



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week we welcomed two special visitors; Olympic swimmer Amy Smith and Commonwealth swimmer Joe Roebuck. Each class took part in a fitness session and then gathered to hear about their journey from primary school to competing at international events. We thank you for supporting this fundraising event which will enable us to purchase new playground equipment for the children.



Last Friday, Miss Callaghan left to begin her maternity leave a little earlier than planned. Following an interview process last week, we have appointed Mr Beckett to work for 3.5 days alongside Miss Greenwood in Year 4. In order to provide consistency for Year 4 this week we have put plans in place for Miss Greenwood to teach full time in Year 4. Mr Beckett may be able to join us next week. We are sure you wish Miss Callaghan well and will welcome Mr Beckett to our staff team.

On Friday, Year 6 will join with pupils from our hub schools as we celebrate the feast day of our hub saint – St Francis. We will celebrate mass in Our Lady and St Edward's church beginning at 10:15am.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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WORD OF THE WEEK: PRUDENCE

Week 26 in Ordinary Time Year C

Cardinal Virtue

Prudence

First Reading
Amos 6:1, 4-7

Gospel Reading
Luke 10:38-42

Prudence
Prudence is the virtue of sound judgment, making wise decisions based on reason and faith. It's about taking the time to think before we act, considering the consequences of our choices, and seeking guidance from God and wise counsel. Prudence helps us navigate life's complexities, discern God's will, and make choices that align with our values and beliefs. It's a key virtue for living a life of integrity and purpose.

When faced with a difficult decision this week, think about what Jesus would do.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
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!!

Our Education Welfare Officer, Miss Bradshaw, continues to monitor attendance daily. She will make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

Congratulations to Year 1 who achieved perfect 100% attendance last week, Year 5 99.38% Year 3 98.33 and Year 4 with 97.42% all above our school target 97%.



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
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 1 st Oct 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 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		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

On Wednesday, we will be celebrating the feast day of St Therese of Liseux. This will be a non-uniform day for children who are in this house BUT they must wear something red as that is their house colour. If you are unsure which house your child is in, please check the colour of their name on their organiser as that is their house colour. All the children in the house will join together to find out how we will live like St Therese. We can represent her by a little action, sacrifice for God and love. Little things can make a big difference.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Welcome: we extend a special welcome to students who may be worshipping in our parish during their time here. Introduce yourself and if you wish to continue in any ministry which you have been involved with, contact the office or complete our Parishioner Registration form on-line or at the back of church. There is also a Catholic University chaplaincy Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral on Sundays at 6 pm

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest is Friday 3rd October. Please donate to CAFOD's Family Fast Day parish collection next Sunday to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges.

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.

Day of Healing – You are invited to join Bishop Patrick for a day of Freedom and Inner Healing led by 'Unbound UK'. The day will be held at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Saturday 25th October. There will be talks on freedom and healing, Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, Confession and Intercessory Prayer, and an Evening Healing Service with music from One Hope Project. You can come from the full day or for any of the sessions. It is open to all ages and there is no cost, but donations are welcome. More information: dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Jubilee of Catechists: To celebrate the amazing work of the wonderful Catechists who do so much in our diocese we will be having a jubilee day. The day will include the celebration of Mass and a conference to help them in their ministry. There will be 2 keynote talks from Dr Mark Nash Director for the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, with workshops and time to mingle. The day will be held on Saturday 11th October at St Joseph's Church, Leicester, LE5 6SG; 10am-4pm and cost £10 (please bring a packed lunch). More information: <https://bit.ly/CatechistJubilee> or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Refreshment Helpers required after Sunday Mass at Our Lady & St Edward's. Please speak to a Welcomer, pop in after Mass or email the office if you can help. Thank you.

The Irish Rambling House Show comes to the Greyfriars (next to our Lady & St Edward's School) on Friday October 24th 8 pm. The music, the sings, the dance and the craic!!! Tickets cost £20 07074 259471

Please pray for: Sandra Joan Crofts: whose funeral takes place on Wednesday 1st October at St Barnabas Cathedral at 10 am. May she rest in peace.

