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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week the weather was very cold. Please ensure your child / children have a warm coat and a hat and gloves.

The cold weather supported the children with their learning in Forest School exploring how animals survive the cold winter weather by hibernating, migrating or changing their behaviour. We also learned how to safely use a striker and steel to create a spark of fire.

Last week you would have received a letter from Mr Della-Spina who is a Director of Performance and Standards for our trust. He is seeking your views on different aspects of our school. I appreciate we asked you to complete a parent survey recently at our Parent / Teacher consultations in line with our usual cycle. We will not ask parents who attend later appointments to complete a paper version too. If you could take the time to complete this detailed one, we will not need to seek your views at school level again this academic year. Thank you for your support in sharing your views, we do appreciate your feedback. Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Christ the King as a home / school / parish. It was wonderful to see so many families join us.

Congratulations to Alan, Alice, Alicija, Emmanuel, Imani, Imelda, Isabel, Jeremy, Kevin, Laura, Milan O, Milan S, Nell, Nicole, Patrick, Piotr, Roman, Sewryn, Sinead, Sinobi and Timi, who enrolled to begin the preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion next year. We will keep you all in our prayers as you continue on your faith journey.



WORD OF THE WEEK: KINGDOM

Week 34 in Ordinary Time Year C

Word of the Week

Kingdom

First Reading
[1] 2 Samuel 5:1-3
[2] Gospel Reading
[3] Luke 23:35-43

Second Reading
[1] Hebrew Bible
[2] Daniel 2:44-45
[3] New Testament
[4] Luke 23:35-43

Meaning
The Kingdom of God is not just a distant promise, but something we can experience here and now. It's a place where love, justice, and peace reign. We build this kingdom through our actions, our relationships, and our commitment to living out Christ's teachings. The Kingdom is a place of belonging, where everyone is valued and loved. When we work together, we can create a glimpse of heaven on earth, a place where God's love shines through in all we do.

Prayer
Think of one thing you can do to make your community more like the kingdom of heaven.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Gymnastics (Year 1, 2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Cricket (Year 4, 5 and 6)	All day 3:30 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 1, 2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dodgeball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

TRANSFER TO RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2026

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2026 is now open and closes on 15th January 2026. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular. Failure to apply will mean the City Council will place your child in a school within Nottingham City where there is a space available. This may mean your child moving to a school a few miles away from your family home.

Although your child currently attends our nursery, **this does not guarantee you a place in Reception.** We follow the admissions criteria from the diocese, so it is important you visit other schools and list them on your application too. Priority is given to Baptised Catholic children. To be placed in this category you must complete a supplementary form and bring your child's original Baptism certificate into school and Mrs Barfield or Mrs Rogers will take a copy of it and return it straight back to you. We are unable to accept copies to ensure validity of our admissions policy.

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.

Last week attendance was lower than it has been all year. This was due to many children and some staff being poorly with a virus. We hope all are well enough to return to school this week.



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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 9:45am	11 th Nov: Remembrance Day Liturgy 14 th Nov: House Point Prize afternoon	
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 some members of our Eco Council joined our OLOLCatholic MAT Trust Eco Council meeting. They shared ideas from our Climate Action Plan with such confidence. They spoke about our Nature grant award which Mrs Harrison worked hard to achieve, the big light switch off, their love of Forest School sessions and our preloved uniform rail.

They have already started to think about some ideas to celebrate Earthday In school next April.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Invitation to The Becket School's Advent Community Evening: You are warmly invited to The Becket School's Advent Community Evening at 6pm on Wednesday 3rd December 2025, which will include scripture, live worship music and carols, drama, and prayerful reflection. Refreshments will be available afterwards for a small donation, which will go towards supporting our Sixth Form students' pilgrimage to Lourdes. All are welcome! The Becket School, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QY

Mass Stipends: In the past, when every church had its own priest, there would usually be 6 slots for Mass stipends each week. Priests may accept one Mass stipend per day and on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, he has to offer one Mass for the people of the parish. Now that we have merged parishes and church communities, the number of Masses in each church has diminished. Usually in our parish, we have two Masses per week in Our Lady & St Edward's, two Masses per week in St Augustine's and three Masses per week in Sacred Heart. One Sunday Mass is applied to the people of the parish. Because of this, and the large number of funerals we have in the parish, sometimes we can only accommodate two a week, if a Mass intention has been booked on a particular date, we will always do our best to honour this. However, there may be occasions when we need to move a Mass because of the circumstances of the day. We will always try and contact people to arrange another date, or the Mass intention will be moved to the next available date in the diary. If you want to have a Mass intention on a specific date, please give at least 3 months' notice as the diary does get booked up. At the moment, we are fully booked for Masses until the end of December and a number of dates in January have already been booked. Thank you for your patience in this regard.

Christmas Shared Table at St Augustine's Church: this year it will be on Sunday 14th December after the 11.30 am Mass. Do come along, bring some food to share and begin the Christmas festivities together.

