



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

As part of our ongoing drive to improve oracy and to ensure every child's voice is heard we held a no pens day in school. The children completed their usual learning without writing. The children showcased their learning through reading, poetry, drama and role play. They used practical resources to support them solving their maths objectives.

Last Friday, 12 children from Year 5 and 6 represented our school at a cross country event at Wollaton Hall. Despite the cold weather Miss Greenwood and Mr Jessop were very proud of your enthusiasm and commitment.

Please make a note of our remaining three INSET days this academic year. The first one is on Friday 14th February when staff from all the schools within Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust will come together. The others are 28th and 29th July. School is closed for all children on these days.

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THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who supported our Fairtrade tuck shop in 2024. Our Chaplaincy Team enjoyed spending money, buying water, food, shelters, animals, trees, a toilet and a medical outreach team. In this Jubilee Year we are contributing to a hopeful 2025 for many.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There is a meeting for parents whose children are enrolled this year on Thursday 13th February at Sacred Heart Community Centre. This will begin at 7 and finish at 8pm. Please note children are not to attend on this occasion.



WORD OF THE WEEK: DIVERSITY

Week 5 in Ordinary Time Year C

Word of the Week

Diversity

First Reading
Isaiah 65:2, 3-8

Gospel Reading
Luke 9:1-17

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 133:1-3

New Testament
Colossians 1:15-17

Prayer
Diversity calls us to celebrate our differences and to respect the dignity and value of everyone. We are all made in the image of likeness of God and we can recognise God in all people, however different they may seem. Diversity reminds us that we are all called to love one another and to create a world where everyone feels loved, accepted and included.

Reflection
Think about those people in your community who may feel left out. This week, try to find a way to help them feel loved and included.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Dance (Year 1, 2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 1, 2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Badminton (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

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

Well done to Year 3 who had the highest attendance last week a super 99% and to year 5 and year 6 who both achieved 98.44% and 96.13% respectively.

School Matters!



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
06.01.25			EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
13.01.25	17.01.25 Talent Show Auditions	13.01.25 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	
20.01.25	24.01.25 Talent Show Final	20.01.25 Blessed Cyprian Tansi Feast Day 20.01.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Discipleship 24.01.25 Jubilee Launch Day	
27.01.25		27.01.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Scripture 31.01.25 Celebration Assembly	
03.02.25	Children's Mental Health Week	03.02.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Humility 07.02.25: Celebration Assembly	
10.02.25	11.02.25 Safer Internet Day 14.02.25 INSET Day	10.02.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Diversity 11.02.25 Safer Internet Day Assembly 13.02.25 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
17.02.25	HALF TERM		
24.02.25		24.02.25 Word of the Week Assembly – Belonging 28.02.25: Celebration Assembly	
03.03.25	07.03.25 World Book Day	03.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly – Temperance 05.03.25 Ash Wednesday Mass in church 2pm	
10.03.25	British Science Week	10.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Prayer 10.03.25 Lent Reconciliation Service Year 4- 6	
17.03.25	19.03.25 – 21.03.25 The Briars residential year 6	17.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly – Fasting 21.03.25 Celebration Assembly	17.03.25 Parents Evening 1:15-6:30pm
24.03.25	24.03.25 Assessment Week 24.03.25 World Maths Day 28.03.25 Class photographs	24.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly - Almsgiving 28.03.25 Celebration Assembly	
31.03.25		31.03.25 Word of the Week Assembly – Sacrifice 03.04.25 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly 04.04.25 The Passion Led by year 6	

PUPIL VOICE

Last week Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their Forest School sessions. They explored how to connect to and find calm in nature to help their wellbeing. They gave the trees a hug, went on a stick search and created prayer sticks together to show they are a community in nature.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Service of Exposition, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick. This Sunday, 9th, 3pm at Sacred Heart, to coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (11th Feb). This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament of Anointing. It is for anyone who feels in need of the Lord's healing touch, through physical or mental illness or even general infirmity and the effects of ageing.

Mission Appeal. Next weekend, we will have a visiting priest doing a Mission Appeal. Fr. Stephen Kimani will be saying all three Masses on Sunday morning, sharing some thoughts on the work of St Patrick's Missionary Society and taking a collection to support their work.

Word of the Week; Diversity. All our schools reflect on this word in their prayer times. It coincides with Racial Justice Sunday this weekend. Take time to check out the world map with all our countries of origin marked – we come from 47 different countries!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI 3rd – 7th November 2025: To celebrate the Holy Year 2025, a 5-day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi has been organised. The pilgrimage will be quite demanding with early morning starts, and pilgrims will need to be mobile. We will fly from Birmingham on Monday 3rd November 2025 and return Friday 7th. Accommodation in Rome is on a Bed and Breakfast basis for 2 nights, followed by 2 nights in Assisi on Half Board basis. Price is £1056 per person, based on 2 sharing. Single Room Supplement: £135 per person. This price includes all flights, transfers (not to Birmingham airport), accommodation, and Comprehensive Travel Insurance. For full itinerary and booking form, contact the office.

