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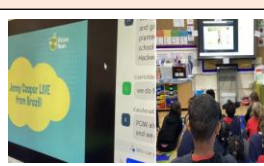


WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week Year 3 started their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop. They carried out super outdoor learning linked to science as they investigated soil as part of our autumn tidy up in the garden.

Our Chaplaincy Team who prepared and led us this morning in our Remembrance Day Celebration of the Word. Thanks also to Mr Bennet who played The Last Post and Reveille either side of our two minute silence.

Our Eco Team gathered with children from Around the country as world leaders met In Brazil to share their ideas how they can Look after our planet. They discover what COP30 is all about, why climate action is important, and how their ideas can help shape the future. Tomorrow, Mark and Lou, two of our Eco Warriors will represent the school at a Trust Eco Council meeting to share how we are achieving sustainability in our school. Thank you to all our families who attended our first parent / teacher consultation of this academic year to find out how your child has settled into their new class as well as how they are achieving the academic expectations of their new curriculum. If you were unable to attend your appointment, please ensure you follow this up with your child's teacher this week. Over the next two weeks we look forward to meeting the parents of children who have a provision map and celebrate how they are working towards to meet their individual targets.



WORD OF THE WEEK: YOUTH

Week 33 in Ordinary Time Year C

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Youth

First Reading Leviticus 19:33-34
Gospel Reading Matthew 23:1-12

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:11-19
New Testament Matthew 23:1-12

Meaning Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. The Church needs young people's voices, involvement, and leadership to help it grow and we are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude so we can live life to the full.

Prayer Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations.

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 five classes achieved above our 97% target – Year 2 with 98.97%, Year 5 with 98.4%, Year 6 with 98.06%, Year 4 with 97.74% and Year 1 with 97.31%**



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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

Thank you to all who bought a sweet treat from our First Friday Fairtrade Tuckshop. We raised £115.74 for the parish Live Simply group. Thanks to our Chaplaincy Team who helped Sr Patricia. Our next tuckshop will take place on Friday 5th December.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Today, Sunday 16th November the Church throughout the world prays for those who are poor, in whatever ways. As we keep the World Day of the Poor this year, with its theme 'You, O lord, are my hope', in our Diocese we will also celebrate the Diocesan Jubilee of the Poor. Parishes and communities across the Diocese are encouraged to pray for those who are poor, in whatever ways, especially those in their own parish or community.

Thank you... to the Vietnamese community who hosted the meal at the Greyfriars last Sunday. An amount of £1300 was raised through ticket sales, raffle and generous donations on the day. The food was delicious – thank you also to those who attended.

Holy Family Lottery: First prize, £100 second prize; £60. We would like to have a third prize but need another 11 people. It is £5 per month payable by standing order (or £60 for the whole year). Either process on-line with reference 'lottery' or complete a form from church. You need to be in it to win it!! 50% to church funds and 50% to winners. Thank you.

Holy Family Memorial Mass: we will celebrate a Memorial Mass to remember all those who have died in the past year on Wednesday 26th November at Sacred Heart Church at 6 pm. We will be inviting families along who have had a funeral in our churches, but everyone is welcome to come and remember loved ones. Refreshments will be served in St Joseph of Peace convent afterwards.

Holy Family Raffle: One of our major fundraising events is our Christmas raffle. Tickets are £1 each and are in books of 5, now available from church or the office. Please try and sell them to family and friends. Raffle prizes required. Thank you.

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 Community Centre are: 21st & 28th January and 4th February.

The African Catholic Community Choir, Nottingham, warmly invites you to its Christmas Carol service A Christmas Story: The Coming of the Lord on Friday 19th December at 7.00pm, in Saint Teresa's Catholic Church, Nottingham (NG8 3EP). Come and experience the beauty of the season through scripture, music, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. All are welcome to share in this evening of faith, song, and community spirit.

Volunteers required: We are still looking for volunteers to help with various roles in our parish, do consider helping out. All volunteers do need to go through the Volunteer Recruitment Process, a form with your details needs to be completed - if you need to know more, contact the office.

Please pray for: John Bond RIP, funeral service at Sacred Heart Church is on 26th November at 10am. May he rest in peace.

