



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

This half term it is the turn of year 5 children to gain experience of Forest Schools with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop. This will start on Monday 20th April. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing, it is essential that your child has a change of shoes and a warm coat. Due to the nature of the activities, the children participate in outside they must not wear short and t-shirts, they must wear long sleeved tops and tracksuit bottoms.

Also on Monday, we will be celebrating whole school mass at 9.30 linked to Eastertide. All parents are welcome.

On Wednesday, Mrs Harrison and the Eco team will be leading an assembly to the all the children in school linked to Earth Day.

This week we also say goodbye to year 5 for three days, as they venture to Hagg farm for a three-day residential where there are lots of activities planned. Photos will be uploaded onto X and Arbor messages to keep all parents updated.

Please make a note of our remaining 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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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 24th APRIL AT 2:30PM

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

NURSERY: Dominic and Eric

RECEPTION: Evangelina and Elisa

YEAR ONE: Felix and Kenneilia

YEAR TWO: Evanna and Franklin

YEAR THREE: Milan S and Joyce

YEAR FOUR: Lena and Medet

YEAR FIVE: Julia and Daniel

YEAR SIX: Isabella and Oskar

PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

VOLUNTEERING IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH

The Parish are looking for volunteers to support with the following roles: Sacristan (setting up/clearing away the Sanctuary before and after Mass), Welcomers, Readers, Musicians/choir, Children's Liturgy, Refreshments, Altar Servers, Church cleaner, Gardening and Flowers. If you think you maybe able to offer support, please contact OLSE Parish Church.

WORD OF THE WEEK: Faith

Having Faith can be hard. It requires us to believe in those things we can't prove and see. St. Thomas is famous for not believing that Jesus had risen, but this reminds us all that even for Jesus' disciples, faith wasn't always easy. Faith is a gift from God and if we can find it, and hold on to it, faith will give us strength comfort, and hope.

Think of something you need to have faith in this week. Spend some time in prayer to ask God for the faith you need.

Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Girls Football (Yrs 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Orienteering (Yrs 1, 2 and 3)	All day 3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Mixed Football (Yrs 1, 2 and 3)	3:15 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Boys Football (Yrs 4, 5 and 6)	3:15 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

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. Congratulations to year 4 who achieved above our school target of 97% last week with 100% and to Year 6 with 98.1%.



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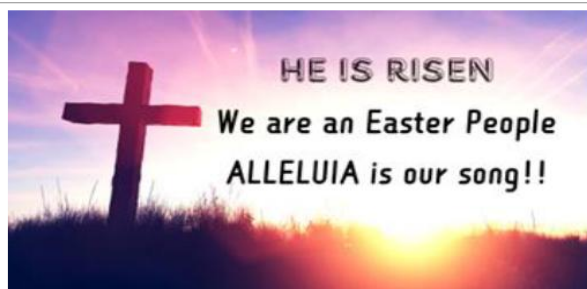
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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
13 th April	17.04.26 St Joan of Arc House point winners Treat	13.04.26 Whole School COTW – Mercy	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
20 th April	22.04.26 Earth Day 22.04.26 Year 5 Hagg Farm Residential	20.04.26 Eastertide Mass 9:30am	
27 th April		27.04.26 Whole School Colour Dash Assembly 01.05.26 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
4 th May		04.05.26 Whole School COTW – Witness 08.05.26 Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
11 th May	11.05.26 Year 6 SATs week 12.05.26 Dental Health Survey for 5 year olds	11.05.26 Whole School COTW – Example 14.05.26 Ascension Day 15.05.26: Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
18 th May	18.05.26 Becket Staff visiting Year 6 22.05.26 Colour Dash Event	18.05.26 Water Safety Assembly 22.05.26 Achiever of the Half Term Assembly	
25th May	HALF TERM		
1 st June	Year 4 Times Table Checks 03.06.26 Year 6 Transition Meeting at the Becket 5.30pm 05.06.26 House Prize Afternoon 07.06.26 First Holy Communion Mass	01.06.26 Whole School COTW – Trinity 03.06.26 St Joan of Arc Feast Day	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN
8 th June	Phonics Screening Check throughout the week 14.06.26 First Holy Communion Mass	08.06.26 Whole School COTW – Eucharist 12.06.26: Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
15 th June	19.06.26 Awful Egyptians Year 5 Theatre Visit 19.06.26 Year 4 and 6 visit the Tennis Centre	15.06.26 Whole School COTW – Forgiveness 19.06.26: Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
22 nd June	26.06.26 INSET Day- School is closed to all pupils. 27.06.26 Parish Summer Fayre	22.05.26 Whole School COTW – Acceptance	
29 th June		29.06.26 Whole School COTW – Follow 03.07.26: Celebration Assembly 2.30pm	
6 th July	06.07.26 Transition Day in school 06.07.26/07.07.26 Year 6 Visit The Becket 09.07.26 Life Education visit for years R-Yr 4 09.07.26 KS2 Sports Day 1.30pm 10.07.26 EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm		
13 th July	15.07.26 Year 5 Visit The Becket 8.30	13.07.26 Whole School COTW – Gratitude	Report Open Evening
20 th July		20.07.26 Leavers Mass 20.07.26 Family Picnic 12.30pm 23.07.26 Achievers Assembly 24.07.26 Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am	
27th July	SUMMER HOLIDAYS		



KS2 Parent Reminder

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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PARISH NOTICES:

Holy Hour for Life This Sunday: This Sunday 19 April the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will hold a Holy Hour to pray for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands. They have asked the parishes across the country to unite and hold a Holy Hour on the same day as the Bishops. This is to present a unified, prayerful front to offer this petition to Our Lord for the dignity of life from conception to natural end and to pray that assisted suicide will not become law. Please come to spend an Hour in the Lord's presence thanking God for the beauty of our human life and its inherent dignity. The Holy Hour will be held in Sacred Heart from 4.30pm to 5.30pm ending with Solemn Benediction.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Next Sunday, *Good Shepherd Sunday*, is the World Day of Prayer for vocations. As Catholics and people of God, we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the priesthood or the diaconate, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to? There will be a **Second Collection** next weekend for the **Clergy Formation Fund** in our diocese.

Volunteer Survey: This weekend at OLSE and next weekend at Sacred Heart, at the end of Mass there will be a volunteer appeal in each church. This is to ask people within the community to volunteer for certain roles that are necessary for the running of our parish. More and more work is falling on fewer people, and we need to ask what gifts or talents can I offer to help with the church and its smooth running? Please be generous in filling in the forms and offering some time to help with the life of our parish community.

Children's Liturgy will continue as usual in Sacred Heart Community Centre during our Sunday Mass on Saturday in term time - next one is this weekend, Saturday **18th April**. Bring them along before Mass begins at **4.45** into the centre and they will join you during the Offertory as usual. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) allows children to hear and reflect on Sunday Gospel readings at an age-appropriate level during Mass and it includes simplified proclamations, discussions, prayers, and activities. Leaders read the Gospel in an accessible way, often followed by a short discussion or reflection. Sessions often include songs, activities, or worksheets that reinforce the weekly message and focus on compassion, hope, and understanding the faith.

RED MISSIO BOXES: If you have a Missio Box, could you please bring your box for emptying to the Sacristies or hand to Bernadeta Gabb, at St Augustine, or Jenny Baptist at Sacred Heart on or before week ended 26th April. We are still looking for a volunteer at Our Lady & St Edward's – this involves counting and bagging the coins ready for banking and liaising with Missio (training given by them), contact the office if you are interested. If you do not have a box and would like one, there are spare boxes available at the back of the church or please ask for one. Alternatively, you can make donations by standing order, please ask for a form. In 2025 Holy Family Parish sent off £1156 from the Red boxes. Thank you. Total donations £2692. Our missionary community here at Holy Family, is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Visit missio.org.uk for more info.

Refreshments after Mass: We have refreshments after Mass at all churches. Do come in the Community Centres after Mass and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or juice. Watch out for our themed events after Mass on a Saturday, all welcome.

This week:

- **Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's:** this Wednesday 12 – 3 All Welcome.
- **Community Café at Sacred Heart Community Centre:** this Thursday 12 – 3 All welcome
- **First Holy Communion Parents' Evening This Wednesday evening – 22nd April – there will be a First Holy Communion Parents' evening held in St Augustine's Church at 7pm. At least one parent of each child celebrating this sacrament this year is expected to attend this meeting.**
- **Meditation Group:** Thursday 23rd April on zoom. Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w at 7.30 pm. All Welcome.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMwtMRDdkMEpUz09>
- **Baptism course:** Saturday 25th April 10am-12 noon at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Please take a Baptism Pack from the back of church and return to the office by 22nd April.

Coming up:



Minding your children: Parents are responsible for the well-being of their children during the celebration of Mass. Please do not allow your child to run around the church as there are so many sharp edges that they can hurt themselves on. If your child gets a little noisy, please use the designated spaces, the entrance at Our Lady & St Edward's, the hall at St Augustine's & St Bernadette's Room in Sacred Heart, to have a little time out from Mass. Also please do not block any of the entrances/exits in church with pushchairs as these may be needed in an emergency. Thank you for your assistance in helping keep our communal spaces – churches and parish halls – a safe and enjoyable space for all.



PUPIL VOICE



Year Two have been enjoying their science lessons. Last week they fun observing woodlice and collecting data to find out which micro-habitat they prefer.



Reception have been enjoying learning new gymnastic poses as part of their PE this half term.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Saturday 18th April Mass of Sunday	5.00pm Mass; SH	Anna De Rosa RIP
Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter	9.00am Mass; OLSE 11.00am Mass; STA 11.00am Mass; SH 4.30pm; SH	For the People Paul Bowe RIP Italian Mass Holy Hour for Life
Monday 20th April	9.30am Mass; OLSE <i>School Mass in Church</i>	Theresa Howard RIP
Tuesday 21st April <i>St Anselm of Canterbury, bishop</i>	9.30am Mass; STA <i>School Mass in Church</i>	Bridget Quinn RIP
Wednesday 22nd April	6.00pm; SH 7.00pm Mass, SH	Exposition and Confessions Barrie Reynolds Intention
Thursday 23rd April <i>Solemnity of St George, martyr</i>	9.30am Mass; STA	Rachel Limb's Intention
Friday 24th April	9.30am Mass; SH <i>School Mass in Church</i>	Christine Dickinson RIP
Saturday 25th April <i>St Mark, evangelist</i> Mass of Sunday	5.00pm Mass; SH	Barry Bakewell RIP
Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.00am Mass; OLSE 11.00am Mass; STA 11.00pm Mass; SH	Theresa McCarthy RIP For the People Italian Mass

Congratulations to St Joan of Arc House.

Well done to all the children in St Joan of Arc house, who won the most amount of house points last half term and celebrated with a games afternoon.



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