



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

This week Year 4 continue with their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop.

On Wednesday children in KS2 undertake the yearly Road Safety Quiz. Please remember to encourage your children to read through their booklets as questions are based upon this.

Also on Wednesday the children will have an assembly linked to St Anns Love our Street week.

On Thursday, staff will celebrate those children who have stood out over the last half term for their efforts within the school and nine children will receive the achiever of the half term.

Also on Thursday, Year 4 have a very special treat and have been invited to Nottingham Ice Arena to take part in an ice-skating session.

On Friday Year 6 will lead us in our final Lent liturgy linked to Journey, where we will look at the events of Holy Week. All parents are invited 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: Journey

Lent is a time of journeying with Jesus Christ. It is a time of reflecting on our lives, repenting our sins, and growing in our faith. The journey of

Lent is a challenging one, but it is also a rewarding one. It is a journey that can help us to grow closer to God so that we are ready to truly celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection at Easter.

Spend some time in prayer thinking about your Lenten journey so far and what you want to do with the journey ahead.

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 continue 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 5 led us in our Lenten liturgy linked to Sacrifice. This is where we think about how God sacrificed his only son for our sins.



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, six classes achieved above our school target of 97% - Year R with 99%, Year 1 with 97%, Year 2 with 98.3%, Year 3 with 98.3%, Year 4 with 97.8% and Year 5 with 98.1%

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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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		



Many thanks to the wonderful parents who came into Reception class on Friday morning to listen to their child read.

Reading is so important and we really appreciate all the parents that support us in school by listening to their children read at home. It makes such a difference and can really help to develop a child's vocabulary and help with their writing.

Please support us by listening to your child read at least three times a week and record in your child's organiser.

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PARISH NOTICES:

Holy Week 2026

Next Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday with the distribution and blessing of Palms. The Holy Week services are published on the fliers at the back of the church which can be taken and shared with family and friends. We are looking for volunteers:

- **Holy Thursday** – Mass of the Lord's Supper – St Augustine's at 8pm Volunteers needed: Welcomers (x2), Readers (x2), Ministers of Holy Communion (x2), Offertory Procession (x2) and People willing to have their feet washed as part of the Mandatum (x12)
- **Good Friday** – The Passion of the Lord – Our Lady and St Edward's at 3pm Volunteers needed: Welcomers (x2) and Readers (x2)
- **Holy Saturday** – The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – Sacred Heart at 8pm Volunteers needed: Welcomers (x2), Readers (x5), Ministers of Holy Communion (x2), People to host refreshments after Mass (x4)
- **Easter Sunday** – The Mass of Easter Day – usual Mass times and rotas Sacred Heart only Readers (x2) Please be generous in offering to assist the celebration of the Triduum

Liturgies in this Holy Week. There are sign-up sheets at the back of each church for people to volunteer.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 20th June 2026. A coach will be leaving from Sacred Heart Church, Carlton NG4 1FP at 8am and then leaving Good Shepherd, Arnold NG5 4HT at 8.15am. If you would like to go, seats cost £25 payable in advance. Please email ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk or telephone 0115 9116266 to book your place. Payment will be either cash to church/office or by BACS – bank details will be sent. Places will be confirmed once payment received. For information on the Catholic shrine at Walsingham visit: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

Holy Family Foodbank requirements this week: coffee, sugar, washing up liquid, tinned chopped tomatoes. Thank you for your continued support of our foodbank coordinated by OLSE SVP. SVP 2nd collection last weekend: thank you for your generous donations. We raised £881 (including contactless payments) which will be shared between our 2 groups who support all 3 churches. Thanks to Clare and Breda for speaking about the work of SVP. Contact the office for info

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETINGS 6-7pm

Monday 23rd March in Our Lady & St Edward's Community café

Tuesday 24th March in St Augustine's Church Hall

Wednesday 25th March in Sacred Heart Community Centre

Wednesday Word: Resource for children: <https://www.paperturnview.com/wednesday-word/good-news?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: Thank you for completing the form indicating which ministry you would like to help out with, our Safeguarding Representative, Anna Burke, will be contacting and meeting you over the next couple of weeks – look out for her after Mass.

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>

Digital inclusion ensures everyone can access, afford, and confidently use digital technology and the internet to improve their lives. It covers connectivity, devices, and digital skills, essential for jobs, healthcare, and education. The Government has funded 2 laptops to our community for anyone to use in order for them not to be left out. These will be available at our community cafes initially. Do come and have a go on a laptop, especially if you need to book anything on-line.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY - Sunday April 12th, 2026, at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Brooklyn Rd, Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9ES. The celebration begins at 2.30pm and ends with Benediction at 3.45pm.

Talk given by Rev Evarist Kaniki. There will be three priests available after the service for 1 hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We invite you to join us for this great feast. For more information ring Madeleine 0115 9277893 or Teresa 07733224700

Home Paschal Candles – these are available to buy from our church shops: Sacred Heart and St Augustine's from the back of church and Our Lady and St Edward's from the Community Space adjacent the café – cost £10. Do take a look at what else we are selling for Easter and Sacramental celebrations.



EYFS

The children in EYFS had a busy week. Reception had lots of wonderful writers who enjoyed working independently and used all their phonic knowledge to segment words.



The children in Nursery have been busy this term planting different seeds and looking into the lifecycle of a plant. They even noticed that some of the sunflower seeds have started to grow.



Reception also enjoyed observing their cress seeds. They found out that cress doesn't grow without water, it can grow without soil, it grows towards the sunlight and the sun makes cress green.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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 Mas
Monday 23rd March	11.30am Mass; OLSE	Funeral Mass for Rocco Di Martino RIP
Tuesday 24th March	9.30am; STA	Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord	6.00pm; SH 7.00pm Mass, SH	Exposition and Confessions Annie Elizabeth Gately RIP
Thursday 26th March	9.30am Mass; STA	Jeffery RIP
Friday 27th March	9.30am Mass; SH 10.00am; STA 7.00pm	Gerald Chambers Intention Funeral Service for Mabel Warner RIP Stations of the Cross in all Churches
Saturday 28th March	10.00am	Men's Retreat at Mount St Bernard's Abbey
Sunday 29th March Sixth Sunday of Lent (A) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.00am Mass; OLSE 10.15am Mass; SH 11.30am Mass; STA 1.00pm Mass; SH	For the People Brian Birch RIP (Anniv) Joanne Walsh RIP Italian Mas

KS2 Parents

Increase to dinner prices. As from the 13th April, there will be an increase to the cost of school dinners. The increase is 10p. The cost of the new school dinners will be £2.70.

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