



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

We hope you have all enjoyed a lovely half term break with your children, spent some time with your family and friends and enjoyed the sunshine. We look forward to beginning our final half term of this academic year and I know there are many engaging activities planned with your children.

Prior to half term our basketball Team played against Greythorn winning 3 out of 4 games so were overall winners. You played amazingly and thoroughly deserved to win. **Well done to Axel, Bryan, Daniel, Dorian, Filip, George, Javonna, Josh, Mark, Omobolaji, Pacem, Roman and Rose.**



Our boys football team played an away game against Bluebell. Again the boys played a very close game unfortunately losing 6-5. **Well done to Abi, Alley, Connor, Elijah, Ethan, George, Jeremiah, Nihal, Oliver, Pacem, Prince, Samuel, Seth and Tobechei.**



Thank you to Mr Jessop too for coaching the children so well.

On Friday we are finished the half term in style with a performance from Miss Whitmore and her band. Year 5 and 6 children will continue with their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison, Mrs Nicholson and Mr Jessop. We appreciate the weather is getting warmer but it is important that children wear long sleeves and joggers for these sessions.

On Wednesday evening, there is a meeting at 6pm for families whose children are moving onto The Becket School in September. There will also be an opportunity to purchase school uniform so it is important there is a representative from each family attending.

Our remaining INSET Days of this academic year are 28th and 29th July. School will be closed for all children on these days.

EYFS enjoy Sleeping Beauty

Nursery and reception children had a fantastic time with Partake theatre acting out the story of Sleeping Beauty. All the children dressed up and took part in retelling the story. Well done for listening, working well together and great acting.



WORD OF THE WEEK: COMMUNICATION

7th Week of Eastertide
Year C

Word of the Week

Communication

First Reading
Acts 7:55-60

Gospel Reading
John 17:20-26

Hebrew Bible
Proverbs 15:1-4

New Testament
Matthew 15:10-30

Communication can take many forms in the world today. It is a way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share.

Send a message to someone this week to tell them that they are loved.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:40	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Please collect at 4:30pm)	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Girls Football (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Lacrosse (Year 4, 5 and 6)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Tennis (Year 2 and 3) Mixed football (Reception and Yr 1)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Boys football (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	TB Sport:	3:15 - 4:30

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 half term year 2 and year 5 achieved above our school attendance target of 97% with 98.7% and 97.5%.

Our current whole school attendance is 96.4% so let's all have a final push this half term to achieve 97%



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
21.04.25		25.04.25 Whole School Mass - Easter 2pm in church	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
28.04.25	28.04.25 Resurrection Rock led by Year 3 and 4 2:15pm 01.05.25 Year 5 Retreat - Joyful Mysteries Rosary	02.05.25 House Prize Afternoon	
05.05.25	05.05.25 Bank Holiday - school closed to all pupils 08.05.25 VE Day celebrations 08.05.25 Year 4 Retreat - Sorrowful mysteries Rosary 2pm	07.05.25 Rosary led by Year 5 2:40pm 09.05.25 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
12.05.25 KS2 SATs week	15.05.25 Year 6 Retreat - Glorious mysteries Rosary 05.23 Coronation Bank Holiday Monday, school is closed	14.05.25 Rosary led by Year 4 2:40pm 16.05.25 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
19.05.25		19.05.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 21.05.25 Rosary led by Year 6 23.05.25: Achiever's Assembly 10am	
26.05.24	HALF TERM		
02.06.25 Year 4 Times table checks	02.06.25 St Joan of Arc Feast Day 05.06.25 Year 3 Retreat afternoon Pilgrims of Hope 06.06.25 Partake in school - Yr 1		04.06.25 New parents meeting at The Becket
09.06.25 Key Stage 1 Phonics screening	12.06.25 Year 2 Retreat afternoon Pilgrims of Hope 13.06.25 Partake in school - Yr 3	09.06.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm	
16.06.25	19.06.25 Year 1 Retreat afternoon Pilgrims of Hope 20.06.25 St Alban Feast Day	16.06.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 20.06.25 :Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
23.06.25	26.06.25 Year 4 Retreat afternoon Pilgrims of Hope	23.06.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 27.06.24 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
30.06.25		30.06.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 04.07.25 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
07.07.25 Healthy Schools Fortnight	07.07.25 Transition Visits in school and Becket 08.07.25 year 6 visit The Becket	07.07.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm 11.07.25 Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
14.07.25 Healthy Schools Fortnight	15.07.25 Year 5 visit The Becket 17.07.25 Key Stage 2 Sports Day 1:30pm 18.07.25 EYFS / KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm	14.07.25 Whole School Assembly 2:30pm	16.07.25 Year 6 Production - 6pm
21.07.25	21.07.25 Family picnic 12:15pm	23.07.25 Achievers Assembly 24.07.25 Year 6 Leaver's Mass 2pm 25.07.25 Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9:15am	

