



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

This week Year 4 continue with their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop. Some children from Years 3 and 4 lead us in a Lent Reconciliation at 2:30pm also on Monday. Families of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are then invited over to church between 3-5pm to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

On Wednesday, it is Parent Consultation evening where parents are welcome to drop in to look at their child's books and chat with the class teacher. This is a drop-in session, and no specific times will be given. Please remember that the class teacher will need to share their time equally amongst all parents.

On Friday at 2.30pm Year 5 will lead us in their Lenten Liturgy linked to sacrifice. All parents are welcome to attend. **Please make a note of our remaining three INSET days this academic year. The first one is on Friday 26th June and 27th July. School is closed for all children on these days.**

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WORD OF THE WEEK: Sacrifice

4th Week of Lent

Year A

Word of the Week

Sacrifice

First Reading
[] Joshua 5:9-12
Gospel Reading
[] Luke 10:1-3, 11-32

Hebrew Bible
[] Genesis 22:1-19
New Testament
[] Hebrews 13:1-3

During Lent, we reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God, and that we too, are called to live our lives for others as humble servants. Sacrifice is a way to show our love for God and our commitment to living a life that reflects His values.

Think about someone who makes sacrifices for you and take moment to thank them for what they do 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	

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 4 led us in our Lenten liturgy linked to Almsgiving. This is the third pillar of Lent. This is where we think about ways in which we help and give to others. It's about recognising how lucky we are to have so much and focusing on how we can help those around us to have the same.

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, four classes achieved above our school target of 97% - Year R with 97.67%, Year 1 with 97.33%, Year 3 with 97.67% and Year 6 with 100%.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



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		

Science Week

Last week we celebrated Science Week in school linked to how we can support the world/environment around us. Mrs Harrison started the week off with a very interesting assembly, which really got the children thinking and Miss Philbin a little worried!

The children were set different investigations.

EYFS- Why Is There Rubbish in the Sea?

KS1- What Is the Best Way to Clean Up an Oil Spill?

Year 3 and 4- How Can We Clean Dirty Water?

Year 5 and 6- Which Tissue Dissolves Best in Water?



PARISH NOTICES:

Confessions this week On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week there will be a period of confessions in each of our churches. Three priests will be available to hear confessions. The children making their First Holy Communion this year will be present with their families, but this time it is open to all parishioners, especially our schoolchildren. If you want to celebrate this sacrament of reconciliation, and fulfil this part of your Easter Duties, (the other being reception of Holy Communion in the Easter season) you are very welcome to come along – see Mass/service schedule for times.

SVP Collection: Today 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 today.

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. Next week, 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 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 christopherpthomas@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

Next CAFOD Big Lent Walk: Sunday 22nd March, meeting at 2.00pm, Willford Village Tram Stop Car Park. All are welcome!

Lent Services:

- Thursday 26th March 7pm at St Joseph of Peace convent (next to Sacred Heart Church).
- Monday 30th March, 7pm at Augustine's church; music, readings and reflections from those who were 'there' – by candlelight.

Internet Safety/ Avoiding Scams: Delivered by Inspire: Culture, Learning and Libraries Tuesday 17th March, 12.30pm-3pm at Daybrook Baptist

Church - tutor Vaughan Hamilton. This session will include: Recognising common online dangers and scams, Identifying and using basic tools and strategies to protect yourself and your devices, What to believe, and how to report scams, Phishing, Fleeceware and more.

To book a place on this face-to-face Scams/Safety session, visit: https://ebsontrackprospect-inspire.tribalebs.com/Page/Prospectus_CourseOverview?uio_id=4758

God Who Speaks Resources: theme for March is Reconciled through the Cross www.godwhospeaks.uk/reconciled-through-the-cross/ 15th March: Mothers' Day and Mothers in the Bible - www.godwhospeaks.uk/mothers-in-scripture/ 19th March: Feast of St Joseph - www.godwhospeaks.uk/saint-joseph/

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

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/MSBRetreat2026Foxhill> 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.

ST AUGUSTINE'S HALL ROOF UPDATE Thank you to everyone who has donated money to St Augustine's Hall Roof Fund since the end of December and thank you for increased cash in the collection. The balance owing as at 28.2.26 is £11,810, the original roof cost was £41000. This is a fantastic effort – we are nearly there!! We've received another £1750 this week. Thank you.



YEAR 6 ON TOUR!!!

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful three days away on residential. First stop was Conkers in Leicestershire where they enjoyed playing in the indoor and outdoor areas, explored the discovery centre and got blown about and splashed in the 4D cinema.



Leaving there they travelled to Derbyshire to The Briars where they stayed for 2 nights. On the first night they took part in some small activities and after a little sleep they were all wide-awake ready for breakfast and a jam-packed day.

They started their day beginning the Agents of Love programme. They thought about how they are attentive to others, resilient when faced with a challenge, trustworthy, show self-control, serve others and discern what is just.



On Thursday afternoon they enjoyed a lovely walk in the Derbyshire countryside and danced the night away at the disco. They celebrated mass on Friday and received their affirmations from each other and graduated as Agents of love. Thank you to Mr Whittle and Mrs Rogers for accompanying the children on the trip.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday 14th March		
Sunday 15th March	9.00am Mass; OLSE 10.15am Mass; SH 11.30am Mass; STA 1.00pm Mass; SH	Paul Bowe RIP Peggy Towey RIP For the People Italian Mass
Monday 16th March	9.30am Mass; OLSE 11.30am; SH 3.00-5.00pm; OLSE	Peter Dinh Nguyen RIP Funeral Service for Francesco De Vivo RIP Confessions
Tuesday 17th March St Patrick, bishop	9.30am Mass; STA 3.30-5.30pm; STA	Canon Malachy's Intention Confessions
Wednesday 18th March St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor	3.00-5.00pm; SH 6.00pm; SH 7.00pm Mass, SH	Confessions Exposition and Confessions Mary Greaney RIP
Thursday 19th March St Joseph, Spouse of Our Lady	9.30am Mass; STA	Joan Reid RIP
Friday 20th March St Alcmund, martyr	9.30am; SH 7.00pm	Anna De Rosa RIP Stations of the Cross in all Churches
Saturday 21st March		
Sunday 22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent (A) Passion Sunday	9.00am Mass; OLSE 10.15am Mass; SH 11.30am Mass; STA 1.00pm Mass; SH	Kathleen O'Sullivan RIP For the People Michael & Zofia Szuciak RIP Italian Mass

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