



**WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?**

We enter into our final week of another busy half term where we have witnessed the children make so much progress with their learning, as well as joining the parish for mass, celebrating a house feast day, children showcasing their talents and Year 6 baking their own bread. This week we celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for this year's Children's Mental Health Week is This is my Place. That means feeling like you're part of something, such as your family, your school, your group of friends or a team. These happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and school, and feel good about ourselves. We have planned the following activities:

**Monday** – Celebration of the Word

**Tuesday** – Safer Internet Day, theme is Smart Tech, safe choices, Empower young people with the skills and confidence to make safe and responsible choices when using smart technology including using AI.

**Wednesday** – Wear a SCARF to school promoting the themes of Safety, Care, Achieve, Resilience and Friendship

**Thursday** – Dress to impress, you may choose to wear something that shares a group you belong to,

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

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**WORD OF THE WEEK: DIVERSITY**

Week 5 in Ordinary Time Year A

Word of the Week

# Diversity

**First Reading**  
Leviticus 19:10-13

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 5:13-16

**Hebrew Bible**  
Leviticus 19:10-13

**New Testament**  
Colossians 1:16-17

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Think about those people in your community who may feel left out. This week, try to find a way to help them feel loved and included.

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	

**OUR HAPPY HAVEN**

Last week our phonics sound is /c/ and the children enjoyed a tea party with Cleo the Cat, Charlie the Cow and Chomp the Crocodile 🐊 There were lots of cakes, carrots, corn and crab to eat – brilliant /c/ sound spotting , speaking and signing!



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION**

There is a meeting for Parents only on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Church. Sr Patricia has asked when it is your child's turn to take the offertory at 9am Sunday Mass please make yourself known either to her or one of the welcomers.



**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, Reception had our highest attendance with an excellent 99%, followed by Year 4 with 98.44% and Year 2 with 98.33%.**

**School Matters!**



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**



Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
5 <sup>th</sup> January		05.01.26 Whole School COTW - Epiphany	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
12 <sup>th</sup> January	16.01.26 Talent Show Auditions	12.01.26 Mass to celebrate Feast of Epiphany 9:30am	
19 <sup>th</sup> January	23.01.26 Talent Show Final	19.01.26 Whole School COTW - Discipleship 20.01.26 Blessed Cyprian Tansi Feast Day	
26 <sup>th</sup> January	30.01.26 – Bread making afternoon with Aspens	27.01.25 20.01.25 Whole School COTW - Scripture	
2 <sup>nd</sup> February		02.02.26 20.01.25 Whole School COTW - Inspiration 06.02.26: Celebration Assembly	
9 <sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup> February		23.02.26 Whole School COTW – Prayer led by year 2 27.02.26: Celebration Assembly	
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	06.03.26 World Book Day	04.03.26 Whole School COTW – Fasting led by year 3	
9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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	
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>		

## PUPIL VOICE

**Year 4 and Year 6 showcased their creative flair last week. Inspired by art work by Jen Norton, Year 4 produced their own religious art answering the question 'But Who Do You Say I Am?' Inspired by images from Derrick Ofosu Boateng, Year 6 used their photography and editing skills to produce album covers.**



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## **PARISH NOTICES:**

**Survive-Miva Appeal – today:** 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 our 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. There will be a door collection for their work at the conclusion of Mass.

**Franciscan Year** A special Jubilee Year marking the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi has been proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV. The Year of St Francis will be celebrated from 10 January 2026 to 10 January 2027, inviting all the faithful to follow St Francis' example of holiness, humility, charity and peace. During this Jubilee, a plenary indulgence may be obtained under the usual conditions by those who take part devoutly, including through pilgrimage to Franciscan churches or places dedicated to St Francis; the sick and housebound may also participate spiritually. While especially addressed to the Franciscan family, this Jubilee is open to all the faithful, encouraging renewed Christian charity, peace, and evangelical witness in today's world. Bishop Patrick has allowed our church of Our Lady and St Edward, as a Franciscan Foundation, to be a designated Pilgrimage church so anyone coming to the church and fulfilling the conditions for a Plenary Indulgence can obtain this grace during this special period. "Go make disciples": Five Year Mission plan for the Diocese of Nottingham. Bishop Patrick presented his plan to the Deanery on 27th January – thank you to our parishioners who attended with us. A summary is available at the back of church for you to take home and read. The full plan is on the website with a few copies at the back of church. <https://ccen.co.uk/diocesan-mission-plan/>

**Women's Group at St Augustine's Church Hall:** Sr Treasa is recommending a group for women which involves a mixture of mediation and Capacitar which is a flow of body-based exercises and meditation techniques. Capacitar means "to empower" in Spanish. Capacitar's mission is to teach body-mind-spirit practices to empower healing, wholeness and peace, both in the individual and in the world. Join her on Wednesday 25th February 11.30 – 1 pm in St Augustine's Hall.

**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.

**Apprenticeship & Recruitment Event:** 10th February 2 – 5 pm at Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, NG5 6LU. Meet employers and access career advice – no booking required just turn up.

**Warm Clothing urgent appeal** for Ukraine: Richard Staszkiwicz is collating this collection to send to Ukraine so if you have any donations could you please take to church or the office by Monday 16th February. They require adult and children's coats, jumpers, hats, gloves, thermal underwear, blankets, and sleeping bags. Thank you

### **Please pray for:**

- Mary Ann Young RIP Funeral Service Monday 9th February at Gedling Crematorium at 2.00pm
- Michael Bottoms RIP Funeral Service at Sacred Heart on 11th February at 10.30am
- Laretta Moretto RIP Funeral Mass, Friday 27th February at Sacred Heart at 10.00am
- Godfrey Archer RIP funeral 4th March, 11:30 at Bretby Crematorium in Burton on Trent. DE15 0QE
- Dave Mellors & Brendan Gallagher who are ill

### **This week:**

- Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's this Wednesday: 12 – 3
- First Holy Communion Meeting this week: 7 – 8 pm Parents Only Wednesday 11th February at Our Lady & St Edward's Church
- Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre: this Thursday 12 – 3 all welcome
- Meditation Group: Thursday 12th February on Zoom. All Welcome. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHNMWtMRDdkMEpUZz0>

**250 years – where to from here?** You are invited to join Mary-Ann Greaney, an experienced facilitator and Associate of the Presentation Sisters, for a Workshop on Saturday 21st February 2026 at Presentation Sisters Convent, Matlock DE4 3FT, 10 AM– 4 pm. They will share wisdom and understanding of Nano Nagle - Presentation Congregation founder. Suggested donation £10, Email: [associates@pbvmengland.co.uk](mailto:associates@pbvmengland.co.uk)

**Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy, Arnold** has a number of vacancies for both teachers and support staff, for more information please find all vacancies on the OLOL website <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/> if you would like an informal chat regarding any of the vacancies please contact the school on [head@christtheking.notts.sch.uk](mailto:head@christtheking.notts.sch.uk) They also require school governors, for more info visit: <https://bit.ly/3XM6BB2>

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## READING UPDATE

Our pupil librarians Bryan, Eva, Evelyn, Mailany and Roman introduced their drop in and read sessions last week. Year 2 children enjoyed listening to stories and reading to them. This will take place every Thursday at morning break.



On Friday we welcomed parents into school to read with their children in Nursery and reception in the morning and then parents of children in Year 1 and 2 from 2:30pm. We thank all the parents who joined us and look forward to our next reading café next half term.



Don't forget to complete your National Year of Reading 2026 for February.



## MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am (OLSE)  2pm Gedling	<b>MASS</b> Thomas Aquino Nguyen Van Bich RIP Funeral Service of Mary Ann Young RIP
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am (STA)	<b>MASS</b> Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30am; (SH)  6pm (SH)  7pm (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Funeral Service for Michael Bottoms RIP Exposition and Confessions Mary Ann Young RIP
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30am (SA)	<b>MASS</b> Sidney Smith RIP
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	9:30am (SH)	<b>MASS</b> Nina Mignamo RIP
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9am	<b>MASS</b> Mass in HMP Whatton
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	9am( OLSE) 10.15am (SH) 11:30am (SA) 1pm (SH) 1pm (OLSE) 3pm, (SH)	<b>MASS</b> For the People Matteo Marino RIP Paul Bowe RIP Italian Mass Vietnamese Mass Baptism of Saoirse

### **HAPPY HALF TERM!!!**

A gentle reminder that Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February is our OLoL Inset Day. School will be closed to all children on this day. Half term begins on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

