



WHAT IS IN THE NEWS?

Thank you to Year 6 who helped us to enter into the season of advent as they led us in scripture, prayer and song during their Celebration of the word based on the theme of Hope,

Over the next two weeks, there are many opportunities for you to come in to school for our liturgical celebrations to prepare us to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Please join us on

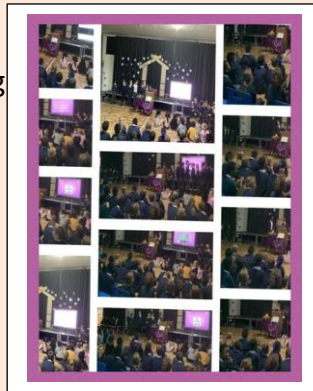
Monday 9th December at 9:15am, led by Year 5 theme of peace.

Wednesday 11th December at 1:30pm EYFS Nativity with KS1 choir

Thursday 12th December at 9:45am EYFS Nativity with KS1 choir

Monday 16th December at 2:30pm, led by Year 1 and 2 on theme of joy.

Friday 20th December at 2:15pm Christmas Service and carols led by Year 3 and 4.



WORD OF THE WEEK: PEACE

2nd Week of Advent Year C

Word of the Week

Peace

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29
New Testament: John 16:25-33

Time: In a world that's often filled with conflict and turmoil, we're called to be peacemakers. This doesn't mean simply avoiding arguments, but actively working towards reconciliation and understanding. In the season of Advent, we pray for peace in the world. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he calls us to follow his example and to be peacemakers too.

Action: Find a way to bring peace to a difficult situation or relationship this week.

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	

WELL DONE YEAR 3 AND 4

Well done to all the children in Year 3 and 4 who represented our school at St Barnabas Cathedral on Tuesday night. You were all amazing and we are proud of you all. Thank you Mr Treloar for all your support too.



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.

Nottingham City have issued posters which I will share weekly with parents to encourage good attendance of all pupils.

Sadly, we had lots of poorly children last week Well done to Year 1 and Year 2 achieving above 96%. Hopefully all will be well enough to return to school this week.



Miss school... MISS OUT

The ripple effect – impact on future prospects

How missing school can impact on your child's future

It's tempting to take your child out of school for a holiday or special event, but the consequences even for a few missed days can be huge. Absenteeism can have a real impact on a child's education and their future prospects. Here's why...

Disrupted Learning: Missing school can lead to gaps in knowledge and understanding, making it difficult to keep up with their learning.

Negative Academic Performance: Absenteeism is often linked to lower grades, decreased achievement, and increased risk of not reaching their potential.

Social Isolation: Being absent from school can lead to feelings of isolation, difficulty making friends, and problems socialising.

Behavioural Issues: Absenteeism can contribute to behavioural problems, such as truancy, skipping classes, and dropping out of school.

These negative consequences can follow a child into adulthood, affecting their chances of finding employment, earning a decent income, and achieving their full potential.

All parents want the best for their children so break this cycle. Prioritise your child's education and ensure they attend school regularly. If you're facing challenges that prevent your child from attending school, seek help and support from your school.

Remember, investing in your child's education today will pay off in the future.

#SchoolHolidaysNotTermTimeHolidays #InvestInYourChildsFuture

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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

Year five made everyone proud on Thursday morning at their DAaRT graduation. After completing a ten week program they shared some of their best bits with the other children and their parents. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Visit from the Police At Our Lady & St Edward's, we had police officers turn up at the end of the 9am Mass last Sunday. They were there to deal with people at Mass who had parked their cars on the pavement. This is inconsiderate, irresponsible and illegal. Notices have been out in this bulletin repeatedly, asking people to park responsibly, and Fr Joe has in person spoken to people who think they can just dump their cars anywhere. Fr Joe spoke to the beat officer and has asked him to visit again and suggested that he starts issuing tickets to people who park in this manner. The behaviour of a small number of people is damaging the reputation of the parish So, please do not park across people's drives, do not park on the pavement and don't assume that because you have a blue disabled badge, you can ignore parking restrictions. If this persists, the police will be invited to come again and deal appropriately with offenders.

Thanks to Fr Denis Tindall for saying Mass at OLSE this Sunday. Fr Denis is recently retired from Hexham and Newcastle Diocese and has come to live in Nottingham - it's great to have him around, so thanks Denis.

