



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Thank you to all the families who joined us in church last week for our first whole school mass of 2026, it was a lovely celebration celebrating the feast of Epiphany.

O Friday, children in year 5 bought home a letter sharing information about a residential visit to Hagg Farm in late April. We firmly believe that residential trips are invaluable to our children. Learning outside the classroom offers new and exciting challenges; helping them work together as a team, develop independence and confidence. During our stay at Hagg Farm, we have the opportunity to take part in many exciting activities which include Climbing/zipwire, rock scrambling, abseil and much more. If you would like any further information about Hagg Farm, speak to Mrs Byrne or Mrs Wilson or visit <https://nottsootdoors.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-groups/centres/hagg-farm-outdoor-education-centre/>

Today children in Blessed Cyprian Tansi House celebrate their feast day with a Celebration of the Word planned and led by some children in Year 5. On Wednesday, Year 5 continue with their swimming lessons, please ensure your child brings their kit to school as this is part of the curriculum as well as a life long important skill.

Please make a note of our remaining three INSET days this academic year. The first one is on Friday 13th February when staff from all the schools within Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust will come together. The others are 26th June and 27th July. School is closed for all children on these days.

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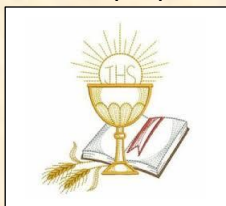
MASS TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Well done to our Chaplaincy Team and Parish Ambassadors who led us in Mass last Monday to celebrate the feast of Epiphany where we remember the wise men who travelled on a long journey following a star and their joy when they finally met baby Jesus, the Messiah.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

Congratulation to all the children who have enrolled to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year. The first session is tonight beginning at 6pm in the café. The session will finish by 7pm. Due to a high number of children preparing we ask for one parent to attend to support and younger siblings to stay at home.



WORD OF THE WEEK: DISCIPLESHIP

Week 2 in Ordinary Time Year A

Word of the Week

Discipleship

First Reading
[Leviticus 19:1-4]

Gospel Reading
[John 12:1-8]

Hidden Bible
[Deuteronomy 6:4-9]

New Testament
[Matthew 28:18-20]

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Think of someone in need in your community who you can help and support this week.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Dance (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Badminton (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

Our Education Welfare Officer, Miss Bradshaw, monitors attendance daily and continues to make home visits to support parents to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time.

Last week was a fantastic week for attendance, Year 3 had our highest attendance with 99%, followed by Nursery with 98.78% and year 5 with 98.75%. Well done to Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 who all achieved above our school target of 97%

School Matters!



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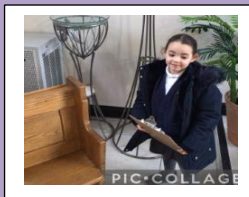
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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
5 th January		05.01.26 Whole School COTW - Epiphany	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
12 th January	16.01.26 Talent Show Auditions	12.01.26 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany 9:30am	
19 th January	23.01.26 Talent Show Final	19.01.26 Whole School COTW - Discipleship 20.01.26 Blessed Cyprian Tansi Feast Day	
26 th January	30.01.26 – Bread making afternoon with Aspens	27.01.25 20.01.25 Whole School COTW - Scripture	
2 nd February		02.02.26 20.01.25 Whole School COTW - Inspiration 06.02.26: Celebration Assembly	
9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week 10.02.26 Safer Internet Day 13.02.26 INSET Day	09.02.26 Whole School COTW - Diversity 10.02.26 Safer Internet Day Assembly 12.02.26 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
16th February	HALF TERM		
23 rd February		23.02.26 Whole School COTW – Prayer led by year 2 27.02.26: Celebration Assembly	
2 nd March	06.03.26 World Book Day	04.03.26 Whole School COTW – Fasting led by year 3	
9 th March	British Science Week 11.03 – 13.03 Year 6 visit The Briars	09.03.26 Whole School COTW – Almsgiving led by year 4 13.03.26 Celebration Assembly	
16 th March	Assessment Week	16.03.26 Lent Penitential Service led b Chaplaincy Team 20.03.26 Whole School COTW – Sacrifice led by year 5	18.03.26 Parents Open Afternoon 3:30 – 5:30pm
23 rd March	27.03.26 Class photographs	26.03.26 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly 27.03.26 Whole School COTW – Journey led by year 6	
30th March	EASTER HOLIDAYS		

THANK YOU FATHER CHRIS.

As part of their learning in RE, Reception spent time looking around church, talking about the different areas and religious artefacts. Father Chris very kindly talked to us about the Baptismal font and the Pascal candle.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Sick and Retired Priests' Fund – Our Second Collection last week raised £704.84 including card machine & on-line transactions. Thank you for your generosity.

Today is Peace Sunday: The Bishops' Conference encourage us all the use the day to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January. Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. Pax Christi promote Peace Sunday with the support of the Bishop's Conference and have produced a number of resources to help us reflect including a liturgy and activities for children. You can download these from the Peace Sunday 2026 page on their website www.paxchristi.org.uk

