



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week we had lots of children in Year 1 and 2 who were not dressed appropriately for their Forest School sessions. Moving forward, if children are not, they may not be able to take part in this enriching opportunity. Last week the children looked for signs of autumn in our gardens and tested how windy it was with streamers.



Last Monday, we gathered as a home school and parish community. Year 6 led us in our first Mass of the year. The Gospel told us that God's kingdom is like the hidden treasure and we thought about how our relationship with Jesus will grow this year. You set us challenges to show how we will live out our school values & be the face of Christ.



On Wednesday, Year 6 children go swimming. We expect if children are well enough to be in school, they are well enough to participate in their swimming lessons. We understand there may be a valid reason why your child cannot go in the pool so please contact school direct to share on the morning before school. We still have children in Year 6 who do not bring a coat, and the weather is unpredictable and they walk to Victoria Leisure Centre. On Thursday Year 1 will enjoy their first retreat afternoon with our Lay Chaplain Joe. They will spend time thinking and reflecting on our Jubilee Year theme, Pilgrims of Hope.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Application forms for this important Sacramental preparation programme are now available and is designed for children in Year 3 and above in school. Please meet with one of the catechists who will be present in each of our parish centres after Mass on Sunday to distribute the application packs to those parents who are present at Mass. The closing date for applications is Sunday 19th October 2025 and the programme will begin slightly earlier after the autumn half-term holiday.



WORD OF THE WEEK: WORK

Week 25 in Ordinary Time Year C

Catholic Social Teaching

Work

First Reading: Amos 4:1-7
Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-12 or shorter

Hebrew Bible: Proverbs 10:1
New Testament: Matthew 20:1-16

Work teaches us responsibility and discipline and can be a source of satisfaction and fulfillment. We should respect the dignity of labour and the value of all those who work around the world in service of others. Work is a gift from God, a way to participate in His creative activity. It's not just about earning a living, but about using our talents and skills to contribute to the world.

Make an effort to do your work this week to the best of your ability and to help others with their work too.

| Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45 | EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES | |
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| Monday Breakfast Club | TB Sport: Lacrosse (Year 4, 5 and 6) | 3:30 - 4:30 |
| Tuesday Breakfast Club | Music Tuition TB Sport: Basketball (Year 1, 2 and 3) | All day 3:30 - 4:30 |
| Wednesday Breakfast Club | TB Sport: Games (Year 1, 2 and 3) | 3:30 - 4:30 |
| Thursday Breakfast Club | TB Sport: Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6) | 3:30 - 4:30 |
| Friday Breakfast Club | No afterschool provision | |

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

A gentle reminder that children should be arriving into school each morning between 8:40 and 8:50. We have a small number of children who always arrive between 8:50 and 9am, which means they miss nearly an hour of learning every week. **Congratulations to year 3 who achieved perfect 100% attendance last week, Year 5 98.75% Year 4 98.33 and Year 6 with 98.13% all above our school target 97%.**



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| Week beginning: | School Event | Assemblies/Services | After School |
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| 1 st September | 1 st Sept: INSET DAY 2 nd Sept: INSET Day 3 rd Sept: School opens to pupils | 3 rd Sept Welcome back Celebration of the Word 4 th Sept | |
| 8 th September | 10 th Sept – 12 th Sept Hathersage residential – Year 3 and 4 | 8 th Sept: C.O.T.W 10 th Sept Swimming commences for Year 6 | |
| 15 th September | 15 th Sept – Meet the Teacher 3:20-3:45pm 17 th Sept – Individual and family photos 19 th Sept – Jeans for Genes Non-Uniform day. | 15 th Sept Mass led by Year 6 9:15am in church 18 th Sept Year 6 retreat afternoon 19 th Sept: Celebration Assembly | EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN 17 th Sept Year 6 Information Meeting at The Becket 18 th Sept Year 6 Information Meeting at Christ the King |
| 22 nd September | 24 th September EYFS Phonics meeting for parents 2:30pm 26 th Sept: International Day | 22 nd Sept: C.O.T.W 25 th Sept: Year 1 Retreat afternoon 26 th Sept International Day Assembly 2:30pm | 22 nd Sept – Year 6 Information Meeting 6pm. |
| 29 th September | 3 rd Oct St Francis Feast Day 3 rd Oct: Fairtrade Tuck Shop | 29 th Sept C.O.T.W 29 th Sept St Therese of Liseux House Feast Day 3 rd Oct – St Francis Hub Mass 3 rd Oct: Celebration Assembly | |
| 6 th October | 10 th Oct: World Mental Health Day | 6 th Oct: C.O.T.W 8 th Oct: Harvest C.O.T.W led by Year 5 | |
| 13 th October | 13 th Oct Parent / teacher meetings | 13 th Oct St Edward Feast Day Mass in church 9:15am 17 th Oct: Achiever of the Half Term Awards | |
| 20 th October | HALF TERM | | |
| 27 th October | HALF TERM | | |
| 3 rd November | 6 th Nov: Flu Immunisations 7 th Nov – Fairtrade Tuckshop | 3 rd Nov: C.O.T.W 7 th Nov: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm | |
| 10 th November | Anti Bullying Week 11 th Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am | 11 th Nov: Remembrance Day Liturgy 14 th Nov:: Celebration Assembly | |
| 17 th November | Judaism Week in school 21 st Nov Youth Fun Day | 17 th Nov C.O.T.W | 23 rd Nov: Feast of Christ the King. School lead parish Mass 9am. |
| 24 th November | 29.11.24 INSET DAY | 24 th Nov C.O.T.W | |
| 1 st December | 5 th Dec Fairtrade Tuckshop | 1 st Dec Advent C.O.T.W led by Year -6 5 th Dec: Celebration Assembly | |
| 8 th December | 11 th Dec EYFS Nativity 9:30am 12 th Dec Christmas jumper day | 8 th Dec: Advent Mass in church 9:15am | |
| 15 th December | 17 th Dec Christmas Dinner and party afternoon 19 th Dec INSET Day | 15 th Dec Advent C.O.T.W. led by Year 5 18 th Dec: Achievers of the term awards 18 th Dec Christmas Carol Service led by Year 3 and 4 | |

