

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

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## WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

I am sure you have all had an opportunity to read the letter that was sent out last week to you from our deputy CEO Mrs Dales sharing that Mrs Byrne will now be supporting at another school within the trust up until the Easter holidays. I will be available ensuring continuity and support for pupils, staff, and families. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything. Miss Greenwood.

This week Year 4 continue with their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop. Year 4 lead us in their Lenten Celebration of the Word at 2:30pm also on Monday.

On Wednesday we say goodbye to our Year 6 children who will be going to the Briars for a two-night residential. You can follow everything they are getting up to by following us on X and Instagram where photos will be uploaded. Messages will be sent to Year 6 parents to keep them updated of arrival etc.

On Friday we will celebrate those children in each class who have demonstrated evidence of living out our school values and worked hard in the curriculum areas.

**Please make a note of our remaining three INSET days this academic year. The first one is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> July. School is closed for all children on these days.**

As always follow us on X [@elseacademy](https://twitter.com/elseacademy) and [Instagram: elseacademy\\_nottingham](https://www.instagram.com/elseacademy_nottingham) for the latest news and photos.

## WORD OF THE WEEK: Almsgiving

**Almsgiving is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion for others. Almsgiving can also be a way of expressing our gratitude for God's blessings. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent, as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world. Find a way to give something to charity or to someone in need this week.**

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Volleyball ( Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Mult skills (Year 1 and 2)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Fitness ( Year 1,2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Table Tennis ( Year 3, 4 and 5)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 2:30PM

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THEIR TEACHER TO BE IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**

**NURSERY:** Elijah and Alianna

**RECEPTION:** Chimereze and Livia

**YEAR ONE:** Clara and Keisha

**YEAR TWO:** Luis and Tiffany

**YEAR THREE:** Kevin and Isabel

**YEAR FOUR:** Rebecca and Nell

**YEAR FIVE:** Nuala and Dorian

**YEAR SIX:** Away at the Briars so no children this week.

**PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

## 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, two classes achieved above our school target of 97% - Year R with 97.3% and Year 3 with 98%.**

### 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

**Well Done to everyone in school that took part in World Book Day on Friday. There was some amazing costumes. Remember to complete the homework of designing a bookmark and return to school by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Our school librarians will then judge them.**



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## PARISH NOTICES:

**CAFOD** - Family Fast Day Collection: thank you for your generous donations last weekend we collected £1118. There's still an opportunity to donate: [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. CAFOD Big Lent Walk Saturday 14th March, meeting at 1.30pm, Cromford Wharf Car Park DE4 3RQ. All are welcome!

**CAKE STALL:** raised £136.70! thank you to the cake bakers (and savoury) and to all who bought the food. Next stall will be on Sunday 3rd May.

**SVP Collection:** Next weekend there will be a short appeal and second collection for the work of the SVP in our parish. Supporting our sick and housebound parishioners, the SVP visits and helps so many providing friendship and prayerful care to those in need. Please be supportive of the collection, and if you would like to volunteer in this important work please speak to one of the SVP members in our churches next Sunday.

**Keeping in touch:** If there are people in our parish who are not Catholic and want to know more about the Catholic faith, there will be a Keeping in Touch evening on Wednesday 11th March after the 7pm Mass in Sacred Heart Community Centre. This is an informal opportunity to meet with catechists regarding the next round of RCIA in the parish beginning in September.

**Enabling Our Mission Campaign:** Our parish is currently undertaking the Enabling Our Mission Campaign which aims to support our Diocesan vision of each parish becoming more missionary and outward looking, supporting our priests in their ministry and encouraging parish mission initiatives. In the next weeks, gatherings across the parish will be run to explain this Bishop's campaign to parishioners and it is hoped you are able to come. The proposed dates are:

Monday 16th March – 5.30pm in Our Lady and St Edward's Church

Tuesday 17th March – 6.00pm in St Augustine's Church

Wednesday 18th March – 5.30pm in Sacred Heart Church

In order to confirm your attendance, please can you email Fr Chris christopherthomas@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call the parish office on 0115 9118266.

**Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy:** are undertaking the Leading Parent Partnership Award to strengthen links between School and Parents. If you would like more information on what is involved in this accreditation or would like to discuss the award further, please email [head@christtheking.notts.sch.uk](mailto:head@christtheking.notts.sch.uk)

This week: **Lent contemplation:** 7 pm OLSE Tuesday 10th March. **Community Café** at Our Lady & St Edward's this Wednesday: 12 – 3 **Keeping in Touch:** OLSE 7 pm Wednesday 11th March. **Community Café** at Sacred Heart Community Centre: this Thursday 12 – 3 All welcome. **Meditation Group:** next meeting is on zoom Thursday 12th March: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBKVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUJz09> Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

**Wednesday Word:** Resource for children: extended half term booklet -<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/goodnews?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

**Vox Harmonica** presents an evening of hymns with the theme: 'ashes to mercy' on Saturday 21st March 2026 4 pm the Good Shepherd Church Woodthorpe, Nottingham NG5 4HT. All are welcome to this evening of sacred hymns and solemn reflection. Refreshments served afterwards.

