



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

It has been lovely to increase my time back in school and see all the children as I increase my return to school. Thank you all for your kind words at the gate or out on the playground. Thank you to Miss Greenwood for leading the school so well in my absence and to the whole staff team for their continued dedication and hard work. We are hoping the extreme heat is behind us now and we can enjoy some sunny weather for the remainder of this term so the children can enjoy all the activities planned. Even with the cooler weather it is still advisable that the children have suncream on before coming to school and bring a cap and a refillable water bottle. Today Year 6 will continue with their Forest School session with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop. Please make sure that your child wears appropriate clothing and brings a change of footwear as well as a coat. We have a visit from the librarians today sharing their summer reading challenge so please support your child to do this. **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.** As always follow us on [Instagram: elseacademy_nottingham](https://www.instagram.com/elseacademy_nottingham) for the latest news and photos.

STAFFING STRUCTURE 2026-2027

We welcome Miss Callaghan back from her maternity leave from September 1st. There are several changes shared in this newsletter. There are currently vacancies that need to be filled but we can share with you the following ahead of our Transition Day next Monday.
Nursery: Miss Makings (3 days), Miss Philbin (2 days)
Reception: Mrs Astley (4 days) Miss Philbin (1 day)
Year 1: Miss Whitmore,
Year 2: Mrs Harrison
Year 3: Miss Callaghan
Year 4: Miss Greenwood
Year 5: Mrs Wilson
Year 6: Mr Tran
Mr Jessop will continue to support with Forest School, PE and 1-1 mentoring.

WORLD CUP FEVER IN SCHOOL

As we approach the knockout stages of the FIFA World Cup the children are enjoying keeping an eye on how their class team is doing and hoping to win. Thank you to Mr Bentley who made a goal for the children in Early years, they are enjoying practising their penalties and scoring a few. Hopefully that is going to bring some luck to the England team as it wouldn't be a major tournament without penalty shootout nerves.



WORD OF THE WEEK: FOLLOW

Week 13 in Ordinary Time Year A

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First Reading
 [1] Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
 Gospel Reading
 [1] Matthew 10:27-42

Hebrew Bible
 [1] Jeremiah 27:9-11
 New Testament
 [1] Luke 5:1-11

Theme
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Mission
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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: Mixed Football (Yrs R, 1 and 2)	3:15 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Tennis (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!!

Miss Bradshaw is currently absent from work through illness; we wish her well in her recovery. In her absence Mrs Barfield and Mrs Rogers are monitoring attendance and SLT will carry out home visits where necessary. Congratulations to the following classes who achieved above our school target of 97% last week. Well done to **Year 3 with 97.92%, 1 and Reception with 97.03%.**



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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		

Coming up in the parish:

Tickets available from the Welcomers at Mass or from the parish office.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Saints Peter and Paul: Today we celebrate the great apostles of the Latin Church. St Peter, the Prince of the Apostles and St Paul, the Doctor of the Nations. It is a special day of prayer for the Holy Father, Pope Leo. At some point today, please pray for him and his apostolic ministry in our world of today. It is usual to have a Second Collection for Peter's Pence on this Sunday; this will be deferred until the weekend of 9th August (to ease the number of second collections at this time of year.)

Traditional Prayer for the Pope:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Leo XIV, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Holy Communion Celebrations and Confirmation: As we have completed the parish celebrations of First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation, let us keep all of our young people in our prayers as they grow in their following of the Lord as disciples. May the grace from the Sacraments shape their hearts into ardent witnesses to the Gospel in the world of today. My grateful thanks to all of our catechists in the parish, for both of the sacraments, who give of their time and energy so generously to prepare our young people for service in the Church.

Day for Life: second collection last week raised £403.35 – thank you.

Cycle of Prayer: During the summer of Ordinary Time, we pray for: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and the denial of human rights; Europe; human life; and seafarers. We also pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, the life and mission of our Catholic schools as they come to the end of their academic year, the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Silver Jubilee: Fr Chris is celebrating 25 years of Priestly Ordination on Friday 17th July in Holy Family Parish to which you are invited. Mass is at 7pm followed by 'a bit of a do' in Sacred Heart Community Centre. He would love to see you there.

BE A MEMBER OF "THE TEAM" AT THE BRIARS, CRICH FOR 2026/2027 Calling all young people/young adults aged 18 – 25. A great and amazing opportunity for you to live in community at The Briars Retreat Centre as part of our new team. Experience regular spiritual direction and training plus qualifications in facilitation, safeguarding and mental health first aid. Your accommodation, meals and a weekly stipend will be covered. Contact Erin Doughty, Director of NDCYS at director@ndcys.com They are looking forward to hearing from you!

Young Adult (18-35) Summer BBQ on Saturday 4th July at Saint Joseph's Church, Burton Road, Derby. Starting with Mass at 12.30pm, the event costs £5 (supporting the World Youth Day 2027 Fund), and booking is essential.

