



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a super summer holiday and managed to find the sun, rest, relax and enjoy some family time together! On behalf of all the staff thank you for all the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. Your kind words of thanks were much appreciated by all members of staff.

Welcome to our new Nursery and Reception pupils. I hope everyone settles in quickly and is looking forward to a great year ahead. Welcome back to Miss Makings who returns from her maternity leave.

Last week flew by so quickly! I am pleased to say that all the children have happily settled in to their new classes and are working hard. Thank you to all parents who have supported children with preparing their backpacks. Children and staff across school are enjoying learning about each other.

Next week year 1 and 2 begin their Forest School sessions so please ensure you have returned the necessary paperwork to school. Children must be dressed in appropriate clothing as they may get dirty or wet. Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop will still take the children out in the rain!! On Wednesday, 34 children from Year 3 and 4 are taking part in a two-night stay at St Michael's Residential Centre in Hathersage. They will take part in a range of activities including orienteering, pond dipping and lots of walking. Thanks to Mr Whittle, Miss Philbin, Mr Jessop and Mrs Rogers who are taking the children. Please do not contact school for updates, in case of emergency a member of staff will contact you. Photos will be uploaded to X but please be patient as the Wifi can be intermittent in the Peak District. Children in Year 5 began their DAART sessions last Thursday, it is a ten-week programme where they will learn about keeping safe online, alcohol and drug mis-use and gang and knife crime. Please ensure if you haven't already returned your consent form you do as soon as possible. This Wednesday, year 6 begin their swimming lessons. Please ensure you have provided written confirmation if your child needs to wear their goggles.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

Week 23 in Ordinary Time Year C

Word of the Week

Encounter

First Reading
Wisdom 9:13-18

Gospel Reading
Luke 14:25-33

Psalm
Psalm 138

Second Reading
1 Peter 2:1-10

Evangelical
New Testament
Luke 19:1-10

Our faith is full of encounters with God – in prayer, in the sacraments, and in the people we meet. These encounters can change us, challenge us, and bring us closer to God. When we open ourselves to encountering Christ in our daily lives, we allow His love to transform us and make us more like Him. We can encounter Christ in the Scriptures, in the Mass, and in the faces of those in need.

Make time this week to look at where you might encounter Jesus in those around you.

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	



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.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform at the beginning of the new school year. Uniforms are an important reminder that they belong to a community and they should all wear it with pride. All children should wear sensible black shoes; this does not include, plimsolls, trainers or boots. All children should also have a warm, waterproof coat as they go out to play in all weather. This does not include a denim jacket. PE kit is a red t-shirt and black shorts. In cold weather, children can wear plain black joggers and hoodie but must not include logos or brand names. All long hair must be tied back using white, blue or black bobbles.

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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	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 Lisieux 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

The new school year may only be a few days old but the children have happily settled into their new classrooms and learning spaces. Staff shared our updated Behaviour Curriculum with their classes. Ask your child what Be Smart and Outside acronyms are to ensure everyone feels happy, safe and able to learn whilst in school. New Year, new adventures await!!



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PARISH NOTICES:

Mission Red Box Appeal: This weekend we welcome Father Emmanuel Mbeh to give a Red Box Appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World where it is young or in need. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more visit: www.missio.org.uk

Finance Report to Parishioners: if you didn't take a finance report home last week, there are plenty still available from the back of church. If you have any questions, please email the office or ask one of our Finance Committee. This is for the year ending 31st March 2025 and gives a summary of our finances over the year - thank you for your generosity. There is also a 'Guidance on Giving' leaflet for information on donating to our parish.

Job opportunity: The Parish of St Paul's & St Mary's, Nottingham, is looking to recruit a part-time Parish Administrator for 10 hours a week. This person will be experienced in administration and finance in parish/school/charity sectors and will help manage the day-to-day administration of the parish. For details, contact Fr Joe Wheat joe.wheat@dioceseofnottingham.uk Tel 0115 9786236 Closing date 12th September.

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.

Sunday 14th September – Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Education Sunday The Jubilee of Schools and Young People takes place next Sunday and we celebrate the contribution to the life of the Church from our school communities. At each of our Masses, young people from each of our primary schools, along with their Senior Leaders will speak about the experience of being in a Catholic school. Please keep all our school communities in your prayers as we celebrate this Jubilee in this special year.

