

OUR LADY & ST. EDWARDS PRIMARY AND NURSERY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week Year 5 led us in our Harvest Celebration of the Word. Thank you all for your generous donations of food which will be taken to Emmanuel House in the city centre.



Our children who complete some of their learning in The Haven were very busy in the past week. They explored the i sound in phonics, compared big and small in maths, recognised circles, sequencing their story in literacy, mark making, and so much more!

As we enter the final week of the term, we must remind parents to ensure they have submitted Supplementary forms to Catholic Secondary schools. The last day for applications is 31st October so if you require assistance, please contact school at the beginning of the week to ensure staff availability to support you.



Today (13th October) we celebrate the feast of St Edward. Our new Chaplaincy Team have prepared Mass, and we will join the parish in church at 9:15. All families are welcome to join us.

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FINAL WEEK TO COLLECT APPLICATION FORM

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 fast approaching - Sunday 19th October 2025 and the programme will begin slightly earlier after the autumn half-term holiday.**



WORD OF THE WEEK: INCLUSION

Week 28 in Ordinary Time Year C

Word of the Week

Inclusion

First Reading
1 Kings 5:1-7

Gospel Reading
Luke 17:1-9

Hebrew Bible
Isaiah 56:1-7

New Testament
Luke 15:1-7

Meaning
Inclusion is about welcoming everyone as a child of God, regardless of their differences. It is about creating a community where everyone feels valued and respected. We can promote inclusion by being open to others and by standing up against discrimination. We can also make sure that everyone has a voice and that everyone is included in decision-making.

Prayer
Look for someone in your community who may be on the margins, take time to make them feel included 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. **We have had a few children off last week with a sickness bug. Children cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last time they vomited. Congratulations to Year 6 who achieved 98.75%, attendance last week with Year 4 97.42% 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

Last Monday, Year 1 and 2 had a beautiful autumnal Forest School Day hunting for garden spiders and playing team games. We're not scared of spiders!!!!!!



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PARISH NOTICES:

Thank you: CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal collection raised £990.16. This does not include those donations from the parish by QR code. Thank you for your generosity!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples' Next Sunday 19 October – is World Mission Sunday. The Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving, unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

November is the Month dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls. It is part of our tradition that we remember those who have died and pray for them so they will enter the fulness of life with God. This rich tradition has its basis in scripture, especially in the 2 Maccabees and the writings of St Paul. To remember your loved ones in this special way, we offer Masses for the Holy Souls in the month of November and throughout the year. If you wish your loved ones who have gone before us to be remembered at Masses for the Holy Souls, then please make a list of their names and place your list in the Holy Souls envelopes at the back of the church. It is customary that a Mass offering is made, and this should be placed in the same envelope.

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:

- 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 16th October in Sacred Heart Community Centre at 7.30 pm. All Welcome

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 7 pm on Mondays: 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

Baptism Course: Our next course is on Saturday 1st November 2025, at Sacred Heart Community Centre 11 am – 12 noon. Please register onto the course by completing and returning the Baptism Application form to the parish office.

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!

Diocesan News: In February 2025, four Diocesan Roadshows were held across the Diocese of Nottingham, bringing together clergy and parish representatives for prayer, presentations, and open dialogue about our shared future. Almost 300 questions and comments were submitted, covering a very wide range of often complex issues. Since then, the diocesan team and senior clergy have worked to compile, group, and respond to these contributions in a way that is honest, accurate, and accessible. We are now pleased to share the full report, which gives a clear account of the roadshows, the issues raised, and the steps we are taking as we continue our journey towards becoming a more missionary, outward-looking Church but no financial clarification to questions raised has been received. Visit the Diocesan Website for the report:

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/missionary-discipleshiplived-out-roadshow-2025-report>

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

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Holy Family Parish
Vietnamese Meal
Sunday 9th November 2025
2 pm
Greyfriars Social Club
(next to Our Lady & St Edward's School)
Adults: £12 Children aged 5 -10: £5



STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this week, we say goodbye to two members of our staff team. Miss Wells is leaving us to take up a new education opportunity. She has worked at school for twenty years and worked with children in all year groups and recently has been supporting children in our Enhanced Provision – The Haven and in Year 1. Miss Wells will be greatly missed by the children, staff and families. I know you will all join me in thanking her for her dedication to our school and wish her lots of luck. Mrs Patel is also leaving at the end of term She has been a mid-day supervisor for nearly 7 years and has supported children in Key Stage 1 at lunchtime. We wish her well for the future too.

Both roles are currently advertised on Our Lady of Lourdes website and My New Term. I will keep you informed once appointments have been made.

Today Mr Beckett joins us to work alongside Miss Greenwood in Year 4. He will work Monday, Thursday and Friday and half a day on Tuesday, We welcome him to our staff team and I know he is looking forward to meeting you all.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Last Friday, we celebrated the annual World Mental health Day. Everyone in school was invited to wear an outfit that makes them feel happy.

A past pupil Taylen visited us to share his acting journey. He told us it is okay to feel disappointed when we do not get chosen first time & how we use this to try again. Now he has finished filming in London for ITV & will be on TV next year. He shared his experiences whilst filming of having his personal driver and someone held his umbrella in the rain.



In the afternoon, the children enjoyed a lovely treat as we arranged for a theatre company to come in to school and perform *Jungle Book*.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 13 th October St Edward the Confessor	9:15am (OLSE)	MASS Pamela RIP
Tuesday 14 th October	10am (SA)	MASS Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 15 th October St Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor	6pm (SH)	MASS Peter Quang Tran RIP
Thursday 16 th October	10am (SA)	MASS Ernie Sweeney RIP
Friday 17 th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	9:15am (SH)	MASS Deceased members of the Peel, Powell & Dalton Families
Saturday 18 th October St Luke, Evangelist	1:30pm	MASS Marriage of Marc and Hannah
Sunday 19 th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)	9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Tom Flynn RIP Elizabeth May Merrin RIP For the People

HAPPY HALF TERM!!

It's hard to believe that we are in our final week of this half term already. School closes on Friday at 3:15pm and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd November.