This week:

- Pax Christi meeting: meeting in the Sacred Heart Parish Centre on Sunday 28th June from 3pm to 5pm. Pax Christi is the Catholic Peace movement that works for Peace, Reconciliation and Nonviolence rooted in Catholic Social Teaching. You do not have to be a member of Pax Christi to attend. You just need to share a vision of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form.
- 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
- Meditation Group: Thursday 2nd July at 7.30 pm in Sacred Heart Community Centre. All Welcome.

Wednesday Word: Resource for children on today's Gospel. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Recruitment of Volunteers: thank you to those who have picked up their forms to begin in Church Ministry. Could you please return these as soon as possible. We are still seeking Children's Liturgy helpers and flower arrangers – please pick up a volunteer form from church or ask a Welcomer. Training/shadowing will be arranged. Thank you.

4-week Introductory Course in Meditation in the Christian Tradition Thursday evenings 10 September to 1 October, 7.30 – 8.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre Ever wondered about the meditation that you see here each week. Meditation is what the early Christians called 'pure prayer'. It is an ancient form of contemplative prayer and is widely recognised today as a form of prayer that is relevant and much needed for modern people. In meditation, we allow the mind and body to become still and silent so we can be in the presence of 'Christ in us'. Meditation doesn't replace other forms of prayer. On the contrary it can help to deepen our experience of other prayer practices. In this 4-week course you will learn about the tradition of Christian meditation, and above you will learn by experience how to practice it. Each session will consist of a talk, a meditation period together, and time for questions and discussion. The session will last about one hour. If you cannot come to all, come to those you can.

Personal Evacuation Plans: as part of our ongoing Fire Risk Assessment, we need to be aware of those who require help in exiting the church in an emergency evacuation. For regular attenders, it would be really helpful for us to know who you are and what type of help is needed. Could you please therefore, complete a very short form and return to church or office. Welcomers can assist you if required. Thank you.

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STAFFING UPDATE

As we approach the end of another academic year, I would like to inform you of staff changes for the new academic year. Sadly, we say goodbye to two of our teaching staff.

Mrs Abbott will be retiring after dedicating 11 years to our school. During this time Mrs Abbott has been a much valued and much-loved member of our Early Years Team. She has played a pivotal role in inspiring our youngest children to have a love of learning which has supported them as they move into KS1 and beyond. Her calm, caring nature has been reassuring for many families as for many, our nursery has been their child's first experience of education. Mrs Abbott has also developed our history curriculum ensuring it is sequential from EYFS right through to Year 6 to ensure pupil progress and has also been a mentor to Early Career Teachers.

Mr Whittle will be leaving us at the end of this academic year as he takes up a leadership post within a new trust. Over the past 4 years, he has built positive relationships with the children, staff and families. He has been our school SENDCo for the last two years and has been instrumental in working alongside colleagues to develop our Enhanced Provision as well as making positive adaptations to support those children who have an EHCP, HLN funding or a provision map to access learning. Mr Whittle has valued the wider curriculum offer and has enjoyed supporting Mr Jessop at sporting events and leading residential to Hathersage and The Briars. We know you will continue to make a difference to the lives of the children and families you serve.

Personally, I will miss our football chats, but we all know that Mr Whittle supports the right team in red compared to Mrs Abbott!!

We also say goodbye to three teaching assistants who are retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs White who has been at school for 13 years and worked across the whole school and recently supported with phonic catch-up sessions. Mrs Landa who has been with us for 7 years and worked primarily across Key Stage 2. Ms Smith has only been with us for a year but has supported in our Enhanced Provision and within KS1.

We thank you all for everything you have brought to our school community. There will be an opportunity to say our goodbyes, good luck and to thank them for their dedication later this term.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 29 th June St Peter and Paul	9.30am (OLSE)	MASS Thomas Aquino Nguyen Van Bich RIP
Tuesday 30 th June	9.30am (STA)	MASS Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 1 st July St Oliver Plunkett, bishop and martyr	11am (SH) 6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Requiem Mass for Kath Gill RIP Exposition and Confessions Mr & Mrs Patrick & Annie Coyle RIP
Thursday 2 nd July	9:30am (SA)	MASS Mofiyin Ojo's Intention (B'day)
Friday 3 rd July St Thomas, apostle	9:30am (SH) 2pm (CTK)	MASS Mary & Dave Ryan RIP Patrica Ann Mullins RIP
Saturday 4 th July	5:00pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Baptism of Ayler-Jason Mary Kate & Jack Dunbar RIP
Sunday 5 th July Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (A)	9am (OLSE) 11:00am (SA)	MASS Mary Frettingham RIP For the People

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 3RD JULY AT 2:30PM

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

NURSERY: Jayson and Lucas

RECEPTION: Temi and Huray

YEAR ONE: Leo and Hanani

YEAR TWO: Najarn and Shanelle

YEAR THREE: Havana and Andrei

YEAR FOUR: Melva and Grace

YEAR FIVE: Zach and Lou

YEAR SIX: Charlie and Valerie

PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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