

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

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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Recently, 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. Please ensure all £30 deposits are made this week as we must confirm final numbers by 30th January.

After half term Year 6 will be looking forward to their residential at The Briars, a gentle reminder that complete payment must be made by Monday 9th March.

If your financial circumstances have changed, we would like to remind you that you may be eligible for Free School Meal or Pupil Premium entitlement. If you complete a form and are entitled, school receives additional funding which supports payment for clubs, trips and school uniform.

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.

On Friday, our catering company Aspens will deliver bread making sessions to a Key Stage 2 class, we will find out which class has collected the most house points on Friday morning and will enjoy this experience. The children will bring their bread home to share with their family.

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.

FAIRTRADE TUCK SHOP

.On Friday our Chaplaincy team will support our Fairtrade tuckshop.

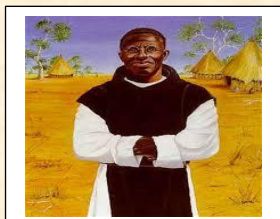
All items will be 50p and all Contributions are donated to the Parish Live Simply Group who works closely with Fairtrade and Cafod.



CELEBRATING BLESSED CYPRIAN TANSI

Last Monday, children and staff in Blessed Cyprian Tansi house came together in a Celebration of the Word to reflect upon his life and how he Can inspire us in our lives today.

Thank you to the year 5 children Daniel, Dorian, Gabi, Julia, Lou, Mailany, Mark and Omobolaji, who planned and led for everyone.



WORD OF THE WEEK: SCRIPTURE

Week 3 in Ordinary Time Year A

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First Reading: [] Isaiah 6:1-13
Gospel Reading: [] Matthew 4:12-23 or shorter
Hidra Bible: [] Proverbs 4:20-23
New Testament: [] Matthew 7:24-27

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 another fantastic week for attendance, Year 5 had our highest attendance with a perfect 100%, followed by Year 3 with 99.67% and Reception with 99%. Well done to year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 who all achieved above our school target of 97%

School Matters!



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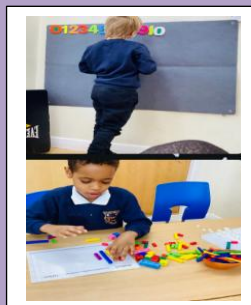


Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
5 th January		05.01.26 Whole School COTW - Epiphany	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
12 th January	16.01.26 Talent Show Auditions	12.01.26 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany 9:30am	
19 th January	23.01.26 Talent Show Final	19.01.26 Whole School 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		

PUPIL VOICE

The children in The Haven have had so much fun Learning new phonics sounds, exploring maths, shapes & numbers, and enjoying sensory activities inspired by our book of the term Dear Zoo 🦁📖

Learning through play at its best!



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PARISH NOTICES:

Enabling our Mission Campaign This work has now begun in earnest in the parish. There are three phases to this, individual meetings with parishioners, small group meetings and parish engagement. I have been meeting, at the request of our Bishop, with parishioners in the first phase of this work. We hope to have more days of meetings in the next few weeks. Please keep this work of the Diocese in your prayers for a successful completion both in the parish and the diocese as a whole.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27th - 30th September 2026. Flying from Stansted Airport Cost £674. This includes return flights, transfers from Tarbes/Lourdes Airport and Full Board at the Hotel Irlande and a full programme in Lourdes. This hotel is only a 5-minute walk to the Domain and Grotto. For bookings visit: www.allsaintstravel.co.uk For more information please contact Fr. John McCay on

john.mccay@dioceseofnottingham.uk or 0785306818

WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. <https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/sign> So, sign up and put your best foot forward with the biggest

group of Big Lent Walkers yet. Big Lent Walks in the Diocese of Nottingham

21st February Stamford Walk, Lincolnshire

28th February Watermead Park, Leicester

7th March Beauvale Pilgrimage Walk

14th March Matlock, Derbyshire

21st March River Trent Walk, Nottingham

Contact Chris Gallagher at nottingham@cafod.org.uk for more info or ring him on 07779804253 / CAFOD Volunteer Centre St Hughs House, Castle Quay, NG7 1FW



Faith & Footprint: Caring for Creation on Wednesday 28th January at 7.00pm. Join the next online diocesan workshop to help you turn your faith into environmental action in the home and parish. We'll explore opportunities to help your church become carbon neutral and connect with other faith initiatives to Care for Creation. Email caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk for the Zoom link.

Please pray for:

- Barbara Hardy RIP whose funeral takes place this week.
- 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.
- 24/7 Youth Group – 28th January 7 pm – activity off-site
- Meditation Group: Thursday 29th January in Sacred Heart Community Centre beginning at 7.30 pm. All Welcome.
- Baptism Course: Saturday 31st January 10 am - 12 at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Forms to be in this weekend.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father entrusted to his worldwide prayer network January: For Prayer with the Word of God let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal missionary Church. February: For children with incurable diseases – let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Our events Diary is now on the website and on church and hall notice boards. Take a look at what's going off in 2026 in our parish. Future Diary Dates:

Italian Night 20th March at Sacred Heart Community Centre,

Car Boot 16th May in Sacred Heart Car Park,

Summer Fair 27th June on Our Lady & St Edward's School Field

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9HOLY 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





OLSE'S GOT TALENT FINAL

Wow, what a fabulous afternoon we shared on Friday at our annual OLSE's Got Talent.

St Alban – Chicago, Olly, Evelyn L entertained us with Chicago rapping and Olly and Evelyn singing.

St Joan of Arc – Julia, Liam and Nell shared their talents of dancing, singing and playing the flute



Blessed Cyprian Tansi – Anna, Lyly, Baron, Hannah and Gabi also danced and sang.

St Therese of Liseux – Evanna, Ethan, Oliver, Roman and Ebube shared a gymnastic routine, comedy and singing.



Well done to all the children who took part in the auditions, we have a lot of talented children in school. Congratulations to **Evanna** and **Gabi** who were our winners winning 200 points for their house. Thank you to our judges, Pauline and Peter who are members of our Governing Body, Sr Patricia who volunteers in school and to Taylen, a past pupil who has fond memories of taking part in the talent show as a pupil. We know they had the difficult choice of choosing the winners. A final thank you to our House Captains **Cleondra, Emmanuella, Evelyn, Pacem, Valerie, Jessica, Eva Joy and Hermela** for organising a super event.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 26 th January Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops	9.30am (OLSE)	MASS Ethel Rooney RIP
Tuesday 27 th January	9.30am (STA)	MASS Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 28 th January St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor	6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Exposition and Confessions Mary Walsh RIP
Thursday 29 th January	9:30am (SA)	MASS Richard Cwilewicz RIP
Friday 30 th January	10:30am (SH) 3pm (SH)	MASS Anna De Rosa RIP Funeral Service for Barbara Hardy RIP
Saturday 31 st January St John Bosco, priest	10am (SH)	MASS Baptism Preparation Course
Sunday 1 st February Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS For the People Tom Collins RIP Mary Fitzmaurice RIP

. 2026 NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

As we approach the end of January it still isn't too late to complete this month's Reading Challenge.

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 writing the name of the book and then for the child or adult to share what made them laugh.

Thank you again to all the parents and family members who joined us in EYFS for our stay and read session. Thank you also to all the parents who are supporting with our school reading challenge to read 3 times a week at home.

January

Read a book that makes you laugh!