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PARISH NOTICES:

Invitation: you are invited to Mass this Saturday 7th June 6 pm at Sacred Heart Church, followed by a reception in the Sacred Heart Community Centre afterwards to say thank you to Fr Joe and to wish him well in his new parish. All Welcome.

Second Collection today for Catholic Communications Network – the CCN is based at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and works to promote the Gospel throughout our countries and beyond. Supporting the bishops in their collective work together at national and international level, the CCN brings together diocesan communications officers to collaborate on ensuring the work of the Church is as widely known as possible. The CCN also works with international church organisations, especially with the Holy See Press Office, which was a vital link in the recent events in Rome, leading to the election of Pope Leo XIV. The Bishops' Conference website is a major source of information about the bishops' work and can be found at www.cbcew.org.uk www.flickr.com/photos/catholicism Additionally, the linked Flickr webpage for the Catholic Church in England and Wales has over 20 years of photographs illustrating the major events in the life of the Church (Please be generous in supporting this work in today's Second Collection. Thank you.)

Mass Stipends: Asking for Mass to be offered for a specific intention is deeply rooted in our faith drawing on the Jewish practice of making an offering for prayers to be said for the dead (see 2 Maccabees 12:3-46). It is a beautiful way of asking our parish family to pray for that intention and, by giving an offering, you support the mission of the Church here in our parish. One Mass on every Sunday and holyday of obligation is be offered for all the people of our parish (Mass pro populo), something which every parish priest is obliged to do. Mass intentions are published in the bulletin each week. At the moment, we have a significant number of intentions for Mass, some dating back to last summer. In order to ensure all of these intentions are offered and prayed for, it is proposed to send some away to the retired priests of the diocese. These will be Masses that have not been requested on a specific date. A list of these will be put at the back of each of our churches, and if you see your intention there, and would like it to be said in our parish, please email Diane regarding this. Going forward, please give at least six months' notice if you wish Mass to be offered for a specific intention on a specific day in a specific church; if it is not possible to offer the Mass on the requested date, e.g., if there is no Mass that day or there is already an intention, it will be offered as soon as is practicable, as it will if you do not have a specific date in mind. The minimum suggested Mass offering in the Diocese of Nottingham is £10.00. Please place your offering in one of the Mass offering envelopes which can be picked up from the back of our churches, complete it and either give it to Fr Chris or put it in the collection baskets. Thank you.

The Diocese of Nottingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham, led by Bishop Patrick, is 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 (those unable to walk are transported by bus). A coach to Walsingham will be leaving Sacred Heart Community Centre at 8.30 am and a seat costs £26 – on-site car parking. We have 20 seats left, contact the office. Bring a packed lunch, although there is a cafe near the Gift Shop.

Church Surrounds – Thank you to those that have worked hard at Sacred Heart and Our Lady & St Edward's – the grounds look neat and tidy. Is anyone from St Augustine's available to help pull a few weeds and trim bushes? There is still a bit of work to do here to make the grounds look cared for. Just turn up and fill the garden bin! Thank you.

Please pray for:

Gelsomina Mignano. - Requiem Mass 10 am Wednesday 25 June 2025 at Sacred Heart.

Maureen Hopkins RIP - funeral details to be confirmed.

This week

1st Holy Communion rehearsal in Church, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 2nd/3rd/4th.

Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12.00

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Meditation Group: our next meeting is on Thursday 5th June at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre. All Welcome

Wednesday Word: Resource for children on the Sunday Gospel:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5> special half term edition

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi – led by our Parish Priest, Fr Chris Thomas. Flying from Birmingham on Monday 3rd November and returning Friday 7th with accommodation in Rome for 2 nights and 2 nights in Assisi. The cost is £1056 per person plus £135 for single supplement. **PLENTY OF SPACES - itinerary includes; procession through the Holy Doors, Mass in St Peter's, guided tour of the City, visiting the Catacombs and St Paul's outside the walls.**

Clergy Formation Fund – second collection: thank you for your donations last month – we raised £400.55 to go towards training of priests.

Car boot: thank you to all those that organised, helped out and attended the car boot at Sacred Heart Car Park on 17th May. It raised £729 for parish funds. Thank you!! **The SVP raised £181** to fund their Summer Tea for housebound and elderly parishioners. Thank you to those that donated items. **£304 was also raised from selling cakes at the Community café.**

CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on Wednesday 18 June from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Gill Burns at the Diocesan Education Service (gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk).

Piety stalls at all our churches are now selling 1st holy Communion cards and other items. Come and take a look.

The Ascent is coming to the Nottingham Diocese - the ASCENT is a three year discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-12 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ at a whole new level and learn how to share it with others. At their heart they seek to disciple the few for the sake of the many so that the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth. Bookings are open now, visit www.theascentuk.co.uk/



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Congratulations to all the children who were our Achiever's of the Half Term. Inquisitive, compassionate, inspiring, enthusiastic, kind, independent, thoughtful and a role model we're just some of the many words to describe you all.

Well done to Janelle, Witold, Princess, Kevin, Rebecca, Evelyn, Jessica and Millie.



Silver awards – Junior, Emily, Orlaith, Evanna, Joseph, Maria, Princess, Omolola, Tiffany, Chicago, Luis, Janelle, David, Antonina, Iviera, Raphael, Julia, Kevin, Havana, Milan S, Laura, Imani, Sam Z, Seweryn, Piotr, Beverley, Joseph, Abdoul, Joseph, N'Rayah, William, Zack, Adam, Sophie, Julia, Roman, Matthew, Hanelle, Charlie, Alex, Anthony L, Philip M, Hannah, Eva-Joy, Zofia, Thomas, Elijah, Cleondra, Natan, Samuel, Abi, Kyanna, Olivia H, Nihal, Oliwia D, George and Huy.

Gold Awards – Sophie, Natasha, Chimmy, Leo, Freda, Hanani, Faustina, Deaglan, Imelda, Milan O, Alicija, Colby, Alice, Anna, Mila, Byrian, Chi-An, Liam, Nell, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Lena, Ebube, Zofia, John, Dorian, Evelyn, Pacem, Freya, Timmi, Evelyn, Emmanuella, Scarlett, Tobechei, Connor, Cheryl, Zuzanna, Rose, Amelia and Skyla

Platinum Awards – Otis, Witold and Valerie

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 2 nd June	9am (OLSE)	MASS Brendan Finn RIP
Tuesday 3 rd June Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions	10am (SA)	MASS Andy Freeman's Int
Wednesday 4 th June	6pm (SH)	MASS Edward Lane RIP
Thursday 5 th June St Boniface of Credition	10am (SA)	MASS Service of Word & Communion
Friday 6 th June St Norbert	9:15am (SH)	MASS John Dwyer RIP
Saturday 7 th June	12 noon	MASS Mass of thanksgiving for Fr Joe's Ministry followed by reception
Sunday 8 th June Pentecost Sunday	9.00am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11.30am (SA)	MASS Martin McCourt RIP Bridie & Michael McGowan RIP People of the Parish

POINTS MAKE PRIZES!!!!!!

Children were only in school for 23 days last half term but the children collected just under 9,000 house points with their excellent behaviour and attitude to learning.

(An amazing 382 house points every day!!)

The final points were;

St Alban – 2,384 points

St Joan of Arc – 2,194 points

Blessed Cyprian Tansi – 2,136 points

St Therese of Liseux – 2,072 points

Children in **St Alban** house will enjoy their prize this week.