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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Welcome back to everyone! I hope you all had a super summer holiday enjoying the sunshine, as well as finding the time to rest, relax and enjoy some family time together! On behalf of all the staff thank you for all the cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. Your kind words of thanks were much appreciated by all members of staff. Welcome to our new Nursery and Reception pupils as well as new children who joined us in Key Stage 1 and 2 last Thursday. I hope everyone is looking forward to a great year ahead. Welcome back to Miss Callaghan who returns from her maternity leave. Last week flew by so quickly! I am pleased to say that all the children have happily settled in to their new classes and are working hard. Thank you to all parents who have supported children with preparing their backpacks. Children and staff across school are enjoying learning about each other.

On Friday 18th September all children in Year 1 will begin their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop. This week, you will receive information and some paperwork so please ensure you have returned the necessary paperwork to school.

On Wednesday, 34 children from Year 3 and 4 are taking part in a two-night stay at St Michael's Residential Centre in Hathersage. They will take part in a range of activities including orienteering, pond dipping and lots of walking. Thanks to Miss Greenwood, Mr Jessop and Mrs Rogers who are taking the children. Please do not contact school for updates, we will use Arbor to send any general messages and in case of emergency a member of staff at Hathersage will contact you directly. Photos will be uploaded to our Instagram and Facebook pages but please be patient as the Wi-Fi can be intermittent in the Peak District so it is likely these will be uploaded in the evening once the children have completed all their activities and are settled in the centre.

Also, this Wednesday, year 6 begin their swimming lessons. Please ensure you have provided written confirmation if your child needs to wear their goggles.

Children in Year 5 will begin their DAaRT sessions on Friday, it is a ten-week programme where they will learn about keeping safe online, alcohol and drug misuse and gang and knife crime. Please ensure if you haven't already returned your consent form you do as soon as possible.

OLSE GOES CASHLESS

As shared in July we are no longer able to accept cash in school from the beginning of this academic year. If you need to pay for school dinners, breakfast club, after-school club or trips this must now be done via Arbor.

If you have not done so already, please download the app, if you need any help in doing so, please pop into the office and Mrs Barfield or Mrs Rogers would be happy to help you.



WORD OF THE WEEK: ENCOUNTER

Week 23 in Ordinary Time Year A

Word of the Week

Encounter

First Reading
[Leviticus 23:10-12]
[Catholic Reading]
[Matthew 18:15-20]

Second Reading
[Hebrew Bible]
[2 Samuel 3:1-10]
[New Testament]
[Luke 19:1-10]

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Daily Breakfast Club 7:45-8:45	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Lacrosse (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Basketball (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:30 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Games (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Basketball (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform at the beginning of the new school year. Uniforms are an important reminder that they belong to a community and they should all wear it with pride. All children should wear sensible black shoes; this does not include plimsolls, trainers or boots. All children should also have a warm, waterproof coat as they go out to play in all weather. This does not include a denim jacket.

PE kit is a red t-shirt and black shorts. In cold weather, children can wear plain black joggers and hoodie but must not include logos or brand names. At all times all long hair must be tied back and stud earrings worn.



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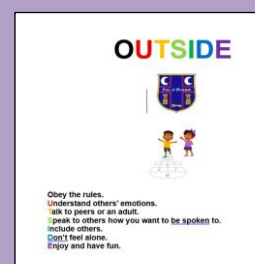


