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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

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. Miss Greenwood and our new pupil librarians would like to invite the parents of children in year 1 and 2 to our reading café and share a story with their child on Friday 6th February at 2:30pm.

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.

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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WORD OF THE WEEK: INSPIRATION

Week 4 in Ordinary Time Year A

Word of the Week

Inspiration

First Reading
Isaiah 25:1-12

Gospel Reading
Matthew 5:1-12

Second Reading
Isaiah 25:1-12

Psalm
Psalm 121

Homily
Matthew 5:1-12

Reflection
Isaiah 25:1-12

Prayer
Matthew 5:1-12

Meaning
Inspiration is the feeling of being motivated or encouraged to do something. It literally means 'filled with the spirit'. Inspiration is like a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit, guiding us and encouraging us on our journey. It can come in many forms - through prayer, through Scripture, through the words and actions of others. It's a reminder that God is always with us, inspiring us to be our best selves.

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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	

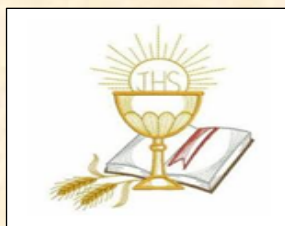
FAIRTRADE TUCK SHOP

Thank you to everyone Who supported our tuck shop on Friday morning. We raised £92 which will be donated to the parish Live Simply group.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The second 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. If you cannot attend tonight, please go to St Augustine's tomorrow or Sacred Heart. Both sessions are from 6-7pm too.



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 positive week for attendance, Year 3 had our highest attendance with a perfect 100%, followed by Year 2 with 99.33% and Year 4 with 98.44%. Well done to Year 6 who also achieved above our school target of 97%

School Matters!



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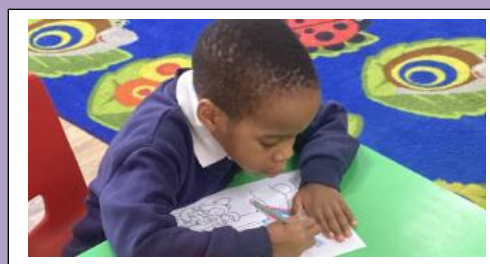
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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
5 th January		05.01.26 Whole School COTW - Epiphany	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
12 th January	16.01.26 Talent Show Auditions	12.01.26 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany 9:30am	
19 th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

PUPIL VOICE

Last Thursday, Year 1 enjoyed their retreat afternoon with our Chaplain Joe. The children focused on who is special in our lives and listened to the story of the presentation of Jesus.





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PARISH NOTICES:

Survive-Miva Appeal Next Weekend: Survive-Miva is a UK-based lay Catholic Association and Registered Charity which was founded in Liverpool in 1974. They make grants to fund essential forms of transport for the Church's vital health outreach work and pastoral ministry in the developing world. They have funded bicycles for parish catechists along with motorbikes for parish priests to visit isolated rural communities to celebrate the Sacraments, as well as four-wheel vehicles for trained personnel, usually Sisters from local Religious Orders, to make rough-terrain journeys taking vital mobile healthcare, child immunisations, and pre and post maternity care to those off the beaten track. The generosity of their supporters means that such trips can enable equipment to be transported and make-shift clinics for preventable diseases run by appropriately qualified personnel can be organised and programmed in advance to have the greatest impact on those whose needs would otherwise go unattended. A volunteer from this charity will speak at all our Masses and there will be a door collection for their work at the conclusion of Mass.

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



Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27th - 30th September 2026. Flying from Stansted Airport Cost £674. 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 07853068189

Warmer Welcome workshop: Monday 9th February at 7.00pm. The next online gathering for volunteers with parish-based drop-ins, lunch clubs or cafés features guest speaker Jo Holland from the UK-wide network 'Places of Welcome'. If you're thinking of starting one, come and find out how others do it! Visit bit.ly/warmer_welcome to book your place

Please pray for:

- 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
- Michael Bottoms RIP Funeral Service at Sacred Heart on 11th February at 10.30
- Laurretta Moretto RIP Funeral Mass, Friday 27th February at Sacred Heart – 10.00am

This week:

- Live simply Meeting: Tuesday February 3rd 7.30pm at OLSE café
- 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: Thursday 5th February in Sacred Heart Community Centre beginning at 7.30 pm. All Welcome.

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

Children in our Social Spaces: Please can parents ensure that their children are supervised at all times. Our parish halls and social spaces used after Mass have hot beverages on tables and it is unsafe for children to zoom around with their friends. To avoid accidents, please make sure that children behave appropriately for the area they are in. Thank you

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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





BREAD MAKING WITH ASPENS

At the start of this term, we set the children in Key Stage 2 a challenge – the class who achieved the most house points in January would be able to make their own bread with our catering partners Aspens. After we had counted everyone's points, we announced Year 6 as the winners.



There were a lot of interesting designs made.



After a short while baking in the oven, the children received their warm bread. Hopefully families managed to taste too,



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 2 nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Special Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life	9.30am (OLSE)	MASS The Religious of the Parish
Tuesday 3 rd February St Blaise, bishop and martyr	9.30am (STA)	MASS Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 4 th February St Gilbert of Sempringham, religious	5.00pm; STA 6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Reception of the Body of Helen Donovan RIP Exposition and Confessions Filomena Di-francesco Marino RIP
Thursday 5 th February St Agatha, virgin and martyr	10:30am (SA)	MASS Requiem Mass for Helen Donovan RIP
Friday 5 th February St Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs	9:30am (SH) 11am	MASS Harold & Dorothy Andrews RIP Mass at Christ the King School – Holy Souls
Saturday 7 th February	12pm; OLSE 1.30pm; OLSE	MASS Baptism of Cillian Baptism of Kian
Sunday 8 th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	9am(OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA)	MASS Tracey Moore's Intention Jimmy Greaney RIP (2nd Anniversary) For the People

2026 NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

As we move into February this means we have a new reading challenge. The challenge is for your child to tell someone about a book they love.

When your child has completed the task, complete the form on the back of the sheet by writing the name of the book and the reason why they love it.

February

Tell someone about a book you love



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