going beyond sacramental preparation to help form disciples of all ages. Contact the Holy Family Parish office for information or take a leaflet away to read.

Day for Catechist. On Saturday 30th November the Diocese is hosting the first in-person day of reflection and formation for catechists since lockdown! Contact Lee summers, our Faith Formation coordinator, if you would like to join him in Newark.

Blessing of graves

This wonderful tradition of praying for the dead and prayers at family graves is a great opportunity to remember our loved ones who have died.

Redhill Cemetery; Sunday 3rd Nov, 12:45 pm. Meeting at the Cemetery Chapel.

Carlton Cemetery; Sunday 10th Nov. 3.00pm. Meet at the Cenotaph.

Wilford Hill; Sunday 10th Nov. 1.00pm

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers: meeting for all involved in this ministry. Wednesday 27th November. 6.45 – 7.30pm (after the evening Mass) at Sacred Heart Community Centre. This is for all who distribute Holy Communion during Mass or to the sick and housebound in their homes. It will be a chance for the 8 newly-commissioned Ministers to get to know about the role in our parish and for us all to reflect on this important ministry.

Christmas decoration swap and craft event alongside refreshments after every Mass Sun 24th November. Refresh your Christmas decorations the Live Simply way by learning how to make your own from upcycled materials or providing a new home to those given away! Please bring along any usable, unwanted Christmas decorations and leave in marked boxes at the back of each Church, no mains powered lights please.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion preparation 2025; forms are available from church to register for this preparation which will start in January 2025. Please return to church or office by 15th December.

Please pray for:

The repose of the soul of Brendan Finn RIP (Reception and Vigil; Wed 13th Nov. 7.30pm. Requiem Mass 11.30 Thurs 14th. SH). Errol Collins RIP (Funeral Fri 15th Nov. 12.00. OLSE)

Igor Furtado RIP whose funeral took place on 1st November

This week:

Music Practice: Monday 4th November at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart. All welcome to come along.

Women's Group: Tuesday 5th November, 11 am – 1 pm in St Augustine's Hall to plan end of term and the New Year – coordinated by Sr Treasa.

Live Simply Group Meeting: Tuesday 5th November in Our Lady & St Edward's Café 7 pm

Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome. •

Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12.00. All welcome

Meditation Group: next meeting is on Thursday 7th November in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, 7.30 pm. ALL WELCOME

Sponsored Walk: Sr Treasa at St Augustine's is walking each day in November to raise funds for a cancer charity and is looking for sponsors. Good Luck – Sr Treasa.

November Masses for the Holy Souls; each week in November, we will offer one Sunday and at least one weekday Mass for the Holy Souls. This will be for all our loved ones we wish to remember. We have a basket in front of the altar at each church into which will be placed all those names you wish to remember; simply take a Holy Souls envelope, include your offering and a slip of paper with names on. Return these at Mass or place in the basket.

This week's reflection from Pope Francis: Reflecting on Saint Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:17), the Church's spiritual writers have asked how to remain in a constant state of prayer. The Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer of the heart, based on repeating the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner", until they become like the air we breathe. The Greek monk Evagrius compared prayer to a flame burning perpetually in our hearts even as we carry out our daily tasks. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for him!

Not to be morbid but have you thought about your funeral yet? It is a tremendous help to your family if you are clear about your wishes for your funeral; what you want and what you don't want. It means they are not having to guess what your wishes are, and that you have a funeral in accordance with your faith and preferences. To help with this, at the back of all our churches, there is a small form to take away and complete; '**Instructions for my funeral**'. Once completed, keep a copy at home, file one with a pre-paid funeral plan you have and you can also ask the parish office to keep a copy. For advice on filling it out, contact Fr Joe.



BRONZE AWARDS

Congratulations to all the children who have been awarded a minimum of 100 house points this academic year. They received their bronze award during our Achiever's Assembly. Well done to **Leo, Sophie, Natasha, Holly, Deaglan, Faustina, Otis, Barron, Thy Thy, Koby, Hanani, Witold, Freda, Kenneilia, Jolie, Emmanuel, Aryam, Imelda, Isabel, Samuel Z, Sinobi, Rylinn, Colby, Jeremy, Anna, Alice, Mila, Adiel, Michal, Medet, Elizabeth, Nell, Rebecca, Byrian, Chiwetara, Grace, Lena M, Chi-An, Amara, Alessia, Freya M, Nuala, Chimaka, Dorian, Eva, Freya A, Evelyn C, Pacem, Scarlett, Amelia, Emmanuella, Hermela, Isabella, Jessica, Leo, Timi, Valerie, Rose, Nihal, Olivia H, Sara, Samuel, Alley, Victory, Cheryl, Natan and Jeremiah.**

FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Children in Year 1 and 2 are thoroughly enjoying their Forest School sessions despite some recent cold and wet weather. During their last session, they made bird feeders, enjoyed digging for worms, created apple printings, birdwatching and played team games to develop our communication skills.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 4 th November St Charles Borromeo	95am (OLSE) 1pm ST Barnabas Cathedral	MASS Dec. members of Walsh family RIP Mass for deceased clergy and religious of the diocese
Tuesday 5 th November	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 6 th November	6pm (SH)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Thursday 7 th November	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Friday 8 th November	9:15am (SH)	MASS Holy Souls RIP
Saturday 9 th November	12pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS
Sunday 10 th November 32nd Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday	9am(OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS James & Rose Clarke RIP Holy Souls RIP Mary Fitzmaurice RIP

REMEMBRANCE DAY

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

11TH NOVEMBER AT 10:40AM

Next Monday our Chaplaincy Team will lead our school community in a liturgy at 10:40 to remember all those soldiers who have given their life in conflict. We will pray for those countries currently affected by war that soon they will be able to live in peace. All families are invited to join us.