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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
31 st August	1 st Sept: INSET DAY 2 nd Sept: INSET Day 3 rd Sept: School opens to pupils	3 rd Sept Welcome back Celebration of the Word	
7 th September	7 th Sept – Meet the Teacher 3:20-4pm 9 th Sept – 11 th Sept Hathersage residential – Year 3 and 4	7 th Sept C.O.T.W 9 th Sept Swimming commences for Year 6 11 th Sept DAaRT begins for Year 5	
14 th September	16 th Sept – Individual and family photos 18 th Sept – Jeans for Genes Non-Uniform day. Cake sale for Macmillan Cancer	14 th Sept Welcome Mass led by Year 6 at 9:15am in church 18 th Sept: Celebration Assembly	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN 14 th Sept – Year 6 Information Meeting 6pm.
21 st September	25 th Sept: International Day	21 st Sept: C.O.T.W 25 th Sept International Day Assembly 2:30pm	
28 th September	29 th September Governor's meeting 1 st Oct St Therese of Liseux Feast Day 2 nd Oct St Francis Feast Day 2 nd Oct: Fairtrade Tuck Shop	28 th Sept C.O.T.W 1 st Oct St Therese of Liseux House Feast Day C.O.T.W 3 rd Oct – St Francis Hub Mass TBC 2 nd Oct: Celebration Assembly	
5 th October	9 th Oct: World Mental Health Day	5 th Oct: C.O.T.W 7 th Oct: Harvest C.O.T.W led by Year 5 at 2:40pm	
12 th October	12 th Oct St Edward Feast Day 12 th Oct Parent / teacher meetings 3:30-6:30pm 15 th October Flu Immunisations	12 th Oct St Edward Feast Day Mass led by Year 4 in church at 9:30am 16 th Oct: Achiever of the Half Term Awards	12 th Oct Parent / teacher meetings 3:30-6:30pm 14 th Oct – Parent / teacher meetings 3:30-5:30pm
19 th October	HALF TERM		
26 th October	HALF TERM		
2 nd November	4 th Nov Provision Map reviews all day 6 th Nov Provision Map reviews all day 6 th Nov – Fairtrade Tuckshop	2 nd Nov: C.O.T.W 6 th Nov: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
9 th November	11 th Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am	11 th Nov: Remembrance Day Liturgy 13 th Nov: Celebration Assembly	
16 th November	Anti Bullying Week 20 th Nov Youth Fun Day TBC	16 th Nov C.O.T.W	22 nd Nov: Feast of Christ the King. School lead parish Mass 9am.
23 rd November	24 th Nov Governor's meeting 27 th Nov INSET DAY	23 rd Nov C.O.T.W	
30 th November	4 th Dec Fairtrade Tuckshop	30 th Nov Advent C.O.T.W led by Year -6 4 th Dec: Celebration Assembly	
7 th December	10 th Dec EYFS / KS1 Nativity 9:30am 11 th Dec Reception visit the theatre.	7 th Dec: Advent Mass in church 9:30am	
14 th December	14 th Dec Christmas jumper Day 14 th Dec Christmas Fayre Day 16 th Dec Christmas Dinner and party afternoon	14 th Dec Advent C.O.T.W led by Year 5 18 th Dec: Achievers of the term awards 18 th Dec Christmas Carol Service led by Year 3 and 4	

PUPIL VOICE

The new school year may only be a few days old but the children have happily settled into their new classrooms and learning spaces. Staff shared our updated Behaviour Curriculum with their classes. Ask your child what Be Smart And Outside acronyms are to ensure everyone feels happy, safe and able to learn whilst in school. New Year, new adventures await!!



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PARISH NOTICES:

Mission Appeal: This weekend Fr Moses Ariho will give the Annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa (the White Fathers). They are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa . . . and above all else to help build up the leadership of the Churches. We thank them for their work. We will hold a retiring collection but to donate online visit: www.missionariesofafrica.org.uk/donations or transfer directly to our bank account: Account name: Society of Missionaries of Africa Account number: 82296731 Sort code: 60-21-07 Reference: Holy Family, NG4 1FP

Children's Liturgy in Holy Family Parish begins... Sacred Heart Church – 19th September Our Lady & St Edward's church – 6th September St Augustine's Church – 13th September Please bring your child before Mass begins to our halls. If you are new to Children's Liturgy, we do require a registration form completing so allow extra time. 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 – you can come with your child, especially if it's their first time. A parent is required to stay with a child under 5. Thank you to our team of helpers, without whom, we could not offer this important Ministry. If you think you could offer help, speak to the office, Fr Chris or a leader.

Please Pray for:

- Michael Masterson RIP: Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 9th September 6pm at Our Lady & St Edward's Church
- Theresa Walters RIP. Funeral service is on Wednesday 16th September 11.30am at Sacred Heart church. May they rest in peace.

This week:

- Live Simply Group meeting: Tuesday 8th September in Our lady & St Edward's Meeting room 7.30 pm. All welcome.
- 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: 4-week Introductory Course begins this Thursday, 10th September 7.30 - 8.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre. The theme of the talk this coming Thursday is: What is Christian Meditation and why practice it? All Welcome.

Parish Invitation: Sister Liz and the Sisters of St Joseph of Peace are delighted to share that she has discerned making final "life" vows with the CSJPs. Everyone is invited to her Profession Mass on 19th September at 2pm at Sacred Heart Church. Do come along and join Sister Liz with her Congregation on this special occasion. A party will follow later in the year!