Christmas Mass time leaflet and Advent services is now available from the back of church. Do take a copy and share with family and friends - they are waiting for your invitation.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Please take some books to sell to family & friends. Thank you for your support Are you getting married next year? If so, please contact Fr Chris as we require at least 6 months' notice and you will need to attend a Marriage Course. The dates of the Marriage course, held at Sacred Heart are 21st & 28th January and 4th February.

Please pray for:

- John Bond RIP and Alfredo Coronato RIP, whose funerals take place this week.
- Michael McManaman RIP, funeral at Our Lady & St Edward's on 1st December 11.30 am.
- Margaret Harte RIP, funeral at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 10th December at 12.30
- Maureen Lankester, funeral at OLSE on Monday 15th December at 11 am, reception on Sunday at 6 pm. May they rest in peace.

This week:

- Parish Music Practice: Monday 24th November at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart. You are very welcome to join us.
- St Augustine's Church Hall funding meeting: Tuesday 25th November at 6.30 pm in St Augustine's Church Hall. We need as many comments as possible to help us build a picture of the area's needs.
- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's this Wednesday: 12 – 3
- Unlocking the Bible: 6.30 – 7.30 pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Café Wednesday 26th. All Welcome.
- Holy Family Memorial Mass: Wednesday 26th November at Sacred Heart Church at 6 pm. Refreshments will be served in St Joseph of Peace convent afterwards
- Holy Family 24/7 Youth Group: Wednesday 26th November Sacred Heart Community Centre 7.30 – 9 pm
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre Thursday 12 – 3 pm. All welcome.
- Meditation Group: our next meeting is this Thursday 27 th November 7.30 pm on Zoom Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINM WtMRDdkMEpUZz09 All Welcome>

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

A Journey to The Crib, an Advent and Christmas Devotional. This year, we have available a booklet to accompany you during Advent with daily meditations reflected in art and literature. It costs £3.95 and can be used every year, available from the churches.

Religious items for Sale in our shops: we are now stocking Christmas gifts, cards & candles. The stall at Our Lady & St Edward's has been relocated to the Community Space and café. If anyone could help manage this after Mass, please come along and see what there is to do. Everything should be priced.

Christmas Gift collection for Emmanuel House: We require donations of new hats, gloves, scarves, socks, plus toiletries, gift bags and sweet treats. They can be put in the containers in church before the 15th December or brought to the office. Thank you!

Job Advert: Parish Bookkeeper for the Diocese of Nottingham based at St Hugh's House in Nottingham, £27-£30k pa, depending on experience. Strong technical skills and the ability to work collaboratively with clergy and volunteers are essential. More details on the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers/parishbookkeeper

Nottingham Catholic Medical Association Mass: Monday 1st December at 8pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AW. All are warmly invited to Mass, and to join for drinks at Browns, afterwards. If you have any questions about the Nottingham CMA, for all healthcare workers, students and retired, please get in touch with Caroline: 0775 7285 888.

Fr Chris' letter to parishioners regarding Mass times is still available to take from the back of church and is also on the website, under 'NEWS'.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

Evanna in Year 2. Earlier this month she completed in a gymnastic competition. She won 2 silver medals and 1 gold medal coming in first place in the overall 4-6 year group.

Well done Evanna, everyone at OLSE is very proud of her success.



DAART GRADUATION

Over the past ten weeks our year 5 children have been taking part in weekly DAART sessions. This programme stands for Drug, Awareness and Resilience Training. The children have worked with an experienced DAART officer covering a range of life skills.

Key topics have included:

- Illegal and legal drugs including alcohol, tobacco, solvents, prescription drugs.
- Hate crime covering difference, prejudice and respect
- Knife crime includes the law, safety and risks and consequences

Overarching themes included:

- Responsibility
- Stress
- Confident communication
- Resistance strategies
- Pressure and peer pressure
- Becoming a good citizen
- Where to get help

It is time to graduate!! Thursday 27th November at 9:45am. All families welcome!!



CAN YOU HELP?

The early years team are short of spare socks, leggings and joggers aged 3-4 and 5-6. If you have spare ones at home that your child has grown out of we would appreciate if you could donate to Early Years when children get wet. You can either hand in to the office or direct to the staff in EYFS. Thank you in advance for your support.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 24 th November St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs	8am (OLSE) 8:45am (OLSE)	MASS Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Morning Prayer
Tuesday 25 th November	10am (SA)	MASS Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 26 th November	10am (SH) 6pm (SH)	MASS Funeral service for John Bond RIP Memorial Mass for the Deceased of the Year
Thursday 27 th November	10am (SA)	MASS Margaret & Edmond O'Leary RIP
Friday 28 th November	12:30pm (SA)	MASS Requiem Mass for Alfredo Coronato RIP
Saturday 29 th November	9am	MASS Scripture Group in HMP Whatton
Sunday 30 th November First Sunday of Advent	9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS For the People Jose Preira RIP Michael & Zofia Szuciak RIP & grandchildren

POINTS MAKE PRIZES

St Alban house enjoyed their prize afternoon for collecting the most house points in Advent 1 term. They enjoyed their disco, games and of course some sweets and juice.

Keep up the amazing work and behaviour St Alban House.

