



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

As part of Forest School last week, Year 1 and 2 learnt that hedgehogs, are endangered nocturnal mammals that hibernate in winter. They also played team games and worked together to make hedgehog dens. There was super interest and care in our gardens. Last week, we had a number of children who came to school wearing their school uniform and without a coat or a change of footwear. From this week, children who do not dress appropriately will not be allowed to take part. You must ensure your child has old joggers, hoodie on, wears a waterproof coat and brings a pair of wellies to change into for the session.



Last Friday, Year 6 joined other schools at our Hub Mass to celebrate our hub patron saint - St Francis. We thought about the season of creation & how we are stewards of Gods wonderful creation. In this Jubilee Year of hope we reflected on our hopes for a just & peaceful world for all.

This week your child will bring home a Letter explaining our changes to parent Teacher consultations. Please ensure you return with preferred day and time for this Important conversation.

Next Monday (13th October) we celebrate the feast of St Edward. We will join the parish for Mass in church at 9:15 and all families are welcometo join us.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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WORD OF THE WEEK: ROSARY

Week 27 in Ordinary Time Year C

Word of the Week

Rosary

First Reading
Isaiah 12:2-4
Gospel Reading
Luke 17:5-10

Hebrew Bible
Psalm 121:1-6
New Testament
Luke 17:5-10

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.

Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week.

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 5 who achieved near perfect attendance last week with 99.38%, Year 2 98.62% Year 6 98.13 and Year 3 and 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 celebrated the feast of St Therese of Liseux. We gathered as a House group reflected on her actions, what we do to be like her & inspire others. "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love."



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PARISH NOTICES:

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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

Children's liturgy at Sacred Heart: Please note that our sessions start in the community hall, so children can be dropped off there between 10 and 10.15 am. If you arrive after 10.15, please take your children into church with you, as the session will have already started. There are activity bags at the back of church if you need them. Thanks very much!

The next priestly discernment meeting will be in Nottingham on Saturday 18th October. They will be visiting the Cathedral and the Mary Potter Heritage Centre. To book a place and for more information please email Father Neil at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Please pray for:

- The repose of the soul of Sisto Debalsi who's funeral service will take place at Sacred Heart on 23rd October at 12noon.

This week:

- Live Simply Meeting: Tuesday 7th October 7.30 pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Café – all welcome.
 - 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 9 th October on zoom Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUZz09> all welcome.
- Diane Williams will be on annual leave this week. The office will be open at various times but do telephone before visiting the office.

HOLY FAMILY ROSARY: Pope Leo invites everyone, each day in October, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community. Holy Family Parish will be praying the Rosary around our churches during the month, do join us in prayer, beginning at 7pm on Monday evenings:

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

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, or on top of other candles.
- 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.
- Fire exits: please note where the nearest fire exists are in the churches and fire exits 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. The risk of a major incident is small but not zero, and so we need to be vigilant and keep alert for anything that could cause a fire when we are together for worship.

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, ginger biscuits, pasta, sugar, cornflakes and other cereals, tinned meat and baked beans. Thank you for your support.

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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. As we begin the penultimate week of this half term, 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. Also, if you need us to photocopy Baptism certificates these and supplementary forms to your chosen secondary schools, please pop in to the office, Mrs Barfield and Mrs Rogers will be happy to help. 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.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Friday, we celebrate the annual World Mental health Day. This year's theme is 'access to services - mental health in catastrophes and emergencies'. The theme highlights the importance of people being able to protect their mental health in times of global instability. The world is going through a tough time right now and even if you're not directly affected by events, it can still feel like a lot to cope with. It's okay to ask for help, no matter what you, or anyone else is going through. Everyone in school is invited to wear an outfit that makes them feel happy. This may be their favourite colour, dressing up costume, dress or football shirt.

During the morning we are being visited from Taylen who is a past pupil. He is going to share his story from acting in the EYFS Nativity Play, to singing in the talent show and being a part of our Eater Production Born for This to now filming in London for the ITV drama Trigger Point.

The children will enjoy a lovely treat in the afternoon as we have arranged for a theatre company to come in to school and perform Jungle Book.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 6 th October St Bruno, Priest	9am (OLSE)	MASS Kathleen Doherty RIP
Tuesday 7 th October Our Lady of the Rosary	10am (SA)	MASS Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 8 th October	6pm (SH)	MASS Marie Sheenan RIP
Thursday 9 th October Saint John Henry Newman, Priest	10am (SA)	MASS Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday 10 th October Saint Paulinus and Diocesan Anglo-Saxon Saints	9:15am (SH)	MASS Peter Maguire RIP
Saturday 11 th October St John XXIII, Pope	9am	MASS Mass in HMP Whatton
Sunday 12 th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Mary Frettingham RIP Rex Cundy RIP For the People

THE POLICE VISIT RECEPTION

On Friday, Reception enjoyed their visit from the POLICE this morning. We learnt lots of new information about how they help us and even got a chance to sit in a police car!!!!