Growing in Faith Together Are you interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Perhaps you have felt a call to deepen your relationship with God, or maybe you're just curious about what being Catholic is all about. Whether you are already baptised or not, we warmly welcome you to join our Growing in Faith Together programme. This programme is a wonderful opportunity for adults to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church in a supportive and welcoming environment. It's a journey of faith, discovery, and community, where you'll have the chance to ask questions, share experiences, and grow spiritually with others on a similar path.

What will you expect:

- A Friendly Community: Meet others who are exploring the faith, just like you.
- Guided Learning: Discover the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church through engaging sessions.
- Personal Growth: Deepen your understanding of God, yourself, and your place in the Church.
- Spiritual Support: Receive guidance and encouragement from experienced catechists and members of the parish. If you are interested in this programme, please contact Fr Chris (christopherphthomas@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or the parish office. The introductory session will be held on Thursday 24th September at 7pm in the Community Café at Our Lady and St Edward's Church.

Music Practice: Our next parish music practice is on Monday 28th September at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. All welcome.

Education Sunday takes place each year on the second Sunday of September, and this year is observed on Sunday 13th September. Established by the Bishops in 1848, it is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.

The Little Company of Mary & Mary Potter Heritage Centre are delighted to share the exciting news that on Monday 14th September they will be joining Radio Maria UK for an hour from 10.00am, for a special programme celebrating the life and legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. Sister Fillys from Zimbabwe and others will be chatting about Mary Potter's inspiring life, the mission of the Little Company of Mary, and the Heritage Centre in Nottingham. To tune in and join, visit: <https://radiomaria.uk/>

Age Concern: You're invited to T-Bar relaunch – free menu tasters - on Monday 7th September 11.30am – 1.30pm, Age Concern 352-356 Carlton Hill, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1JB. Come and Taste what's new at the T Bar.

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MEET THE TEACHER DROP IN SESSION

We warmly invite you into school later today to meet your child's new class teacher. They will be available in their classrooms from 3:20pm – 4pm and will be able to share the non-negotiable objectives for children to achieve to be age related by the end of the year. If you are unable to make it, we will send the information home with your child on Tuesday.

YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 6PM.

We are holding a meeting for Year 6 parents on Monday 16th September at 6pm in school to go through Year 6 expectations, SATs, secondary transfer arrangements and information about a residential to The Briars. A representative from each family should attend the meeting.

YEAR 6 TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Year 6 pupils and parents can now make their decisions for their next stage of their education as they move to secondary school. Should you wish to make an on-line application but do not have access to the internet, we are happy to help you do this in school, please make an appointment. **The closing date for applications is Friday 31st October. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular.**

OUR SHARED VISION

As we begin a new school year, we have reviewed our Behaviour Policy. Section 5 of the policy outlines the responsibilities of different stakeholders including the children themselves, under the guidance and leadership of parents, staff and governors. Specifically, section 5.5 refers to parents and carers and states: The school will endeavour to build a positive relationship with parents and carers by keeping them informed about developments in their child's behaviour, the school's policy, and working in collaboration with them to resolve behavioural issues.

Parents and carers, where possible, should:

- Get to know the school's behaviour policy and support it at home
- Support their child in adhering to the school's behaviour policy
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly
- Take part in any pastoral work following misbehaviour (for example, attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions)
- Raise any concerns about the management of behaviour with the school directly, while continuing to work in partnership with the school
- Take part in the life of the school and its culture

We look forward to continuing working together to support your children be the very best version of themselves. The full policy will be available on our school website later this week.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 7 th September	9:30am (OLSE)	MASS Francesco Scavetta RIP (20th Anniv)
Tuesday 8 th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 9 th September	6pm (OLSE) 6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Requiem Mass for Michael Masterson Exposition and Confessions Edward O'Toole RIP
Thursday 10 th September St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor	9:30am (SA)	MASS Diane's Intention
Friday 11 th September	9:30am (SH)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Saturday 12 th September Mass of Sunday	5pm (OLSE)	VIGIL MASS Jimmy Conlan Snr RIP (6th Anniv)
Sunday 13 th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Education Sunday	9am (OLSE) 11am (SA) 11am (SH) 5pm (OLSE)	MASS Michael Gordon & Kath Moore's Int For the People Italian Mass Vietnamese Mass

INSET DAYS

**We have arranged our remaining
INSET Days on the following dates:**

27th November 2026

12th February 2027

22nd February 2027

28th July 2027

**School will be closed to all pupils on
these days.**

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