



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Thank you to all the Year 6 children and parents who joined us last Monday for our Information meeting. A copy of the slides should now be available on the Year 6 class page on our school website. As shared on the evening, if you are applying for a year 7 place at a Catholic Secondary School you must complete an additional supplementary form and share your child's Baptism certificate. If you do not have a copy, you must contact the church where your child was baptised to get this. We would advise you do this as soon as possible to ensure you meet the 31st October deadline.

Last Monday, Year 6 led us in our first Mass of our school year. Their scripture choices asked us to let our light shine this year. They linked it to our 7 school values – **faith, love, kind, respect, compassion, honesty and forgiveness**. If we live these out, we will enjoy a great year together.



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 continue their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop. 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.

WORD OF THE WEEK: DIALOGUE

Week 25 in Ordinary Time Year A

Word of the Week

Dialogue

First Reading
[Leviticus 19:15-16]
[Matthew 23:35]

Gospel Reading
[Leviticus 19:15-16]
[Matthew 23:35]

Reflection
Our faith encourages us to engage in dialogue, to listen to different perspectives, and to seek understanding. This doesn't mean we have to agree with everything we hear, but it does mean we respect others' views and try to find common ground. Dialogue can be a powerful tool for building bridges, fostering unity, and deepening our own understanding of our faith. It's also an opportunity to share our own beliefs with others, always with love and respect.

Prayer
Have lots of conversations this week, with lots of different people. Make an effort to really listen to what people are saying.

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	

INTERNATIONAL DAY FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

On Friday 25th September it is the **International Day of Languages**.

This is a day to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity of languages, and cultures, we have within our school. The theme this year is "Languages unite and languages support inclusion" Languages can connect us to our families, our communities and people around the world. Learning even a few words in somebody else's language can help us communicate, build relationships and become curious about lives and cultures beyond our own.

We would like to celebrate by asking children to wear their national dress or colours of their flag and also bring in a small dish of food which they and their family enjoy eating for breakfast (no nuts please).

Ideas could include breads, cakes, croissants, jams, pancakes, waffles, cheese, meats, rice, noodles, fruit, porridge, breakfast casseroles/stews or curries. We thank you in advance for your continued support as we celebrate the diversity within our school.

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 5 with 98.71%, and Year 1 with 98% and year 3 with 97.19%.





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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. 17 th Stion Meeting at Christ the King
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

Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform day to raise money for two different charities. We supported 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. Thank you to all our staff who donated cakes which the children enjoyed at playtime. We raised £147 for Jeans and Genes and for £171 for Macmillan Cancer. Thank you for your generosity.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Home Mission Sunday – The Joy of Knowing Jesus Christ Home Mission Sunday reminds us that the mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is not something that belongs only to missionaries or priests, it belongs to the whole Church, and to each one of us. In a rapidly changing world, we can easily be tempted to look to technology, success or material things for fulfilment. Yet, as Pope Leo reminds us, there is a deeper longing within every human heart: a longing for God. Our true hope is found not in something, but in someone—Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our friend. Home Mission Sunday invites us to rediscover the joy and beauty of knowing Christ and to share that joy with those around us. Through our words, our welcome, our prayer and the way we live our faith, we can help others encounter the love and hope of the Gospel. The annual Home Mission collection supports the Mission Directorate of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which helps promote evangelisation, catechesis, vocations, family life, chaplaincy, Scripture, youth ministry and many other ways of proclaiming the Gospel. *"Our hope is not in something, but in someone, Jesus Christ, our saviour and our friend."*

Golden Jubilee of SPANED Our diocesan agency supporting people with additional needs (SPANED) is 50 years old this year and will be marked by a Golden Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at Saint Peter's Church, Hinckley, on Saturday 26th September at 2.00pm. All are very welcome to share this wonderful milestone. If you are contemplating coming please contact Father Frank Daly, on 01455 634443, or hinckleypriory@gmail.com by 31st August, to help with catering.

Assisted Suicide Bill: this was defeated in Parliament last week. Thanks to all who wrote to their MP or submitted their cards as part of the campaign. This will return, so please keep this issue in your prayers.

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.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 2nd October. This Harvest CAFOD is sharing stories of change from northern Zimbabwe where tackling hunger and thirst is helping children get back to learning. Envelopes for this will be distributed next weekend for return on the 4th October when there will be a Second Collection for Cafod.

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 (christopherthomas@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or the parish office. The introductory session will be held **THIS Thursday at 7pm** in the Community Café at Our Lady and St Edward's Church

Please Pray for:

- The sick in our parish, especially those in hospital and who carry their illness silently.

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
- **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 Wheel of Prayer – Meditation and other ways of prayer.*
- **All Welcome to come to one or all sessions.**

Baby Massage Sessions (Home Start, Nottingham): Baby massage supports relaxation, helps with bonding with your baby and can also help with babies sleep and digestive system. If you would like to attend these sessions, with your baby, they must have had their 6-8 week health check, up to 6 months old and not crawling. Sessions are free but a donation towards hall hire would be welcome and are being held at Sacred Heart Community Centre, 91 Carlton Hill, Nottingham NG4 1FP on Wednesdays; 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd September 1.30pm – 2.15pm. Booking is essential: gail.tilley@hsn.org.uk or telephone Gail at Home Start on 07910 312658

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

First Holy Communion 2026-2027 Application forms for the preparation for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion next year are available from our parish catechists after Mass from this weekend. Please meet them in the parish centres to pick up an information pack. All applications must be returned to the parish office by **Friday 16th October 2026**. Applications after this date will not be accepted. Please complete the form in clear block capitals answering all relevant questions. If your child was not baptised in one of our three churches, please obtain a copy of their baptism certificate

Word of the Week: Dialogue Jesus calls us to engage in dialogue with those who are different from us. We should listen to the perspectives of others, even if we disagree with them and through dialogue come to understand and love them better. We should always be open to learning from others and often the first step is to enter into dialogue. Have lots of conversations this week, with lots of different people. Make an effort to really listen to what people are saying.



PUPIL VOICE

Thank you to many of our Year 6 children who took the time to apply for some of our leadership roles.

Chaplaincy Team

Our Chaplaincy Team play an important role in supporting the Catholic Life of our school. They will work with leaders to plan Liturgical celebration as well as planning activities throughout the year to support those in need. They also have the opportunity to achieve their Faith in Action Pin Award. **Our Chaplaincy Team members are Chiamaka, Eva, Evelyn, Filip, Majka, Oliver, Roman and Zina.**

Well-being Champions

Our Well-being Champions give up some of their own playtime and lunchtimes to lead games on the playgrounds. They support children to learn to play as part of a team, take turns, make friends and resolve difficult situations. **Our Wellbeing Champions are Byran, Daisy, Ethan, Eva, Evelyn, Freya, Lilly, Lou, Mailany, Majka, Oliver, Omobolaji, Orlaith, Roman, Zina and Zofia.**

House Captains

Our House Captains will plan and organise fun activities where the children across school work together to win points and as the saying goes, points make prizes!! **Our House Captains this year are:**

St Therese of Liseux – Eva and Oliver

St Joan of Arc – Byran and Nuala

St Alban – Evelyn and Olly

Blessed Cyprian Tansi – Gabi and Lilly

Thank you to all of you for giving up your own time to support our school community.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 21 st September St Matthew	9:30am(OLSE) 12:30pm (OLSE)	MASS Jeffrey RIP Funeral Service for Bridget Davidson RIP
Tuesday 22 nd September	9:30am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 23 rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	2:00pm (SH) 6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Marriage of Edwin and Celine Exposition and Confessions Enda Drummond RIP
Thursday 24 th September Our Lady of Walsingham	9:30am (SA)	MASS Anna De Rosa RIP
Friday 25 th September	6:00pm (SH)	MASS Betty Conlon RIP - Mass in Parish Centre
Saturday 26 th September Mass of Sunday	10am (SH) 5pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Mass for the Area SVP Conference Bridie and Michael McGowan RIP
Sunday 27 th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9am (OLSE) 11am (SA)	MASS For the People James Power RIP

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.