This week:

- Social/events Group meeting: Tuesday 18th November 7 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre.
- 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 19th. All Welcome.
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre this Thursday 12 – 3 pm. All welcome.
- Meditation Group: our next meeting is this Thursday 20th November 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community centre. All Welcome.

Parish Music Practice: Monday 24th November at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart. You are very welcome to join us.

Blessing of Graves: Bulwell (Northern) Cemetery. Today, Sunday 16th Nov. 2pm. Gathering at the chapel. Fr Joe Wheat will also bless graves at Highwood Cemetery on request on the day. Wilford Hill Cemetery – Today, 16th November. Meet with Fr John McCay outside the Cemetery Chapel at 2pm.

St Augustine's Church Hall funding meeting: Tuesday 25th November at 6.30 pm in St Augustine's Church Hall. Paul from the Diocese will be helping us through the process of applying for grants. We require a core group of people who want to see a building used for Mission in the community. Do you live locally? Could you let us know what you think it could be used for? What do you think the area needs? We need as many comments as possible to help us build a picture of the area's needs.

Advent Retreat: Figures of Advent: Join in for a day of reflection with the prophets, Mary, Joseph & John the Baptist. Sat 29 Nov 2025 10 AM–4 PM (Mass 3 PM) | Presentation Sisters Convent, Matlock DE4 3FT Suggested donation £10 | Bring a packed lunch | Friends of Nano | Tea, coffee & biscuits provided Register: associates@pbvmengland.co.uk

School Governors are required at all our schools: See poster in church or on the website and do contact the schools if you are interested. <https://ccen.co.uk/school-governors-required/>

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: Each year we collect items to put in gift bags and take them directly to Emmanuel House for the homeless who will be spending Christmas on the streets or in their night shelter. We require donations of new hats, gloves, scarves, socks, plus toiletries, gift bags and sweet treats. Thank you!

Building work at Sacred Heart: the wall between the church and St Joseph of Peace convent will be repaired/rebuilt over the next two weeks (weather dependent) so parking in that area will be restricted.

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Live Simply: A Climate Summit happens in Brazil, let's pray using this prayer from CAFOD: God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory. Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other. Inspire world leaders at COP30, with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change and with courage to act urgently and wisely, so that our common home may be healed and restored and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it. Amen.

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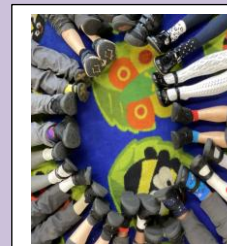
ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 10th – Fri 14th November) with the theme of "Power for Good".

The week, organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, aims to raise awareness and empower young people to speak out against bullying and support one another.

Odd Socks Day is a fun way for children to celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. Children were invited to wear two different, colourful socks with normal school uniform on Wednesday.

Across the week, pupils took part in a whole-school assembly and age-appropriate lessons that build empathy, kindness and the confidence to speak up. Every child created a jigsaw piece to share a way to show kindness. These have been put together and displayed around school. Thank you to our pupils, staff and wider community for keeping our school respectful, safe and inclusive for every child.



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING MASS

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Fr Chris has asked the children to support in leading 9am Mass. Your child will bring home a letter inviting you as a family to join us. We ask for you to return the slip to let us know how many benches we need to reserve. We ask that children wear their school uniform and sit with staff at the front of church.

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 17th November St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop	7pm (OLSE)	MASS Mary Clare RIP
Tuesday 18th November	10am (SA)	MASS Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 19th November St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	6pm (SH)	MASS Margaret & Bert O'Grady RIP
Thursday 20th November	9:15am (SA)	MASS Mary Maguire RIP
Friday 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am (SH)	MASS Presentation Sisters' Intentions
Saturday 22nd November St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	9am	MASS Scripture Group in HMP Whatton
Sunday 23rd November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Richard Taylor RIP Holy Souls For the People

THANK YOU

To all the parents who bought their child's Christmas cards, coasters and mugs. We have raised £80 for school resources.

As a result of you purchasing your child / children's school photos we were able to donate £32.50 to Macmillan Cancer Research.

