



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last Week we enjoyed British Science Week in school. The theme was Change and Adapt. Scientists are always investigating, they make changes and adapt to learn more about the world. The week was launched with children watching a video –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QseWXpkaGTY>

They explored why the science behind bubbles and wondered why they are always round.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHB9BJDSO0s>

The children were then challenged to exploring a bubble recipe. What are the variables as the bubble is made?

What might you change and adapt to create bubbles?

The children thoroughly enjoyed this week. Many thanks to Mrs Harrison for all her hard work organising the week.

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: FASTING

2nd Week of Lent

Year C

Word of the Week

Fasting

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Second Reading

Exodus 34:25-28

New Testament

Matthew 6:16-18

Meaning

Fasting is a way of showing self-discipline and of focusing on our relationship with God. Fasting can also be a way of expressing solidarity with those who are less fortunate. Fasting is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to follow the example of Jesus in the desert, and to grow in our compassion for others.

Reflection

What can you go without this Lent? Think of something that you can give up to leave more time and space for what's important.

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	

YEAR 6 ON TOUR!!

We are looking forward to taking Year 6 to Conkers and The Briars later this week. 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.

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.



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

This week our children continue on their faith journey with receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Congratulations to Sheila, Liam, Daisy, Medet, Lena, Olly, Alex, Majka, Eliash, Chiamaka, Ebube, Elizabeth, Melva, Joshua, Freya, Michelle, Chiwetara, Byrian and N'rayah.



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 high. Three classes achieved above our school target. Well done to Year 6 achieving 99.3%, Year 2 achieving 98.7% and Year 4 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

Congratulations to Oliver in Year 4 who has successfully completed his Bronze Stage 1, 2 and 3 Award as he trains to be a lifeguard. Part of his training includes water safety, self-rescue skills, survival skills and lifesaving skills.

Good luck with completing your Silver stage. Everyone at OLSE is very proud of you. Well done.



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PARISH NOTICES:

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection today: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call Cafod on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

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 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 mornings 10 – 11 at Sacred Heart • Monday 17th March at OLSE 3 – 5pm, • Tuesday 18th March at St Augustine's 3.30 – 5.30pm • Wednesday 19th March at Sacred Heart 3 – 5pm.

Parish Reconciliation Service with several priests hearing confessions on Monday 24th March, 7pm at Sacred Heart.

Reflections at the Cross: Monday 14th April 2025, 7 pm at St Augustine's, an evening of reflection and music through the eyes of the witnesses at the crucifixion.

Blessing of Easter food on Holy Saturday 19th April, at 10am at Our Lady & St Edward's Church.

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

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 for about 8 people? We have 47 nationalities in our parish and are hoping that 20 will provide some food for this event. So far we have Irish, English and Italian. 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. **Job**

Opportunity: Facilities manager required at The Annunciation Parish. For info visit

<https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/new-jobopportunity-parish-facilities-manager/>

The Nottingham Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage lead by Bishop Patrick 14th - 18th July, includes a full liturgical programme, flights from East Midlands Airport with full board. Prices from £899, more details are at:

www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes

Our next parish music practice is Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome.

Planned Giving envelopes are available at the back of church for the few who continue to donate this way. If you are a taxpayer and donate by loose cash in the basket, please consider moving to standing order. Thank you. Gift Aid form link on website: <https://forms.gle/mjfpzUBLaXH5KgFN7>

Please pray for

- The continued recovery of Pope Francis
- All children making their First Confession this week.

This week

- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's Wednesday 12 noon. All Welcome
- First Confessions for children are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at our different churches; drop-in sessions ... just come along at some point in the two hours available.
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12.00. All welcome
- Meditation Group: our next meeting is on Thursday 20th March in Sacred Heart Community Centre. All Welcome

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 16th & 23rd March, St Augustine's twice monthly, 23rd March & 6th April.

Holy Family Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi lead by our new Parish Priest Fr Chris Thomas Monday 3rd - Friday 7th November 2025. Hard copies of details & the booking form are available at the back of church or from the office. Email: Sarah@tangney-tours.com for more info.

The Diocesan Women's Lent Retreat Saturday 5th April. The theme of is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' lead by Canon Jonathan Cotton, at the Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT). The cost is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details of this & the men's retreat on 12th April and to book please visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

Car parking at Sacred Heart: our car park is always full on a Sunday but there is alternative parking on Southcliffe Drive behind the Church outside the school. Parking is allowed on hatched lines and there is a walk through up from the church or down along the road. Please leave the car park spaces for those who need to park close to Church. Thank you.

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00pm followed by departures. If you would like a seat on Holy Family Parish coach leaving at 8.30 from Sacred Heart Church, email: ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk or phone the office to reserve a place – cost is £26 payable in advance. The coach will be advertised around the Deanery. Car parking is available on site all day.

The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is running an open retreat, Search for the Light, during Easter weekend, Maundy Thursday 17th – Easter Sunday 20th April, at The Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre. Join the mission team as they walk with young people in Years 10 - Year 13 through the Easter Triduum. To book visit: ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities/search/

Second Collection next weekend, 23rd March for National shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham

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OUR LENT JOURNEY IN SCHOOL

Last Monday, year 2 led us in our first Lenten Celebration of the Word. They shared the importance of prayer during this season and asked us to remember to make prayer a special part of our Lent.



On Wednesday our Chaplaincy Team led Year 4, 5 and 6 in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The service reflected the journey we are all taking during this Year of Jubilee as "Pilgrims of Hope". During this year Pope Francis is encouraging children and young people to open the doors of their hearts to journey closer to God, ask for His forgiveness when needed, and be Christ-like to others, showing love and compassion. It is also an opportunity to celebrate God's love for us.

Thank you to Fr Joe, Fr Marcus and Fr Dennis for making this possible.

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

17th March at 9:15am – led by Year 3 theme of fasting
24th March at 9:15am - 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.

Our Chaplaincy team will lead Stations of the Cross within the parish too. These will take place at 2:30pm on 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 17 th March St Patrick	9am (OLSE) 3pm – 5pm (OLSE)	MASS Harriet Ada Ingram RIP (Foundation Mass) Sacrament of Reconciliation available (First Confessions)
Tuesday 18 th March St Cyril of Jerusalem	10am (SA) 3:30pm – 5:30pm (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion Sacrament of Reconciliation available (First Confessions)
Wednesday 19 th March St Joseph	3pm – 5pm (SH) 6.00pm (SH)	MASS Sacrament of Reconciliation available (First Confessions) Richard, Jas & Jane Trivett RIP (Foundation Mass)
Thursday 20 th March	10am (SA) 11:20am (CTK)	MASS Martin & Kate Ridge RIP Lindisfarne House Mass at Christ the King; Holy Souls RIP
Friday 21 st March	9:15am (SH)	MASS Annie Elizabeth Gatley RIP
Saturday 22 nd March	9:30am 10-11am (SH)	VIGIL MASS Fr Joe is covering at a local prison; Fr John Taylor RIP Sacrament of Reconciliation available
Sunday 23 rd March Third Sunday of Lent	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Bernard Clarke's intentions Brendan Finn RIP Zofia Szuciak RIP

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH AT 2:30PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THEIR TEACHER TO BE IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

NURSERY: Iwar and Michael

RECEPTION: Kingsley and Natasha

YEAR ONE: Jahvi and Michael

YEAR TWO: Emmauel and Jolie

YEAR THREE: Amara and Rebecca

YEAR FOUR: Alan and Gabi

YEAR FIVE: Cleaondra and

YEAR SIX: Away at The Briars

PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND