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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

We all enjoyed our first full week back getting into a settled routine. This week is also very busy. We begin our week with Year 6 leading us in our Welcome Mass in church. Also, on Monday evening we invite year 6 to an information meeting where information will be shared regarding SATs in May, transition to secondary school (including the application process) and a planned residential to The Briars. We now have confirmation of the Open Evening events for the three Catholic schools within our CMAT. They are:

- **The Becket School: 16th September from 6pm to 8pm**
- **Christ the King School: 24th September from 5pm to 7pm.**
- **The Trinity School: 1st October from 4pm to 6:30pm**

Further information can be found on individual school websites.

On Wednesday we have our school photographer in who will take individual photos and sibling photos. Due to time, we can only have photos of siblings who are currently on role in our school. All children will need to wear their full school uniform on this day even if it is a PE day. Children in Year 6 will continue with their swimming lessons on Wednesday, this is part of the curriculum and therefore all children should join in. If there is a medical reason why your child cannot join in this must be shared with the office on the morning of the session day.

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

Children in Year 5 will continue 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.

Our after-school clubs with Mr Jessop begin today, there are still spaces on

- **Lacrosse for Year 4, 5 and 6 on Monday**
- **Basketball for Year 1, 2 and 3 on Tuesday**
- **Games for Year 1, 2 and 3 on Wednesday**

Please sign up on Arbor if your child is interested in taking part.

WORD OF THE WEEK: OUTREACH

Week 24 in Ordinary Time Year A

Word of the Week

Outreach

First Reading
Isaiah 27:30-28:7
Gospel Reading
Matthew 18:21-35

Second Reading
Hebrews 1:1-3
New Testament
Mark 1:16-20

Meaning
Our faith doesn't just stay within the walls of the church; it's meant to be shared. Outreach is about taking our faith into the world, sharing God's love with those who need it most. This could be through volunteering at a shelter, visiting the elderly, or simply being a listening ear to a friend. When we reach out to others, we not only serve them, but we also strengthen our own faith and connection to God.

Meaning
Find someone in your community who may not always be included. Make an effort to tell them they are loved and important.

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	



CHANGES TO PUPIL FSM ELIGIBILITY

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit attending these schools will be entitled to receive a free meal. There are three categories:

Universal FSM – all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free meals under the universal infant free school meals policy.

Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. Pupils in this category **will** continue to receive additional reduction in trips, Breakfast Club and After School Club offer and support with purchasing uniform.

Expanded FSM, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit. This **removes** the additional reduction listed in Targeted category.

If your circumstances have changed or you haven't yet applied for this academic year, please do so as a matter of urgency to Nottingham City Council. If you need any further support, please pop in and speak to Mrs Barfield or Mrs Rogers.

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

As we begin a new school year we remind you of the importance of regular attendance in school. We do not expect your child to be in school if they are unwell eg vomiting, high temperature. However, children can be in school if they have a cold / cough, recovering but still taking antibiotics. Our school target is 97%.

Well done to Year 4 with 99.69%, Year 3 with 99.38% and year 5 with 98.38%. Well done to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who all achieved above our 97% target.



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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

Next Friday we are hosting a non-uniform day to raise money for two different charities. We are supporting Jeans For Genes which is a charitable initiative that raises awareness and funds for children living with genetic disorders, including conditions like cancer, cystic fibrosis, and rare metabolic diseases. Macmillan cancer raises money to support all those affected by cancer, patients, family members and medical teams.

If you would like to support these two worthwhile causes, please donate to either / both charities via our Arbor app / school shop / active products. Each child who donates will be given a sweet treat to eat at playtime as our way of thanking you for your support.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Mission Appeal last weekend: we welcomed Fr Moses Ariho to our parish who gave the Annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa (the White Fathers). We raised £916.73 in the collection. Fr Moses thanked us for our hospitality and described our community as 'wonderful people and his experience was amazing'. Still time to donate: 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 – already started, St Augustine's Church – this weekend. 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.

Year 6 Parents: Don't Miss the Secondary School Application Deadline. If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 he or she will be starting Year 7 in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary school place through your home Local Authority by Sunday 31st October. If you would like your child to be considered for a Catholic school under a Catholic faith admission criterion, there is an additional step:

- ✓ Complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF).
- ✓ Send the completed SIF directly to the school.
- ✓ Send the required supporting evidence (for example, a copy of your child's Baptism certificate) directly to the school.