PUPIL VOICE

We are very excited to welcome Great Britain Olympic Swimmer Amy Smith into school today. She will share her journey with us and lead us in fitness sessions. Sponsorship money raised will help to purchase new sporting equipment in school. Please bring money raised into school by Thursday or donate via the QR code. Thank you in advance.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: This Sunday is the day of special prayer in England and Wales for the spread of the Gospel. Named after Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation The Joy of the Gospel, we look at how we proclaim the unique message of the Gospel that brings joy to all people who receive it with an open heart. The four pillars of this important work are proclamation, evangelisation, dialogue and catechesis and all Christians are called to witness to the Gospel in their lives and engage in these four pillars. There will be a Second Collection to promote this work at a national level at each Sunday Mass this weekend.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Preparation 2026 Application forms for this important Sacramental preparation programme are now available and is designed for children in Year 3 and above in school. Please meet with one of the catechists who will be present in each of our parish centres after Mass on Sunday to distribute the application packs to those parents who are present at Mass. The closing date for applications is Sunday 19th October 2025 and the programme will begin slightly earlier after the autumn half-term holiday.

Jubilee of Catechists Day: on Saturday 11th October at Saint Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; from 10.00am until 4.00pm More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee> or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers, Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in St Barnabas Cathedral NG1 5AE on Saturday 27th September. Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome!

Macmillan Fund Raiser: Saturday 27th September 12 -2 pm at Foxhill Court community Centre (opposite Tesco). Come and join in for lunch, cakes, raffle, tombola and craft stalls. Hayward house Fundraiser: Three members of their team at Hayward House are running the Robin Hood Half Marathon on 28th September to sponsor visit: https://www.justgiving.com/team/hayward-houserhmm2025?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL

The 2025 Season of Creation's theme is "Peace with Creation," inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18, which describes a vision of future peace for God's people. It runs from September 1 to October 4, and encourages Christians to work for ecological healing and justice, addressing the interconnected issues of environmental degradation, climate change, and social conflict. For more info visit; <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/season-of-creation>

Job Opportunity: In honour of the recent canonisation of Carlo Acutis and in recognition of his dedication to evangelising through digital media, the Diocesan Youth Service is pleased to offer a distinguished opportunity for a creative and motivated individual to join our team as a Volunteer Marketing Intern, as part of the inaugural Carlo Acutis Internship Program. Please encourage interested parties to read the job description and email marketing@saintsmeadow.com to apply

The Diocesan Youth Service (NDCYS) is hosting an online information evening on Tuesday 23rd September 7.00pm – 8.00pm where you can find out about the opportunities available for young people, meet others involved in youth ministry and share ideas. To register, visit: ndcys.com/youth-ministry-networking/

HOLY FAMILY FOODBANK REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK: Evaporated Milk, tinned potatoes, pasta sugar and toilet rolls. Thank you for your support.

Please pray for: The repose of the soul of Monsignor David Forde, whose funeral is Friday 26th September – St Barnabas Cathedral. The Requiem Mass for Monsignor Canon David Forde will take place on this day at 11am in the Cathedral. Mgr Forde was a priest for 69 years in our diocese and was well known in the city of Nottingham as Cathedral Dean. If anyone would like to come and pray for the repose of his soul at his Requiem Mass, please do!

This week:

- **Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage:** There will be a meeting for all those who are going on the parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on Monday 22nd September at 7pm in the Sacred heart Community Centre.

- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's this Wednesday: 12 – 3

- **24/7 Holy Family Youth Group** begins on the last Wednesday of each month, starting on the 24th of September at 7:30pm - 9pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre. It's open to anyone in Secondary School. This will also serve as the route for those young people wanting to receive the sacrament of Confirmation which will be on 12th of June 2026.

- **Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre** this Thursday 12.00 – 3 pm. All welcome.

- **Holy Family Parish Pilgrimage to St Barnabas Cathedral** on Thursday 25th September 2025. We will begin the trail around the Cathedral after their 1 pm Mass.

- **Meditation Group:** our next meeting is this Thursday 24th September via zoom Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHlNMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09>

- **SVP MASSES:** Friday 26th September and Saturday 27th September – Sacred Heart Church and Community Centre Spanning two days, the Feast of St Vincent de Paul celebrates the work of our local SVP Conferences and that of the whole diocese. On Friday evening at 6pm, there will be Mass in the Community Centre for the parish SVP and all are welcome to come along. On Saturday, the Diocesan festival of the SVP will take place in the Community Centre and Mass will be celebrated at 12noon in the Church- all welcome. Please pray for the work of the SVP locally and nationally as they continue to promote the aims of St Vincent in caring for the poor, the marginalised and those in any need.

WEDNESDAY WORD: Resource for children on this week's gospel. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/goodnews?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

FIRE SURVEY AND EVACUATIONS

We are working to comply with all of the requirements which were flagged in the recent fire safety surveys in all of our churches. However, there are a few things which we can all work towards mitigating risks when we are in church:

- **Votive candles:** please do not put votive candles anywhere else than in the dishes on the stands. Please do not use any other surfaces (beneath the dishes or on shelves near the stands) for these nor "stack" them one above the other. This poses a serious fire risk in all of our churches.

- **Keeping aisles clear:** during our celebrations, please do not obstruct the aisles of the church with anything that could impede a swift evacuation in case of emergency. We know that space is at a premium and we are looking at creating designated spaces for walking frames and baby strollers in all of our churches.

- **Fire exits:** please note where the nearest fire exists are in the churches. There will be enhanced with additional lighting and signage (as required) so that the emergency egress points are identified. • Fire exits also need to be kept clear, this includes the exits that lead out onto the car parks. These will be coned off but please make sure that you are parking considerably and not blocking pavements and exits.



YEAR 6 TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Year 6 pupils and parents can now make their decisions for their next stage of their education as they move to secondary school. Should you wish to make an on-line application but do not have access to the internet, we are happy to help you do this in school, please make an appointment. **The closing date for applications is Friday 31st October. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular.**

YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING

MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 6PM.

We are holding a meeting for Year 6 parents on Monday 22nd September at 6pm in school to share Year 6 expectations, SATs, secondary transfer arrangements and information about a residential to The Briars. A representative from each family should attend the meeting.

EYFS PHONICS MEETING FOR PARENTS **WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2:30PM IN** **SCHOOL**

All parents who have children in Early Years are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday at 2:30pm. Miss Makings will share how we teach phonics using Little Wandle which supports children to learn to segment and blend sounds and then read independently.

If you have a child in Year 1 and were unable to attend last year or would like a refresher as Miss Whitmore uses Little Wandle to teach phonics and reading too.

INTERNATIONAL DAY **FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER**

On Friday 26th September it is the International Day of Languages 2025.

This is a day to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity of languages, and cultures, we have within our school. The theme this year is "Languages open hearts and minds" to highlight how languages connect people and foster understanding.

We would like to celebrate by asking children to wear their national dress or colours of their flag and also bring in a small dish of food which they and their family enjoy eating for breakfast (no nuts please).

Ideas could include breads, cakes, croissants, jams, pancakes, waffles, cheese, meats, rice, noodles, fruit, porridge, breakfast casseroles/stews or curries. We thank you in advance for your continued support as we celebrate the diversity within our school.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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| Monday 22nd September | 9:15am (OLSE) | MASS Anna Le Thi Khuong RIP |
| Tuesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio) | 10am (SA) | MASS Service of Word and Communion |
| Wednesday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham | 9:30 (SH) | MASS Holy Souls Anne de Rosa, Sabato & Vincenzina Sarno RIP |
| Thursday 25th September | 10am (SA) | MASS Pom Terry RIP |
| Friday 26 th September | 9:30am (SH) | MASS Terry Crawley RIP |
| Saturday 27th September St Vincent de Paul, Priest | 12pm (OLSE) | VIGIL MASS Margaret Reynolds RIP |
| Sunday 28th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) | 9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA) | MASS Theresa Howard RIP James Power RIP People of the Parish |

CONGRATULATIONS TO

to Chiwetara and Medet who are our latest recipients to receive our Parish Ambassador award. Since you received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion in June you have dedicated your own time to support the parish and school as altar servers. We look forward to watching you grow in faith over the coming years to come.