**Young Adults** are especially invited to join Bishop Patrick, in the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026. Departing from East Midlands airport on Monday 13th July, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Help in caring for those with additional needs! Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocesepilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>

**Volunteer Recruitment** at St Augustine's Church last weekend was really successful. Thank you for completing the form indicating which ministry you would like to help out with, we had over 45 boxes ticked!! We will be sorting through these over the next few weeks, look out for your letter.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage** – this year is on Saturday 20th June. We will be having two pick-up points; Sacred Heart Community Centre at 8am and Good shepherd church 8.30am. Seats cost £25 each. Do book your seat as soon as possible through the office. Thank you.

**Lenten Women's Retreat** Saturday 21st March at Holy Family Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree DE22 2LG, between 10.00am and 4.00pm: Great Women of the Old Testament", led by Sister Susan Richert and costs £15 including a cream tea; please bring your own packed lunch. To book, visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/womensretreatday](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/womensretreatday)

**Men's Retreat** Saturday 28th March 9.45am - 3.45pm, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Coalville. Canon Chris will lead the Day, entitled "Limitless: In the Lenten Gospel readings the Limitless power of God is revealed. In Christ we too can be limitless". £15 per person; please bring your own packed lunch. <https://bit.ly/MSBRetreat2026>

**Foxhill Road Court Complex**, Carlton NG4 1SE is holding a fundraising event with stalls & raffle on 21st March 12-2pm in aid of motor neurone disease.

**St Patrick's Day Mass:** 9.30am 17th March 2026 at Our Lady and St Patrick's Church in The Meadows NG2 1JQ celebrated by Bishop Patrick and attended by invited dignitaries from Ireland and the UK. Afterwards, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and hospitality in the Hall.

**Last year's** (2025) 1st Holy Communion Certificates: we still have some that have not been collected at Sacred Heart; Francesco, Billie, Donnie and Valentina, please contact the office. Thank you.



**CELEBRATING LENT IN SCHOOL**

As we are now in the season of Lent, our children spend time with our Lay Chaplain Joe to think about our various words of the week. Last week Year 3 led us in our Lenten liturgy linked to Fasting. This is where we fast from food, drink or other luxuries like social media, being on our tablets or I-pads.



Please make a note of our Celebrations of the Word which the children will lead for our community. All families are welcome to join us.

- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm led by Year 3. Theme – Fasting**
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm led by Year 4. Theme – Almsgiving**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm led by Year 5. Theme – Sacrifice**
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm led by Year 6. Theme - Journey**

**MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

<b>Saturday 7th March</b> Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyr		
<b>Sunday 8th March</b> Third Sunday of Lent (A)	9.00am Mass; <b>OLSE</b>  10.15am Mass; SH  11.30am Mass; STA  1.00pm Mass; SH	For the People Patricia Holmes RIP Paula McSweeney RIP Italian Mass
<b>Monday 9th March</b> St Frances of Rome, virgin	9.30am Mass; <b>OLSE</b>  6.00pm; STA	Maria Nguyen Thi Lieu RIP Reception of the Body of Jimmy Donovan RIP
<b>Tuesday 10th March</b>	10.30am; STA  7pm; <b>OLSE</b>	Requiem Mass for Jimmy Donovan RIP  Lent Service
<b>Wednesday 11th March</b>	6.00pm; SH 7.00pm Mass, SH	Exposition and Confessions Kitty Flood's Intention
<b>Thursday 12th March</b>	9.30am Mass; STA	Brian's Intention
<b>Friday 13th March</b>	9.30am; SH 7.00pm	Bogdan Usowicz RIP & Andrej Panasewicz RIP  Stations of the Cross in all Churches
<b>Saturday 14th March</b>		
<b>Sunday 15th March</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent (A) Laetare Sunday	9.00am Mass; <b>OLSE</b> 10.15am Mass; SH 11.30am Mass; STA 1.00pm Mass; SH	Paul Bowe RIP  Peggy Towey RIP  For the People

**Father Chris would like to invite pupils and families of those children in Year 4, 5 and 6 as well as those children who are making their First Holy Communion to church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March between 3- 5pm to reconcile with God.**



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