



WHAT IS IN THE NEWS?

Thank you to Year 5 who led us in scripture, prayer and song during their Celebration of the word based on the theme of Peace, Our Chaplaincy Team led Year 4, 5 and 6 in a service of Reconciliation on Monday Thank you to Fr Joe and Fr Dennis for supporting the children too.

Please join us on

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: JOY

3rd Week of Advent Year C

Word of the Week

Joy

Scripture
 First Reading: Zechariah 3:14-18a
 Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

Hebrew Bible
 New Testament: John 16:16-24

Meaning
 This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday and it means 'Rejoice'. Joy is more than just happiness; it's a deep and lasting feeling that comes from knowing God and living in His love. It helps us to see the good in everything, even when things are tough. Joy is found in prayer, in serving others, and in our journey through Advent. It's a choice to trust in God's plan for our lives and to find hope in his promises.

Reflection
 Think of something you can do for someone else to bring them joy and find time to make it happen 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 TO EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1

Well done to all the children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 for your wonderful nativity performance. You shared it with the school on Monday and with your families on Wednesday and Thursday.

You spoke and sang with confidence and there were lots of smiles on show.



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.

Well done to Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 achieving above 96%.



Miss school... MISS OUT

Regular routines and how school can improve your child's mental health

A regular routine can be a powerful tool for reducing stress and anxiety. Schools are equipped with resources and support systems to help young people develop coping strategies. If you notice your child is feeling overwhelmed, don't hesitate to reach out to their school. Together, you can create a plan to support their well-being within a structured learning environment.

Remember, your child's mental health is just as important as their physical health.

#mentalhealth #routine #schoolsupport

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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

Thank you to Mr Edwards, Mr Sweeney and members of OLOLCatholicMAT music team who performed some Christmas classics to the whole school on Friday morning. It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!!





PARISH NOTICES:

Thank you: our Second collection last weekend for the poor & needy parishes in our Diocese raised £545.83.

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: DRAW TO TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 10 am – PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKETS BEFORE THIS DATE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Christ the King Academy, Arnold are holding a coffee morning for any practising Catholics who would like to know more about becoming Foundation Governors on Tuesday 17th December at 9am. There will be current Governors, school staff and colleagues from Our Lady of Lourdes Trust available to answer any of your questions. For more information or to book a place please email office@christtheking.notts.sch.uk

Sr Treasa would like to thank everyone who sponsored her for her mile a day walk during November for Cancer Research. The total came to £170. Many thanks & blessings. Could you please bring any sponsorship money to Sr Treasa, if possible, this weekend.

As we approach the festive season, we must stay vigilant against scams targeting our parishes' Christmas spirit. Here are some common scams to watch out for:

1. Phishing Emails: Scammers often send emails pretending to be from reputable companies, asking for personal information or prompting you to click on malicious links. Double-check the sender's email address and avoid clicking on suspicious links.
2. Delivery Scams: Be wary of unexpected messages about package deliveries, especially if they ask for personal information or payment. Verify with the delivery company directly if you're unsure.
3. Charity Scams: While it's wonderful to donate during Christmas, ensure that you identify the causes that we are supporting.

Can you help? Francis House, our partnership with Emmanuel House, is up and running and providing accommodation and support for people who are homeless. The staff there are doing great work, but we now want to extend our engagement as a parish and offer some practical support. The residents at Francis House (next door to OLSE) would benefit from people offering guidance with life skills sessions, mainly around independent living, managing finances, budgeting for a property etc. Is this something you could do? Maybe offering a few hours to work with individual residents? Full support and guidance would be provided by the Francis House staff. There is also a need for language support for some of the residents, in particular in Arabic, Tigrinya, Farsi, Romanian and in helping people improve their English. If you are able to offer some time to this, please let Fr Joe or Diane Williams know and they will make the contact with Francis House.

Join CAFOD online on Saturday 18th January 2025 from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for Get Jubilee Ready, a general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years all are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-anintroduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

Please pray for: • Mary Taylor RIP (Reception 5th Jan 5 pm, funeral SH 10.30 6th Jan)

This week:

- 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
- Carol Singing on the streets: Wednesday 18th, 7pm starting at Our Lady & St Edward's and finishing at St Augustine's with refreshments.
- Meditation Group: "What good is it that Christ was born 2,000 years ago if he is not born today in your heart?" (Meister Eckhart). In the silence, stillness and simplicity of meditation we allow Christ to be born in our hearts. Next meeting in Sacred Heart Community Centre on Thursday 19th December at 7.30pm. All Welcome. • Sacrament of Reconciliation; 21st Dec 10am – 11am at St Augustine's.

Wednesday Word – special Christmas Edition: resources for children on the Sunday Gospel up until 5th January:

<https://www.paperturnview.com/wednesday-word/christmas-holidayspecial?pid=MTA101634&v=158.3>

This week's reflection from Pope Francis: Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope."

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

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

Sacred Heart Children's Liturgy: are putting on a Nativity Gospel mime at 6.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to take part, please bring them along to a short practice on Monday 23rd December at 3pm in Sacred Heart Church.

Reader Training: Would all readers come to a Reader Training and Information Session on Monday 13th January 7 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Church. We will be initiating a few changes so ALL readers are required to attend. Thank you.

Parish Carol Services

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.

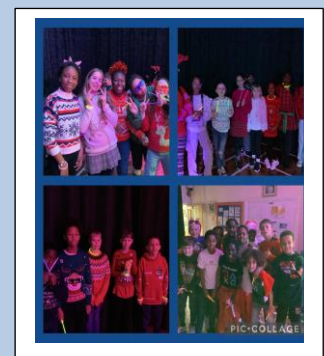
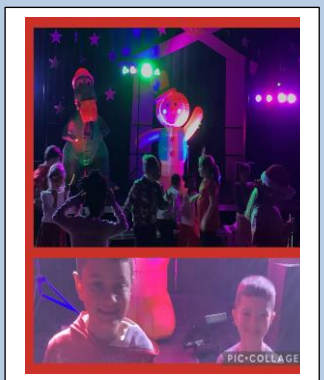


Come along to our Carol Service



CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Last Friday all the children enjoyed their Christmas disco.



On Wednesday, we will be having a non-uniform day as the children enjoy their Christmas dinner and watch a pantomime. We are asking for £1 contribution for all children to cover the cost. Thank you to all the parents who have paid for this so far.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASSES IN BOLD ARE LIVE STREAMED

Monday 16 th December	9am (OLSE) 1.30 – 3 Confessions 6.30 Carol service; SA	MASS Peace for my family Confessions at SH school Parish Carol Service at St Augustine's
Tuesday 17 th December	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 18 th December	6pm (SH) 7pm (OLSE)	MASS Betty Conlon RIP Carol singing in St Anns. Start at OLSE
Thursday 19 th December	10am (SA)	MASS Marie Dore RIP
Friday 20 th December	9:15am (SH)	MASS Peter RIP
Saturday 21 st December	10am (SA)	Confessions available at St Augustine's
Sunday 22 nd December Fourth Sunday in Advent	9am(OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Ned Bowe RIP (1st anniv) Alan Rivers RIP Paddy Flynn RIP

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!

We break up for our Christmas holiday on Friday 20th December. On behalf of all the pupils, staff and governors we wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year. School reopens on Monday 6th January.