Christmas Gift Bags: last Wednesday evening, several of our young people came together and sorted through all the donations for Emmanuel House. We made up 102 Christmas gift bags which will go down to Emmanuel House next week, to be handed out to the homeless as an unexpected Christmas present from Holy Family Parish. Thank you to the young people who made up the gifts and to everyone who donated so generously. Each bag contains; hat, gloves, socks, chocolate treat, toiletries and a Christmas card.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: during Advent, Confessions will be available on; 21st Dec 10am – 11am at St Augustine's. They are also being offered in our three parish primary schools and in Christ the King Secondary.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH LOTTERY: November winners: £100 - A Bates, £55 - J John-Baptiste. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

FREE CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR OAP's AT THE GREYFRIARS, GORDON ROAD, (next to Our Lady & St Edward's School) on Sunday 26th January at 2 pm. Ticket required. If you would like to go, please put your name and contact details on the form at the back of church and we will get a ticket to you in January.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: TICKETS NOW AND SALE. PLEASE TAKE A BOOK TO SELL TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Parents: at Communion time, if your young child is coming up for a blessing – please come with them to guide them as they sometimes don't know what to do or where to go. Thank you.

A big Thankyou from Deacon Anthony: Thank you to all those Parishioners who contributed to buying 50 Calendars for Catholic Prisoners, much appreciated by them and Deacon Anthony.

Please pray for:

- The repose of the souls of Lurline Heron RIP (Funeral service OLSE Friday 13th Dec. 11am) and Mary Taylor RIP (Reception 5th Jan 5 pm, funeral SH 10.30 6th Jan).

This week:

- **Mandatory Level 3 Safeguarding Course:** Monday 9th December 3 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Meeting Room.
- **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 Zoom on Thursday 12th December Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09> All Welcome.
- **Advent Reconciliation Service:** Thursday 12th, 6.30 at Our Lady & St Edward's. Several priests available for Confession.

Come along and take this opportunity to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

Wednesday Word: resources for children on this week's Sunday Gospel - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/preparation?pid=MTA101634&v=157.3>

This week's reflection from Pope Francis: To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: "The prayer of blessing is our response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing" (n. 2626).

Pact - the Catholic prisons charity - are urgently needing gifts for prisoners' children in the diocese this Christmas. Is there someone in the parish who would be a point of contact to help organise? To find out how you can help contact Julia Corcoran at parish.action@prisonadvice.org.uk

Carol Singing on the streets! Come along and sing traditional carols in our local area - great way to spread the message of Christmas. Wednesday 18th, 7pm starting at OLSE and finishing at SA. Monday 23rd 7pm starting at St Christophers in Sneinton (Trent Lane)

Parish Carol Service: Monday 16th, 6.30 pm at St Augustine's. Come along and enjoy this traditional candlelit Carol Service with refreshments served afterwards. Invite friends and family to come along. *If you are coming along to this and would be willing to do one of the readings, speak to Fr Joe or one of the Pastoral Team.*

Advent and Christmas in Holy Family Parish – take a leaflet to your family and friends, available from church, they are waiting for your invitation.

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December: St Augustine's Church 5 pm, Sacred Heart Church 6.30 pm

Christmas Day: Wednesday 25th Decembe:r: Our Lady & St Edward's Church 9am, Sacred Heart Church 10.30 am

Boxing Day: Thursday 26th December: Our Lady & St Edward's Church 1 pm (Vietnamese Mass – note change) St Augustine's Church: 10am

1st 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 2024**

LAST CALL!!

MOVIE Time!

Wednesday
11th December
6.30 pm
in Sacred Heart
Community Centre

Come along and see the film
NATIVITY
refreshments served



IMPORTANT DATES

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.



TRANSFER TO RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2025

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2025 is now open and closes on 15th January 2025. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular. Failure to apply will mean the City Council will place your child in a school within Nottingham City where there is a space available. Although your child currently attends our nursery, this does not guarantee you a place in Reception. We have to follow the admissions criteria from the diocese so it is important you visit other schools and list them too on your application. Priority is given to baptised Catholic children. In order to be placed in this category you must bring your child's original Baptism certificate into school and our admin team will take a copy of it and return it straight back to you. We are unable to accept copies to ensure validity of our admissions policy.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 9 th December Immaculate Conception of the BVM	9am (OLSE) 1:30pm (OLSE)	MASS James Carter RIP Confessions in OLSE School
Tuesday 10 th December	10am (SA) 1:30pm (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Communion Confessions in SA School
Wednesday 11 th December	6pm (SH)	MASS Anna Ly-Ho RIP
Thursday 12 th December	10am (SA) 6:30pm (OLSE)	MASS Helen Marie Dore RIP Advent Reconciliation Service
Friday 13 th December St Lucy	9:15am (SH) 11am (OLSE)	MASS Jimmy Greaney RIP Funeral Service for Lurline Heron RIP
Saturday 14 th December St John of the Cross	10am (SA)	No confessions available
Sunday 15 th December Third Sunday in Advent Gaudete Sunday	9am(OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Joseph McNamara RIP Michael Jennings RIP Roman & Elizabeth Rudy RIP

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Joshua in year 6. Following on from a specialist cricket coach delivering after school sessions to children in year 4, 5 and 6, we are pleased to share that he was chosen to attend trials at Trent Bridge. He will now begin training with an academy.