This week:

- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's this Wednesday: 12 – 3
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre this Thursday 12.00 – 3 pm. All welcome.
- Meditation Group: our next meeting is this Thursday 2 nd October in Sacred Heart community Centre 7.30 pm - all welcome.

From 1st – 14th October Diane Williams will be on annual leave and next week Fr Chris is on call. The office will be open at various times but do telephone before visiting the office.

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

HOLY FAMILY ROSARY: during the month of October we will be praying the Rosary around our churches, do join us in prayer, beginning at 7 pm on Mondays:

- 6 th October - St Augustine's Lady Chapel
- 13th October - Our Lady & St Edward's Church 20th October - The convent of the sisters of St Jospeh of Peace (next to Sacred Heart Church)
- 27th October – St Augustine's Lady Chapel

HOLY FAMILY FOODBANK REQUEST FOR THIS WEEK: our foodbank is able to store many items to give weekly to people who are in need but sometimes we are short on essential basics. This week we need, evaporated milk, tinned potatoes, pasta sugar and toilet rolls. Thank you for your support.

Thank you .. the organisers of the car boot Sale last Saturday and thanks to those that contributed items for the SVP stall. They raised £155

Cake Stall: at St Augustine's after 11.30 Mass next Sunday, 5th October – donations of cakes greatly appreciated, do come in and buy a few!!!

Appeal for Food for Emmanuel House, Goose Gate, Nottingham:

this harvest we would like to also support Emmanuel House food collection. Due to demand they have run out of food to feed the homeless. Therefore, on Sunday 12th October, there will be containers on the sanctuary for food donations which will be taken down to Emmanuel house. Here is the list of food required:

Instant coffee	Snack bars
Decaff coffee	Cereal bars
Decaff tea	Biscuits
Orange or blackcurrant cordial	Pot noodles
Fruit tea	Instant pasta pots
Peppermint tea	Drinks
	Marmalade,
	honey
	Chocolate spread

Individual porridge pots	Jars of cooking sauces
Cereal –	Herbs and spices
Weetabix,	Stock cubes
Shreddies,	Gravy granules
Coco Pops	Tomato puree
Long-life semi skimmed milk	Baked beans
Snacks	Tinned vegetables
Granulated sugar	Sunflower oil
Peanut butter	
Marmite	



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

Thank you to parents who were able to attend our meeting last week. where we shared Year 6 expectations, SATs, secondary transfer arrangements and information about a residential to The Briars. The presentation has been sent via Arbor and is available on our school website on the Year 6 class page.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Last Friday we celebrated **International Day of Languages 2025**. Throughout the day we celebrated the diversity of languages, and cultures, we have within our school. The theme this year was "Languages open hearts and minds" to highlight how languages connect people and foster understanding.

The children looked amazing wearing their national dress or colours of their flag and thank you for your generosity sharing in a dish of food which your family enjoy eating for breakfast. If your child brought home a dish or pot which does not belong to you, please return to school so we can give to the correct owner.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 29 th September Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	9;15am (OLSE) 12noon Mass	MASS Rita Abbot RIP Jubilee of the Diocese at St Barnabas Cathedral
Tuesday 30 th September St Jerome	10am (SA)	MASS Patricia Deehan RIP
Wednesday 1 st October St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor	6pm (SH)	MASS Anna de Rosa RIP
Thursday 2 nd October The Guardian Angels	10am (SA)	MASS Lucille Mooney's Intention
Friday 3 rd October	9:15am (SH)	MASS Con Power RIP
Saturday 4 th October St Francis of Assisi	9am 12noon (OLSE)	VIGIL MASS Mass in HMP Whatton Baptism of Aoife
Sunday 5 th October Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS For the People Brendan Finn RIP Sally Hardiman RIP

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER AT 2:30PM

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

NURSERY: Joel and Leon

RECEPTION: Clara and Tiara A

YEAR ONE: Holly and Otis

YEAR TWO: David and Nadia

YEAR THREE: Anna and Milan O

YEAR FOUR: Ebube and Kendall

YEAR FIVE: Lilly and Roman

YEAR SIX: Isabella and Philip M

PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND