



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last Friday you received a letter regarding how children use their electronic devices. We were made aware of various group chats on Whats App involving some of our pupils. The content posted as messages, voice notes and selfie videos were extremely inappropriate and targeted at individual children. Meetings were held with parents of all children involved and we thank you for your prompt response to attend. However, as a school we remain concerned that some parents do not monitor their child's phone or are unaware what apps and devices their children are using. We all have a duty of care to safeguard children, and we would expect you to know your child's passcode, check content regularly and monitor the length of time on their devices.

As we look forward to Christmas please take a note of festive activities we have planned for your child to take part.

Thursday 11th December – Pantomime afternoon and activities

Friday 12th December – Non uniform day to wear a Christmas jumper.

Monday 15th December – Christmas Disco afternoon. This will be a non Uniform day for all children. However Year 3 will need to wear their Forest School clothes and bring disco clothes to change in to.



Thank you to those who have paid £4 already to cover the cost of these events, if you haven't please make a cash payment to the office next week. For those children in Year 6 who normally walk home alone, they will need to return their slips to inform staff if they will be collected at the end of their disco at 4:30pm.

WORD OF THE WEEK: PEACE

2nd Week of Advent Year A

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Peace

First Reading
Isaiah 11:1-10

Gospel Reading
Matthew 23:1-12

Advent Bible
Isaiah 26: 2-5

New Testament
John 16: 25-33

Time
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Altitude
Find a way to bring peace to a difficult situation or relationship this week.

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 including church stamp 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.

It was lovely to welcome back many children and staff back to school last week after being poorly. Reception achieved our highest attendance with 99% followed by Year 2 with 98.28% and Year 3 with 98%. I am sure we will see higher attendance across the whole school next 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 9:45am 12 th Dec Christmas jumper day	8 th Dec: Advent Mass in church 9:15am 12 th Dec Advent C.O.T.W. led by Year 5	
15 th December	18 th Dec Christmas Dinner and party afternoon 19 th Dec INSET Day	18 th Dec: Achievers of the term awards 18 th Dec Christmas Carol Service led by Year 3 and 4	



COOKIES FOR SANTA

As part of our DT project, Reception designed, made and decorated their own "cookies for Santa". The children had great fun tasting them and will evaluate them next lesson.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Holy Family Parish Taizé Evening THIS MONDAY 8th December St Augustine's Church 7 pm Come along to our service of music and reflection this Advent, refreshments served afterwards.

The crib: As we are beginning to think about putting our decorations up for Christmas, don't forget the Crib, the Nativity scene, reminding us along with our friends and family, of the real meaning of Christmas. On Sunday 14th December we are all encouraged to bring our Baby Jesus to be blessed on the Sanctuary by Fr Chris. If you haven't got a crib, try looking on-line or in shops, they are not expensive and bring baby Jesus along on the 14th – adults & children welcome.

Holy Family Parish Lottery: congratulations to our November winners. 1 st Prize -£100 – Fr C Thomas, 2nd Prize – G Barnes, £60, 3rd prize L Warren - £20. We have 29 numbers left to enable us to increase all our winning amounts to a total of £250 in prize money and £250 to the parish. Pick up a form or process on-line - £5 per month or £60 per year. Thank you.

Building Update on St Augustine's hall roof: due to the persistent rain over the last few weeks, the decision was made to undertake the major repairs urgently needed to make it watertight costing over £40,000. The scaffolding is up so please take care in the car park. The Diocese have agreed to loan us the money, but we will be paying interest at 6%.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24th December St Augustine's Church 5pm Sacred Heart church 7pm

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December Our Lady & St Edward's Church 9am Sacred Heart Church 11am Sacred Heart Church – Italian Mass 12.30pm Our Lady & St Edward's Church Vietnamese Mass 1 pm

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

Volunteers required: to put up the Christmas tree at Sacred Heart week beginning 15th December and the Christmas tree at St Augustine's 10am on 20th December. If you can help out, please contact the office. Thanks

Please pray for:

- Maureen Lankester, funeral at OLSE on Monday 15th December at 11 am, reception on Sunday at 6 pm.
- Malfada Coronato, funeral on 23rd Dec at 12.30 at Sacred Heart and then 2 pm at Gedling Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

This week:

- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's this Wednesday: 12 – 3
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre this Thursday 12 – 3 pm. All welcome.
- Meditation Group: our next meeting is this Thursday 11th December on zoom. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINM WtMRDdkMEpUZZ09 All Welcome>

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.

Trinity school is putting on Carols by Candlelight on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm at St Teresa's Church. Please do join the pupils for an evening of Carols, readings, and reflections by candle light, with Mulled wine and mince pies served from 6:30pm in the hall. NG8 3EZ

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!

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'. Please send your comments to Fr Chris or Diane or speak to one of the Pastoral Team by Sunday 21st December. Your opinions matter!!

Foodbank requirements this week: Decaf coffee, sugar, corned beef, Weetabix, toilet rolls, shampoo & conditioner and washing up liquid. 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.

Christmas items for sale in our shops: come and take a look and support our parish – visit the new shop in OLSE café after Mass.

Journey through Advent with the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal produced by the Team. To download your free copy visit

www.ndcys.com/advent2025/

Raffle Prizes required: could you donate anything to our Christmas hamper? Wine, waxed cheese, crisps, chutney, luxury biscuits, cheese biscuits, tea, coffee. Please bring to church or office. Thank you.

Closed Auction: Would you like a pet portrait in graphite? – this would make a lovely Christmas present. Drop the office an email with your bid by 12th December. Special thanks to our artist, David.

Parish Census: this weekend we are asked to complete a form with our details to enable us to update our database for the Diocesan Enabling Mission Campaign – more details on this over the next few months.

Thank you so much: to the team who organised, cooked and served the Christmas Meal at the Community café on Thursday to over 70 people – a fantastic effort over 2 days. Thank you!!!

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SEASON OF ADVENT

Last Monday Year 6 began our Advent journey leading us in a Celebration of the Word on the theme of hope. They reminded us that this is a season to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

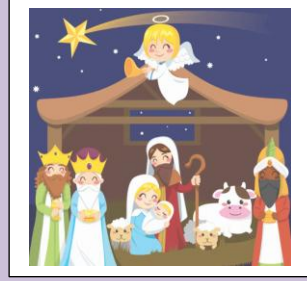
Further celebrations are:

Monday 8th December at 9:30am, Advent Mass in church

Friday 12th December at 2:40pm theme of peace, led by

Year 5 Please note change of date due to our Christmas disco.

Thursday 18th December at 2:20 Scripture reflections and carols led by Year 3 and 4.



Our EYFS / Key Stage 1 nativity rehearsals are underway.

The children will perform to parents and families on

Thursday 11th December at 9:45am

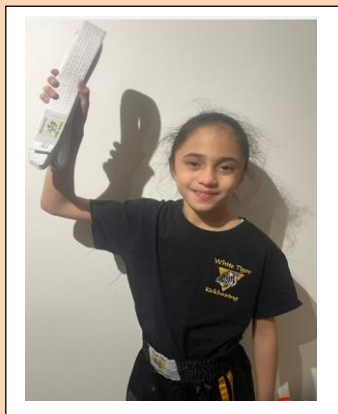
All parish Advent and Christmas services are shared in this newsletter and advertised on the parish website.

<https://ccen.co.uk/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Amara in Year 4 who has recently achieved her White Belt as a member of White Tiger Kickboxing School in Carlton.

We know how much you enjoy attending the sessions. Everyone at OLSE is very proud of you.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 8 th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30am (OLSE)	MASS Marjorie Stephenson RIP
Tuesday 9 th December	9:30am (SA)	MASS Bob & Edna Needham's Intention
Wednesday 10 th December	12:15PM 6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Requiem Mass for Margaret Harte RIP Exposition and Confessions Deceased members of the Smythe family
Thursday 11 th December	9:30am (SA)	MASS Helen Marie Dore RIP & health of Lucille Mooney
Friday 12 th December Our Lady of Guadealupe	9:30am (SH)	MASS Holy Souls
Saturday 13 th December	9am	MASS
Sunday 14 th December Third Sunday of Advent Bambinelli Sunday	9am (OLSE) 10:15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Joseph McNamara RIP For the People Mrs Rahille John- Baptiste RIP

Holy Family Parish Carol Service
Monday 15th December 7 pm Our Lady & St Edward's Church followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the cafe.

