

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

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Welcome back to school after half term. We hope you have all had a relaxing week and spent some time with family and friends. Before half term we celebrated Safer Internet Day.

Thank you to our E SafetyTeam who prepared an assembly to share with the whole school reminding them how to stay safe when using their phones, iPads, tablets and gaming consoles. Learning was consolidated back in class including children in EYFS learnt about Smartie the Penguin who asked his parents for help when something strange appeared on his tablet. In Year 5, children were learning about recognising scams and phishing emails. Please continue to monitor your child's usage and the apps they are downloading as we still have children using social media which has a minimum age of 13.

Please make a note of our remaining two INSET days this academic year. These are 28th and 29th July. School is closed for all children on these days.

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WORD OF THE WEEK: BELONGING

Week 7 in Ordinary Time Year C

Word of the Week

Belonging

First Reading
[1] Samuel 26:23 (all)

Gospel Reading
[1] Luke 12:38

Second Reading
[1] Hebrews 4:14

New Testament
[1] 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Meaning
Belonging is a feeling of being accepted and valued. When we belong to a community, we know that we are not alone. Belonging is about being part of something bigger than ourselves, making a positive contribution and loving and supporting others.

Reflection
Think about someone who's new to your community. Spend some time this week to get to know them better.

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	

OUR VOICE MATTERS

Our School Council met at the end of term to discuss our new menu choices. They have big decisions to make – do we choose a traditional or world menu & so many pudding options to discuss. They are now going to discuss with their class and bring their feedback to the group.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting for children and parents enrolled on the programme this year will take place on Monday 3rd March in the Community café. This will begin at 6 and finish at 7pm. If you cannot attend on this date, you must attend St Augustines on 4th March or Sacred Heart on 5th March.



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 2 who had the highest attendance last half term achieving above our school target with a super 97.41% and to year 6 who both achieved 97.04%.

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

Well done to 61 children who were recognised for having 100% attendance for the whole school year so far.

Well done to: Janelle, Kendrick, Kevin, Temi, , Jace, Elta, Oluwaferanimi Kingsley, Freda, Tiffany, , Brenda, Princess, Julia, Luis, Shanelle, Maria, Chicago, Jessica, Seweryn, Jeremy, Havana, Beverley, Anaija, Milan O, Joyce, Sinobi, Imani, Rey, Medet, Chi An, Michelle, Lena, Chiwetara, Liam, Alex, Ebube, Elizabeth, Rozalia, Byrian, Eliash, Majka, Chiamaka, Roman, Ethan, Bryan, Louise, PrinceEva Joy, Valerie, Oskar, Hanelle, Hannah, Abi, Alley, Jeremiah, Tobechei, Cheryl, Axel, Diana, Huy and Joshua



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PARISH NOTICES:

Mission Appeal: Thank you for your generosity to last week's appeal by Fr Stephen Kimani from St Patrick's Missionary Society – £888 will be sent.

As announced, after Easter, w/c 21st April, Fr Joe will be leaving Holy Family Parish and taking up a new appointment as Parish Priest of St Paul's, Lenton and St Mary's Hyson Green, and as Catholic Chaplain to the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University. He will be replaced by Fr Chris Thomas. Fr Chris was Parish Priest of Corpus Christi Clifton and more recently General Secretary of the Bishop's Conference. The next few months will see a process of handover, so that the transition is as smooth as possible.

Cake Stall: after Mass this 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.

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. 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.

Diary Dates: Beauvale Pilgrimage: 4th May Walsingham Pilgrimage: 14th June

WELCOMERS REQUIRED – Could you help out in this important Ministry? Training will be given. If so, please contact the office on 0115 9118266 or email ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk. All helpers need to undergo the Volunteer Recruitment Process if they are not already on a rota, so we do need your name beforehand.

Thank you. Sacred Heart School - update; we shall be saying goodbye to Miss Hornsby at the end of term. After a period of ill health Miss Hornsby has decided to leave her role as Headteacher at Sacred Heart CVA Academy, who would like to express their thanks to her for the commitment and dedication she has shown during her time at the school. She is a hugely valued member of the team, and they extend their gratitude to her for the positive impact she has made during her time with them. We send Miss Hornsby our very best wishes for the future.

FOODBANK REQUIREMENTS: Thank you to those who regularly donate to our foodbank. This week we are short of; cornflakes, rice, ginger biscuits, custard creams plus any biscuits, pasta sauce and corned beef. Please be assured that your donations are for those who are in need in our parish.

CAFOD DONATION: A big thank you to the children of Our Lady and St Edward's school for donating the takings of their monthly tuck shop over the last year to support CAFOD. Thanks also to our parishioners for paying generously for homemade jam and together we have been able to send CAFOD in total £1,200 to continue to care for some of the poorest people of the world, special thanks to Sr Patricia for making the jam and organising the tuck shop.