The Supplementary Information Form and supporting evidence must be sent to the school, not to the Local Authority. The Local Authority application and the school's Supplementary Information Form are separate processes. Both must be completed by the deadline if you wish your child to be considered under the school's faith-based admissions criteria. If the school does not receive the Supplementary Information Form and supporting evidence by the deadline, your child may be placed in a lower admissions category, which could affect their chance of securing a place. If you do not have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, contact the parish where your child was baptised as soon as possible to request a replacement. If you apply for a non-Catholic school which requires a Minister's Reference, please speak to Fr Chris first as he will not respond to faith reference requests he does not know about.

Please Pray for:

- Theresa Walters RIP. Funeral service is on Wednesday 16th September 11.30am at Sacred Heart church.
 - Bridget Davidson RIP: Funeral service is on Monday 21st September, 12.30 at Our Lady & St Edward's church.
- May they rest in peace.

This week:

- Steering Group of the Gateway Mission Project (Refurbishment of St Augustine's Church Hall and the establishment of a Community Centre/Hub). The inaugural meeting of the Steering Group will take place on Monday 14th September at St Augustine's Church Hall, 7pm start. All are welcome, if you are interested in joining this exciting new Parish initiative please come along, a warm welcome is guaranteed.
- 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 17th September 7.30 - 8.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre. The theme of the talk this coming Thursday is: The Roots of meditation in the Christian Tradition. All Welcome to come to one or all sessions.

Holy Family office... may not be open as much as usual as Diane will be taking some time off. Please ring before coming in, phone messages will be answered as soon as possible.

Celebrate the Season of Creation...and St Francis' 800th Anniversary of dying by coming along to our Live Simply meal on Sunday 4th October, 1pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre. This year's Season of Creation theme is Living Water, so we're aiming to raise funds for a CAFOD Well which will provide clean water to a community in need. So you pay on the day, as you feel and are able to, towards the cost of the food and hopefully a Well too. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church, using a new line for each person attending to ensure there's enough food. Everyone is welcome; under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

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. You'll have the chance to ask questions, share experiences, and grow spiritually with others on a similar path. 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.



HATHERSAGE RESIDENTIAL

Last week 33 children from Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their 2-night residential visit to St Michaels in Hathersage. They enjoyed Wednesday afternoon by the stream looking for creatures using nets and buckets. They were all so excited to find a cray fish and later they took part in orienteering in the meadow.



Thursday morning saw an early start as the children caught the train to Grindleford, visited Padley Chapel. Throughout the day, the children worked together to build dens and walk and walk taking in the magnificent views of the Peak District. Thursday evening involved buying gifts from the gift shop, followed by a disco and bingo. So much fun was had by all.



It was an absolute pleasure to take all the children. The staff were very proud of each and everyone of them who showed determination and resilience throughout. Your manners were impeccable and you represented OLSE so well.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 14 th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:30am (OLSE)	MASS John Barfield
Tuesday 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows	9:30am (SA)	MASS Dr Jim Trollinger RIP
Wednesday 16 th September Ss Cornelius, pope, & Cyprian, bishop	11:30 (SH) 6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Funeral Service of Theresa Walters RIP Exposition and Confessions Pamela Terry RIP
Thursday 17 th September	9:30am (SA)	MASS Anna Tran Thi Tri RIP
Friday 18 th September	9:30am (SH)	MASS Helen & Michael Diver RIP
Saturday 19 th September Mass of Sunday	2pm (SH) 5pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Profession of Sr Liz Dodd CSJP For the People
Sunday 20 th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)	9am (OLSE) 11am (SA)	MASS Sabato, Beatrice & Salvatore Sarno RIP Andrew Cain's Intention

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER AT 2:30PM
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO
 HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THEIR TEACHER TO
 BE IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**
NURSERY: Boluwatife and Lucas
RECEPTION: Diana and Joel
YEAR ONE: Ayla and Huruy
YEAR TWO: Freda and Tiwa
YEAR THREE: Oakley James and Raphael
YEAR FOUR: Imelda and Laura
YEAR FIVE: Grace and Patrick
YEAR SIX: Ethan and Majka
**PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE
 WELCOME TO ATTEND**