Half term Live Simply Family Activity Afternoon- Wednesday 19th February, 1.30-3.30pm at Sacred Heart community centre. Enjoy a screen free afternoon with your children: crafts, board games, treasure hunt and refreshments all provided. Everyone welcome! (please note that all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult).

Young Adults: On Friday 28th February Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10pm for Young Adults (18-35). If you would like to support the Mass in any way, eg reading, serving, welcoming, then please contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk livesimply.holyfamily@dioceseofnottingham.uk bit.ly/faithandfootprint

VOLUNTEERS/HELP REQUIRED - At our churches we need Welcomers, Cleaners and help with Refreshments after Mass. Please do consider helping out by contacting the office on 0115 9118266 or email All helpers need to undergo the Volunteer Recruitment Process if they are not already on a rota, so we do need your name beforehand.

Summer Fair 2025: Date for your diary – Saturday 28th June 2025 on Our Lady & St Edward's School field. If you will be undertaking a Spring clean and find unwanted gifts or have unwanted Christmas presents, please donate them to our Summer Fair from now. We would like tombola items, raffle prizes and cuddly toys!! THANKS! Let's make it a success!!

Live Simply lunch; Sun 23rd March. Watch this space for details and ticket info nearer the date. For more info on any live Simply initiative, email:

Holy Family Parish Lottery – January Winners – 1st Prize, A Oliphant £100, 2nd Prize, L Noakes £60 Congratulation!!! If you would like to join, it's £5 per month payable by standing order – 29 balls left.

Cake Stall: after Mass on Sunday 23rd February at Our Lady & St Edward's to raise funds for Eve to travel with the Nottingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July 2025.

Faith and Footprint: Caring for Creation. On Monday 17th February at 7.00pm. Join the next online diocesan workshop and find out about: – why this and every Jubilee Year is an invitation to ecological conversion; – the Laudato Si Animators' formation programme which starts on Monday 28th April (details at laudatosianimators.org); – the national walking Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope which converges on Nottingham Cathedral in September; – practical ideas for reducing our parishes' environmental footprint and its buildings. Book now at <https://bit.ly/faithandfootprint>

Please pray for

- The repose of the soul of Martin McCourt RIP (Reception into St Augustine's Church Thursday 13th Feb, 5 pm, Funeral Mass Friday 14th 11.30) & Elizabeth Simon RIP (Funeral Monday 24th Feb 1pm, Sacred Heart)

This week

- **Pastoral Leadership Team meeting** Monday 10th. 10 – 11.30am. OLSE Café
- **Marriage Preparation** Wednesday 12th. 7 – 8pm. SH Hall
- **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
- **Holy Communion Parents meeting** Thursday 13th Feb 7 – 8pm. Sacred Heart Hall. Parents only – no children.
- **Meditation Group:** next meeting is via zoom on Thursday 13th Feb Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUJz09> All Welcome

Wednesday Word: resources for children on the Sunday Gospel <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Fr Joe is away on retreat Sunday 16th – Friday 21st February. During that time, any routine enquiries can be made at the parish office. If a priest is needed in an emergency, for end-of-life anointing, then contact the Good Shepherd (0115 9268288) or the Cathedral (01159539839)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES COMING UP

- Our Lady & St Edward's - first Sunday of the month – 2nd March
- Sacred Heart - Term time 9th Feb
- St Augustine's - twice monthly, next one 23rd Feb



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Last week the children enjoyed taking part in activities to support their own wellbeing. They joined an assembly focusing on Knowing themselves and growing themselves. This reminded the children to celebrate their strengths and talents but also that challenges are part of life. It is important that the children have strategies and trusted adults to talk to when faced with a challenge or a worry.



Each class chose their own activity to take part in on Well being Wednesday, these included sport, cooking, drawing and dancing. On Thursday, many children wore their scarf to school to show the values of safety, care, achieve, resilience and friendship are lived out. On Friday the children dressed to express and share a little bit about themselves.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 10 th February St Scholastica	9am (OLSE)	MASS Fr John McKeon RIP
Tuesday 11 th February Our Lady of Lourdes	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 12 th February	6pm (SH)	MASS Jim Thomson RIP
Thursday 13 th February	10am (SA) 5pm (SA)	MASS Brian & Vera Trotman RIP Reception and Vigil for Martin McCourt RIP
Friday 14 th February	9:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Bridgie McCormack RIP Requiem Mass for Martin McCourt
Saturday 15 th February		VIGIL MASS
Sunday 16 th February Sixth Sunday of the Year	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Roz Marshall RIP (SVP) Tom Collins RIP (anniv) Sr Caoimhim Conneeley PBVM RIP

INSET DAY AND HALF TERM

On Friday, all staff join with all the staff from Our Lady of Lourdes CMAT to participate in an INSET Day. School will be closed to all pupils on this day. Half term begins in Monday 17th February and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 24th February.