A practical photography skills workshop for beginner, amateur, and professional photographers alike, with a focus on capturing liturgical settings and events, is being held between 11 am – 1 pm on Saturday 1st March at St Barnabas Cathedral NG1 5AE. Booking is essential as spaces are limited. For more information and to book, email Naomi at communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Nottingham Night Light: Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass on Friday 28th February at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10pm for Young Adults (18-35), making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral.

Please pray for: All couples on our parish marriage preparation, continuing this Wednesday.

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
- Mediation Group: our next meeting is on Thursday 27th February via zoom at 7.30 pm. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHlNMWtMRDdkMEpUZZ09> All Welcome.

Wednesday Word: resources for children on the Sunday Gospel. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/holidaybooklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5> Special Half-term booklet

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES COMING UP

Our Lady & St Edward's - first Sunday of the month – 2 nd March

Sacred Heart - Term time - next one 2 nd March

St Augustine's - twice monthly, next ones 23rd February, 9th March

Can you help deliver leaflets to new housing estates? To welcome people into our parish, we are distributing leaflets to new people in our area. Could you please deliver in the following areas?

- **Bardolph View Estate** – near burton Joyce – 2 envelopes
- **Bonington Grange** – Gedling opposite Carlton Le Willows School
- **Teal Park** – 4 envelopes – near Victoria Retail Park These envelopes are at the back of Sacred Heart Church. If you are aware of any other new houses near you, contact the office for some leaflets!

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: livesimply.holyfamily@dioceseofnottingham.uk

SOCIAL EVENTS MEETING: TUESDAY 11th MARCH 6.30 pm Sacred Heart Community Centre – To discuss events for this year – all welcome! Celtic Course –

BELONG AND BELIEVE: In our post-pandemic world, the need for vibrant and welcoming Christian communities has never been stronger. This course draws on the wisdom and inspiration from our Celtic spiritual heritage helping us to find renewed faith and vision together. A five-session course will run through Lent and will begin on Tuesday the 11th March, 7pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Cafe. Please join us. You can hop in and out of the sessions – no need to be able to commit to all Tuesdays.

Summer Fair 2025: Date for your diary – Saturday 28th June 2025 on Our Lady & St Edward's School field.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLET - A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR LENT £1 - available now from church – begins Ash Wednesday 6th March. We can order more if given enough notice, so get yours now! Calendars for children also available too.



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Huge congratulations to Chimeremeze, Lanaola, Mark, Sinobi, Chi-An, Mailany, Kian and Amelia who were our Achievers of the Half Term., Cheerful, engaged, independent, kind, thoughtful, a role model, confident, committed, positive, determined, enthusiastic, respectful and polite are just some of the many qualities used to describe you all.



39 children who were awarded at least 100 house points and achieved their Bronze Award. Well done to Samuel, Oskar, Anna, Tiwa, Lyly, Ephron, Chimeny, Lanaola, Thea, Emily, Orlaith, Jessica, Najarn, Franklin, Princess, Jospeh, Maria, Olivia, Omolola, Nadia, Tiffany, Chicago, Luis, Janelle, Jahvi, Iveira, Raphael, Julia, Havana, Beverey, Nicole, Piotr, Nikodem, Oskar S, Charlie, Cleondra, Philip M, Alex and Anthony L,

We also had 58 children who received over 250 house points and received their silver award. Congratulations to Kennelia, Witold, Barron, Otis, Holly, Natasha, Freda, Leo, Hanani, Adiel, Emmanuel, Alice, Imelda, Mila, Isabel, Anna, Sammy, Alicia, Jeremy, Andrei, Sinobi, Rylinn, Colby, Melva, Sinead, Byrian, Michelle, Liam, Blanka, Eliash, Rey, Sophie, Rozalia, Filip, Evelyn, freya, John, Omobolaji, Lou, Daisy, Oliver, Emmanuella, Sienna, Evelyn, Martin, Pacem, Scarlett, Jessica, Freya, Michelle, Victory, Seth, Max, Cheryl, Skyla, Amelia, Diana and Sara.

Congratulations to 6 children who have received over 400 house points and received their gold award. Well done to Ethan, Lilly, Nuala, Chiamaka, Jessica and Alley

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 24 th February	9am (OLSE) Qpm (SH)	MASS Martin Rooney RIP Funeral of Elizabeth Simon RIP
Tuesday 25 th February	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 26 th February	6pm (SH)	MASS Martin Harman RIP
Thursday 27 th February	10am (SA)	MASS Paddy Flynn RIP
Friday 28 th February	9:15am (SH)	MASS Patrick & Annie Coyle RIP
Saturday 1 st March		VIGIL MASS
Sunday 2 nd March Eighth Sunday of the Year	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Carol RIP David Mackay snr and David Mackay jnr RIP Margaret Rita Walsh RIP

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

All the children worked hard last half term to achieve over 13,000 house points in total for working hard and being a good friend. The results are:

St Alban – 2,932 points

Blessed Cyprian Tansi - 3,252 points

St Joan of Arc – 3,401 points

St Therese of Liseux – 3,501 points

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

