



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week in Frest School, children in year 3 and 4 enjoyed the spring sunshine, making bird feeders, den building and creating prayer crosses to help us make an outdoor stations of the cross for Lent Today, is their final session with Mrs Harrison, Mrs Nicholson and Mr Jessop. After Easter they will wear their Full school uniform on a Monday.

On Wednesday, year 5 complete their swimming lessons and Mrs Wilson and Mr Jessop are very proud of the progress they have made.

This week is School's Football Week and on Tuesday we are asking children and staff to wear their favourite football shirt to show football is inclusive.

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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OUR LENT JOURNEY IN SCHOOL

Last Monday, year 4 led us in our Lenten Celebration of the Word on the theme of almsgiving. During this season of Lent we think how we can give to others to make their life a little easier. On Thursday we are having a non-uniform Day to raise money for Cafod. All Donations will be greatly appreciated and will be split between Cafod's Big Lent Walk to support their appeal for the recent earthquake in Myanmar.



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

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 2nd April for Year 2 and 3.

All are welcome to join us.



WORD OF THE WEEK: SACRIFICE

4th Week of Lent

Year C

Word of the Week

Sacrifice

First Reading
[1] John 5:9-12
Gospel Reading
[1] Luke 10:1-12, 17-32

Hebrew Bible
[1] Genesis 22:1-18
New Testament
[1] Hebrews 13:1-3

During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God, and that we too, are called to live our lives for others as humble servants. Sacrifice is a way to show our love for God and our commitment to living a life that reflects His values.

Think about someone who makes sacrifices for you and take moment to thank them for what they do this week.

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 high. Year 4 achieved 99.06%. Year 6, Year 1 and year 3 achieved above our school target with 98.71% 98.67% and 97.67%

School Matters!



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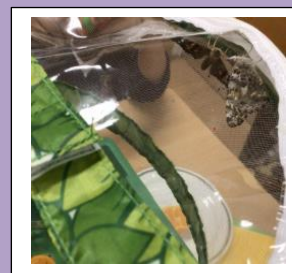
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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
06.01.25			EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
13.01.25	17.01.25 Talent Show Auditions	13.01.25 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany	
20.01.25	24.01.25 Talent Show Final	20.01.25 Blessed Cyprian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

On Thursday, nursery said goodbye to our beautiful butterflies in the sunshine. All of the children in Morning and Afternoon nursery have done an amazing job of taking care of them over the past 3 weeks. We are so proud of you all and we've all learnt so much.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Lent in Holy Family Parish 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.

Celtic Spirituality: Discover more about these ancient roots of our faith through our Lenten reflection course 1st & 8th April. Tuesday evenings, 7 – 8pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Café. Please join us.

Holy Week & Easter

Maundy Thursday 17th April St Augustine's 8pm

Good Friday 18th April Our Lady & St Edward's 3pm

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

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 19th April Sacred Heart 8 pm

Easter Sunday – usual Mass times

Retiring Collection last weekend, for National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham raised £406.15 Thank you for your generosity.

One bedroomed flat at St Augustine's Church available to rent 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

Parish International Cuisine Evening at St Augustine's on Sat 26th April 7 pm. Would you be able to provide a sample of food from your country of origin for about 8 people? This is a great opportunity for our nationalities to come together and celebrate our diversity. Tickets 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.

ITEMS REQUIRED FOR FOODBANK THIS WEEK: toilet rolls, washing up liquid, decaf coffee, tinned fruit, sugar and rice pudding.

Spring Fair: Hayward House, Nottingham City Hospital, Saturday 26th April 10 -3. Entry Fee £1 – tombola, stalls, cakes & refreshments.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales from 22 - 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their 1st or 2nd year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on Easter Day, 20th April. For details contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our Lady & St Edward's – 1 st Sunday of the month; 6th April, Sacred Heart - Term time - next one 30th March then continues after Easter, St Augustine's twice monthly, 13th & 27th April.