24/7 Holy Family Youth Group begins on the last Wednesday of each month, starting on the 24th of September at 7:30pm - 9:30pm 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. Please register by email to the parish office. If you are able to volunteer at the youth Group, please also drop us an email: ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk Thank you.

The Letter: On Wednesday 17th September 7.00pm-9.00pm, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace will be showing 'The Letter' in Cathedral Hall, Nottingham, NG1 5AE. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' this film invites us to reflect on our common home during this Season of Creation. Light refreshments will be provided, and for details contact david@csjp-uk.co.uk

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

Please pray for: The repose of the Soul of; Mary Campbell whose funeral will be at Good Shepherd on Wednesday 10th September at 11 am and Monsignor David Forde, Reception into the Cathedral Church of Saint Barnabas, with Vigil Mass, Thursday 25th September at 6.00pm, Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in the Cathedral Church of Saint Barnabas, Friday 26th September at 11.00am. May they Rest in Peace.

This week:

- Live Simply meeting; Tuesday 9th at Our Lady & St Edward's Café 7.30 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 11th September on zoom. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMlWtMRDdkMEpUZZ09> ALL WELCOME

Coming up:

- **Growing in Faith meeting:** Thursday 18th September at 7pm in Our Lady and St Edward's Café NG3 2LG. For more information, please contact Fr Chris or the parish office. Take a leaflet from the back of church and hand it to someone who you think would like to come along.
- **Talk on Wills & Probate:** Thursday 18th September at 1 pm at the Community Café. Dealing with a loved one's estate can be overwhelming. We have a Solicitor coming to talk to us through the probate process and she will give expert advice & support.
- **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. The purpose of the meeting is to share the itinerary with pilgrims and to look at travel options to Birmingham for our flights. It would be great if all pilgrims could come so we meet before the airport and get to know one another.

- **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 with the opportunity to go to Confession at 12.15 – 1pm, we will then follow the trail together. Do pop this in your diary and join us, Fr Chris will be concelebrating Mass and he has also written an explanation of a Plenary Indulgence.

CAR BOOT AT SACRED HEART CAR PARK SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER £10 per car – book in with Tommy on 07544 655070 or Martin on 07989 559769 stalls can relocate to inside the hall if bad weather. £1 entry food available – 10 am SVP are appealing for Bric-a-Brac to sell on their stall to raise funds for activities to support their parish work. Please leave in Sacred Heart Parish Centre or Lesley in the Piety stall at Sacred Heart. Thank you.

DIARY DATE: HOLY FAMILY PARISH SUMMER FAIR ON OUR LADY & ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL FIELD is on SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2026 – put the date in your diary now and see how you can help.

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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 16th September at 6pm in school to go through Year 6 expectations, SATs, secondary transfer arrangements and information about a residential to The Briars. A representative from each family should attend the meeting.

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING AT THE BECKET

WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

The Becket School are delighted to announce that their annual Year 6 Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 17th September between 6pm and 8pm. Head Teacher, Mr Greig will share a presentation at 6pm and 7:15pm. There will also be an opportunity to walk around the school.

Mr Greig has also shared the following information Nottingham City Residents – We are aware that some Nottingham City residents are unable to see The Becket School in the list of schools when they are making their application for September 2025.

The Becket School can be found in the main list of schools (all local authorities), and under the Nottinghamshire LA when filtering the search. Please do not search under Nottingham because we will not show in this list. Once you have filtered by 'all local authorities' or 'Nottinghamshire', you can then search us by name:

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING AT CHRIST THE KING

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

Christ the King School invite prospective parents and students to visit school between 5pm and 7:15pm. Miss love the Head Teacher will speak at 5pm and 6:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see their vibrant Catholic community in action, meet staff and current students and see a variety of learning experiences.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 8 th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9;15am (OLSE)	MASS Peter Dinh Nguyen RIP
Tuesday 9 th September	10AM (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 10th September	9:30 (SH)	MASS Requiem Mass for Richard Cwilewicz RIP
Thursday 11th September	10am (SA)	MASS Maureen Hopkins RIP
Friday 12 th September Most Holy Name of Mary	9:15am (SH)	MASS Brenda Jackson RIP
Saturday 13th September St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor	12pm (OLSE)	VIGIL MASS
Sunday 13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Roz McQuillan's Int Jimmy Conlon Snr RIP People of the Parish

INSET DAYS

We have arranged for INSET Days on the following dates:

19th December 2025

13th February 2026

26th June 2026

27th July 2026

School will be closed to all pupils on these days.