



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

On Friday we celebrated World Book Day. The children looked amazing in their costumes. Throughout the day they listened to stories, took part in a book quiz, create some artwork and entered the National competition to design a book token. We ended the day with an Assmely announcing the winners of our best dressed and quiz winners. Congratulations to Rosie, Iwar, Deaglan, Orlaith, Alicija, Alessia, Olly, Philip M and Lena who were chosen as Our costume winners and to Ebun, Saoirse, Natasha, Evanna, Andrei, Grace, Roman, Evelyn and Isaiah who were our quiz winners. All children were able to choose a book.

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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NATIONAL WASTE WEEK

Thank you to the Eco Team who led the whole school with their assembly linked to food waste as part of the national waste week. We learnt about how we can reduce food waste following top tips like; using your left overs and composting food waste.



PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Last week your child brought home a letter inviting you to meet with their class teacher on Monday 17th March. Appointments will be 10 minutes and during this time, you will be able to discuss with your child's class teacher the progress they are making within the curriculum, their attitude towards their learning and their behaviour and interaction with others. If your child has a provision map in place, you will receive a letter from Mr Whittle with a separate invitation to review current targets. You will be notified of your individual time slot on Monday 10th March.

WORD OF THE WEEK: PRAYER

1st Week of Lent

Year C

Word of the Week

Prayer

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-10

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-13

New Testament

Matthew 6:5-15

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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.

Last week's attendance was very high. Year 4 achieving 98.7%, Year 3 achieving 98.3%, Year 1 and 2 both 98% and Year 5 and 6 both achieving 97.5%.

School Matters!



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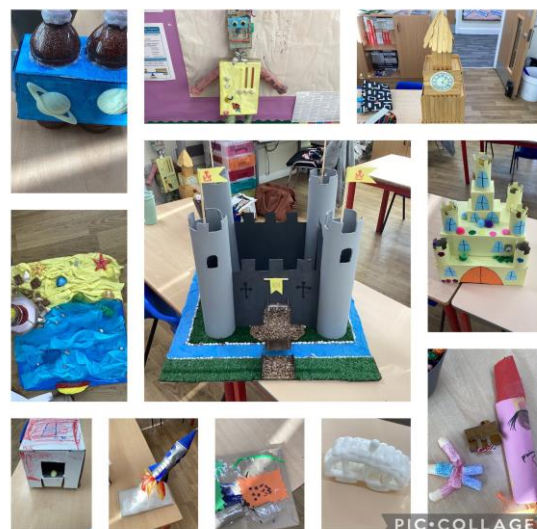
Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
06.01.25			EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
13.01.25	17.01.25 Talent Show Auditions	13.01.25 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	
20.01.25	24.01.25 Talent Show Final	20.01.25 Blessed Cyprian Tansi Feast Day 20.01.25 Word of the Week Assembly - 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

Miss Callaghan set whole school Design and Technology half term homework.

They were tasked with building a structure using recycled materials!

Fantastic work everybody!



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PARISH NOTICES:

Lent in Holy Family Parish Lent is a season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving (helping those in need). Start to think about how you will mark this season through these three disciplines.

Stations of the Cross is a lovely devotion that we pray through Lent and we will pray it at different times in the week; Wednesday 2.30pm at Our Lady & St Edward's, Friday 9.45am at Sacred Heart (after Mass) and Friday 7pm at St Augustine's.

Confessions will be offered at various times; • Saturday morning 10 – 11 at Sacred Heart • Monday 17th March at OLSE 3 – 5pm, • Tuesday 18th March at St Augustine's 3.30 – 5.30pm and • Wednesday 19th March at Sacred Heart 3 – 5pm.

We will also have a parish Reconciliation Service with several priests hearing confessions; • Monday 24th March, 7pm at Sacred Heart. Celtic spirituality is part of our heritage; come and discover more about these ancient roots of our faith through our Lenten reflection course; 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st & 8th April. All Tuesday evenings, 7 – 8pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Café. Please join us. You can hop in and out of the sessions – no need to be able to commit to all Tuesdays.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection: Friday 14th March. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope available from church today, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call Cafod on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

One bedroomed flat at St Augustine's Church: available to rent from now at £700 per month including gas, water & internet charges. It has off-road parking, a new carpet & has recently been painted - suitable for one person or a couple. We are a working parish, so events/services do happen on site at various times. For all enquiries, please email the letting agent:

anthony@arresidential.co.uk

Day Lenten Retreat: A Season of Hope and Rejoicing with Fr Thomas— Director of the Irenaeus Project, Liverpool on Saturday 29 March from 10- 4pm at Presentation Sisters Convent, Matlock. All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks and biscuits will be provided. Suggested donation £10 or whatever you can afford. Organised by the Friends of Nano Lay movement. For more information and to register contact associates@pbvmengland.co.uk or call (07565 171482)

Holy Family Parish International Cuisine Evening at St Augustine's on Saturday 26th April 7 pm. Would you be able to provide a sample of food from your country of origin? We have 47 nationalities in our parish and are hoping that 20 will provide some food for this event. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time. Please add your name, contact details and nationality to the list at the back of church or contact the office. Thank you.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC TEACHERS: If you are a Catholic Teacher and currently working outside of Catholic education, you are invited to find out more about the exciting and rewarding opportunities in Catholic education within the Diocese of Nottingham at our virtual meeting on Wednesday 26th March 2025 7 – 8 pm. Contact; gill.burns@nottinghamdes.org.uk to reserve your place.