Please pray for

- All staff and pupils in our schools as they come to the end of the term; we hope they have a safe and restful time off.
- The repose of the soul of Doug Carty RIP. Funeral Wednesday 9th April, 1.30 at Sacred Heart

This week

- First Holy Communion meetings this week
- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's Wednesday 12 noon.
- Live Simply Meeting Tuesday 1st April 7.30pm OLSE café. All welcome.
- Music practice Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church. All are welcome.
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12.00.
- Meditation Group: our next meeting is on Thursday 3 rd April at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre. All Welcome. **Next weekend, we welcome to all Sunday Masses Fr Chris Thomas**, our in-coming Parish Priest. Fr Chris has managed to get cover for his own parish and will spend some of the weekend with us.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi led by our Fr Chris Thomas. Mon 3rd - Fri 7th November 2025. 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.

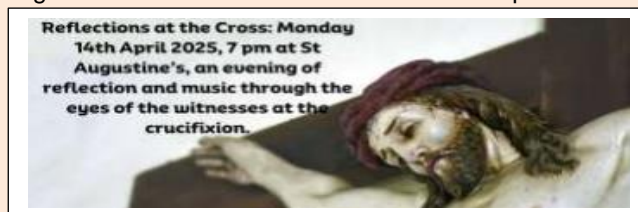
Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick: Sat 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to Catholic Shrine starting at 1.00pm. Mass at 4.00pm followed by departures. If you want a seat on Holy Family Parish coach leaving at 8.30am from Sacred Heart Church, email: ccen@diocesofnottingham.uk or phone the office to reserve a place – cost is £26 payable in advance.

John Morgan RIP: It is with sadness we heard about the passing of John Morgan who served as the Security Guard & Groundsman at The Briars for over 30 years. John, or 'Morgsy' as he was affectionately known, was a constant presence of warmth and welcome for the thousands of young people and staff who visited during this time. He had a way of making everyone feel at home, with a smile, or a story. He was an inspiration for generations of Briars teams and young people. For details of plans to celebrate John's life, contact Hannah Leech - hannah.leech@ololcatholicmat.co.uk

Diocesan Choir rehearsal for singers of the diocese to learn music to sing at the Diocesan Chrism Mass. All are welcome! Rehearsal; Sat 5th April, 10.30am-1.00pm; Chrism Mass on Wed 16th April, from 10.00am. To sign up contact cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Diocesan Youth Service invites young people aged 16-18 in full time education, who are unable to join the Diocesan Jubilee Lourdes Pilgrimage as part of a school or parish group, to join them in taking part in the Pilgrimage. Meet young people from across the diocese, be encouraged in your faith and serve others. You will be accompanied by our experienced staff and join with young people from across the diocese. For more information contact events@ndcys.com Bookings close on 1st May.

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WORLD MATHS DAY

Last Monday we celebrated World Maths day in school. The children looked great in their maths related outfits. Throughout the day they participated in practical maths sessions and created and shared their maths themed raps and songs at our Assembly at the end of the day.



YEAR 2 VISIT SHERWOOD FOREST

Last Wednesday year 2 enjoyed a lovely day at Sherwood Forest learning about living creatures and habitats. Thank you to Mrs Harrison for organising this experience for the children.



YEAR 6 RECEIVE LETTERS FROM BRAZIL

As part of their geography, Year 6 have made links with a school in Brazil and were very excited to receive letters from the pupils.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 31 st March	9am (OLSE) 1:30pm (SH)	MASS In thanksgiving and for peace Confessions in Sacred Heart School. Children only
Tuesday 1 st April	10am (SA) 1:30pm (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion Confessions in St Augustine's School. Children only.
Wednesday 2 nd April	6.00pm (SH)	MASS John T Gately RIP
Thursday 3 rd April	10am (SA)	MASS John Robert Dunne RIP
Friday 4 th April	9:15am (SH)	MASS Colm Henry RIP
Saturday 5 th April	10-11am (SH)	VIGIL MASS Sacrament of Reconciliation available
Sunday 6 th April Fifth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Annie Floyd (Quinton) RIP James Patrick Finn RIP John Erwin RIP

HAPPY EASTER!!

We break up for our Easter holiday on Friday 4th April. We wish you all a happy and holy Easter and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 24th April.