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme begins this week Monday 19th January - Our Lady & St Edward's Community café Tuesday 20th January - St Augustine's Church Hall Wednesday 21st January - Sacred Heart Community Centre 6-7 pm.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: This will be celebrated on Friday 12th June 2026 at Sacred heart Church. The formation programme has been through the 24/7 Youth Group held at 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre on the last Wednesday of the month. Applications for Confirmation have been emailed to 24/7 group members along with the ongoing information about the formation programme. The applications need to be returned to the parish office by 31st January 2026. This month, the Youth Group will be doing an activity off-site. Please get in touch if you haven't received an email from us concerning this activity or Confirmation. The Group will not be meeting in the centre this month.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January 2026: For 2026, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer and petitions used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide. Paul's epistles stress the importance of unity within the Church, urging us to live lives worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience and love (Ephesians 4:1-3). Ephesians 4:4 summarises the teachings of Paul about unity, emphasising here, too, that the followers of Christ represent 'one body and one Spirit', united in a single hope. This metaphor signifies the Church as a unified entity transcending barriers of geography, nationality, ethnicity and tradition. Paul uses the metaphor of the Church being the Body of Christ to describe its unity within the diversity of its members. Link to resources: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-ofprayer-for-christian-unity-2026/>

Burns Night Ceildh: all proceeds to Macmillan Nurses Friday 23rd January 7 pm at the Greyfriars, Gordon Road, St Ann's Nottingham Admission £10. Come along to a great night of entertainment.

Would you like to know how to use your phone safely and know more about APPS? What about knowing more about basic IT skills? Come along to a free training course at Sacred Heart Community centre. • Basic Computer Skills - Tues 2pm-4pm 27th Jan • Using your Smartphone - Tues 2pm-4pm 3rd Feb • Booking essential – contact the office Devices will be available to use for free on a Thursday or at a time to suit.

Please pray for:

- Angelo Nicolo Mazzei RIP Funeral Mass Friday 23rd January at Sacred Heart – 10.30am. Burial at Carlton Cemetery at 12noon
- Helen Donovan RIP Funeral Mass Thursday 5th February at St Augustine's – 10.30am. Cremation at Gedling Crematorium at 12noon. Reception of the Body, Wednesday 4th February 5.00pm
- Mary Ann Young RIP Funeral Service Monday 9th February at Gedling Crematorium – 2.00pm
- Lauretta Moretto RIP Funeral Mass, Friday 27th February at Sacred Heart – 10.00am

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: No meeting this week.
- Parish Pastoral council meeting: Thursday 22nd January 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre.

Wednesday Word: Resource for children - <https://www.paperturnview.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

BAPTISM COURSE: Our next course for those who would like their child Baptised is Saturday 31st January 10 am - 12 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Please register onto the course by completing and returning, a Baptism Registration Form available from the back of church.

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HOLY FAMILY SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENT What Is A Race Night?

It's a great opportunity for friends and family to get together to enjoy a 'Night at the Races'. Tickets are only £2 per person. We have 8 horse races shown on a big screen. Before each race you can place a bet on your favourite horse (£2 a bet). The race is run and then the money pot (less a percentage for Parish funds) is divided by the number of people who back the winning horse. We run 4 races and then take a break, followed by the last 4 races. We also have a stand where you can sponsor a horse for £2 (8 in each race). If your horse wins then you get a prize. We have a Master of Ceremonies to make sure everything runs smoothly. Feel free to bring your own snacks. We have a bar with a good variety of drinks and crisps. Do come along and enjoy a great social event. Raffle prizes required – have you any unwanted gift to donate?

TICKETS NOW ON SALE



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2026 NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

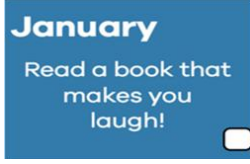
This year is the National Year of Reading 2026 which is a UK-wide campaign led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust to boost reading for pleasure and tackle declining reading habits among all ages by making reading relevant to people's lives and passions and encouraging new library members.

In January the challenge is for your child to read a book that makes them laugh. When your child has completed the task, complete the form on the back of the sheet by saying the name of the book and then for the child or adult to write about that book

There is a different challenge for each month of the year.

EYFS would like to invite you to come into school and read with your reception or nursery child. This will take place every Friday morning and will run from 8:40am until 8:55am. You are welcome to bring younger siblings with you but they need to sit with you while you are sharing a book. **Please note the reading session finishes at 8:55am and not 9:55 as this was a misprint in the original letter from Miss Makings.**

Miss Greenwood is busy planning Reading Cafes for other year groups, and these dates will be shared with you shortly.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 19 th January St Wulstan, bishop	9.30am (OLSE)	MASS Peter Nguyen Dinh Ng Nguyen RIP
Tuesday 20 th January Blessed Cyprian Tansi, priest and religious	9.30am (STA)	MASS Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 21 st January St Agnes, virgin and martyr	6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Exposition and Confessions Bert & Margaret O'Grady RIP
Thursday 22 nd January St Vincent, deacon and martyr	9:30am (SA)	MASS Terence Smith RIP
Friday 23 rd January	10:30am (SH)	MASS Requiem Mass for Angelo Mazzei RIP
Saturday 24 th January St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor	9:30am	MASS Mass in HMP Whatton
Sunday 25 ^h January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Roy Evans RIP For the People Ann & Martin Burke RIP

OLSE'S GOT TALENT 2026

What a fantastic afternoon we enjoyed on Friday with our OLSE's got Talent auditions. So many children took part and we were entertained to singing, dancing, gymnastics, Magic, jokes The children voted for their winners from EYFS / Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and the House Captains spent a lot of time deliberating on their Wild Card too. We are pleased to announce the following children are through to the final.

Blessed Cyprian Tansi – Anna, Lyly, Baron, Hannah and Gabi

St Alban – Chicago, Olly, Evelyn L

St Joan of Arc – Julia, Liam and Nell

St Therese of Liseux – Evanna, Ethan, Oliver, Roman and Ebube

Friday will be a non-uniform day and children can wear the colour of their house.

Family members of our finalists are welcome to join us in school from 2pm.

A final thank you must go to our House Captains for organising this event across the whole school