THANK YOU to everyone who organised and helped out at the Race Night last Saturday. A fantastic amount of £973 was raised - and thank you to all who attended to make it a great night.

Job Opportunity: Facilities manager required at The Annunciation Parish. For info visit <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/new-jobopportunity-parish-facilities-manager/>

Holy Family Parish Lottery Winners: 1st Prize A Oliphant - £100, 2nd Prize B Byrnes - £60. Congratulations!! Would you like to join? Pick up a leaflet.

Please pray for

- The continued recovery of Pope Francis
- All couples on Marriage Preparation as we meet for the last session of the course this Wednesday.
- The repose of the soul of Concetta Labbate RIP
- Michael, Zainab, Giovanni, Bryan, Linh Chi & Tobechukwu – all being baptised this weekend.

This week

- SOCIAL EVENTS MEETING: TUESDAY 11th MARCH 6.30 pm Sacred Heart Community Centre – To discuss events for this year, including our farewell to Fr Joe – all welcome!
- 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: our next meeting is on Thursday 13th March on zoom Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtM RDdkMEpUZz09> All welcome.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DATES COMING UP: Our Lady & St Edward's - first Sunday of the month – 6 th April, Sacred Heart - Term time - next one 9 th & 16th March, St Augustine's - twice monthly, 9 th & 23rd March.

Live Simply lunch: Tickets to book your place for the Live Simply meal social at Sacred Heart Community Centre, 1.30pm on Sunday 23rd March will be available after Sunday Masses. Come and enjoy a simple, tasty meal in good company and pay what you feel able on the day. Tickets are required to ensure we cater for the right number of people and avoid food waste so please only take a ticket if you intend to come and let us know if you have a ticket and then can't make it, send us an email: livesimply.holyfamily@dioceseofnottingham.uk

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OUR LENT JOURNEY IN SCHOOL

Last Wednesday, we celebrated Mass together in church. Thank you to our Chaplaincy Team who planned and lead us, in Scripture, prayer, reflection and song alongside Fr Joe. Ashes were distributed during Mass.



Throughout Lent, the children will be leading us in reflections:

10th March at 9:15am – led by Year 2 theme of prayer.

17th March at 2:30pm – led by Year 3 theme of fasting

24th March at 2:30pm - led by Year 4 theme of almsgiving

31st March at 2:30pm – led by Year 5 theme of sacrifice

4th April at 2:30pm – led by Year 6 theme of passion.

Children in year 4, 5 and 6 will also have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 10th March.

Thank you to Fr Joe who has made this possible.

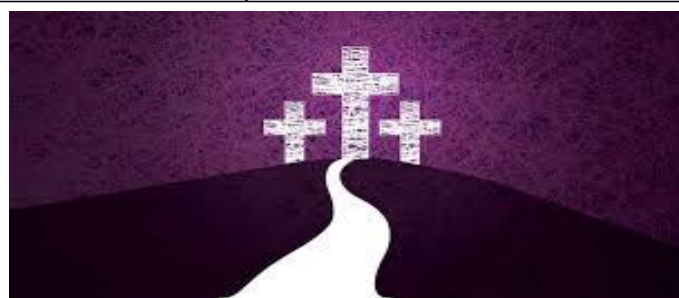
Our Chaplaincy team will lead Stations of the Cross within the parish too. These will take place at 2:30pm on

12th March for Year 1 and 6,

26th March for Reception and Year 4

2nd April for Year 2 and 3.

All are welcome to join us.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 10 th March	9am (OLSE)	MASS Fr Michael Butler RIP
Tuesday 11 th March	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 12 th March	6.00pm (SH)	MASS Paul O'Donnell RIP
Thursday 13 th March	10am (SA)	MASS Sr Kevin Conneely RSM RIP
Friday 14 th March	9:15am (SH) 11am (SH)	MASS Tony Kavanaghs intentions Requiem Mass for Concetta Labbate RIP
Saturday 15 th March	9:30am	VIGIL MASS Fr Joe is covering for a local prison chaplain
Sunday 16 th March	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Jose Preira RIP Eileen Martin's intentions Colm Walshe RIP

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO THE BRIARS **WEDNESDAY 19TH – FRIDAY 21ST** **MARCH**

We are looking forward to taking Year 6 to Conkers and The Briars next Wednesday. The children will bring home their kit list of items to bring. On Wednesday, they will require a packed lunch and a drink. If your child requires any medication, (including travel sickness medication) a self-administration form must be completed at the office and medication handed to Mrs Byrne or Miss Callaghan. If you haven't paid your remaining balance, please ensure it is paid by Monday 17th March. If you are experiencing difficulty with paying the remaining balance, please speak to Mrs Byrne.

