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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week was another busy week in school. On Thursday the children in **St Therese of Liseux House** celebrated their feast day. The representatives from year 5 led the house in a Celebration of the Word reminding them of her motto, do little things with great love. All children also received a act of kindness card as part of their mission to complete.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Fairtrade tuck shop. We raised £97.28, which will be given to the Parish Live Simply Group to support the work of Cafod. Our next tuckshop is planned for Friday 6th November.

Also on Friday Year 6 celebrated the feast of our Hub Patron – St Francis of Assisi and joined fellow year 6 children from the feeder primaries and students from The Becket School in Mass.

Well done to Chiamaka, Eva, Filip, Makja and Roman who read and to Bryan and Gabi who shared our Virtues tree which members of the Chaplaincy Team made as part of their Faith in Action Pin Award.

The tree reminds us to branch out and connect through living out our values.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World Mental Health Day 2026 takes place on 10 October, and the year's theme—"Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"

Why It Matters for Children

Emotional literacy: Children often struggle to express feelings; open conversations help them develop vocabulary and confidence.

Sense of belonging: Feeling accepted and valued strengthens resilience and mental wellbeing. Exclusion can lead to loneliness and long-term emotional challenges.

Being heard: Listening without judgment validates children's experiences and supports healthy development

Key Messages for 2026

Children's voices must be central in mental health conversations.

Supportive relationships—parents, teachers, peers—are protective factors.

Small, intentional conversations can build lifelong emotional resilience.

Belonging and inclusion are essential for children's mental wellbeing.

Friday will be a non-uniform day so we can all support the Hello Yellow theme recognising and sharing our mental health is as important as our physical health.



WORD OF THE WEEK: ROSARY

Week 27 in Ordinary Time Year A

Word of the Week

Rosary

First Reading
Isaiah 61:1
Gospel Reading
Matthew 21:33-43

Hebrew Bible
Isaiah 61:1-6
New Testament
Luke 11:1-13

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.

Find time to pray the Hail Mary or the Rosary this week.

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	

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. **Whole school attendance last week was 97.96%. It was a perfect week for attendance with Year 1 and Year 3 achieving a perfect 100%. Year 4 were not too far behind with 99.69% and Year 5 with 99.33% Let's continue to keep working towards our whole school target of above 97%.**



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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

Application forms for this important Sacramental preparation programme are now available and is designed for baptised Catholic children in Year 3 and above in school. Please meet with one of the catechists who will be present in each of our parish centres after Mass on Saturday / Sunday to distribute the application packs to those parents who are present at Mass. The closing date for applications is Friday 16th October 2026 and the programme will begin slightly earlier after the autumn half-term holiday.



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PARISH NOTICES:-

Praying the Rosary Together during the month of October will be led by Deacon Anthony on Monday evenings starting on Monday 5th October at 7pm in the Lady Chapel, St Augustine's Church. Subsequent Mondays will be at OLSE (12th), Sacred Heart (19th) and St Augustine's (26th). All are 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.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for October: For mental health ministry. Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Foundation Governors: Our parish schools need Foundation Governors to work with the staff in ensuring their Catholic ethos is forefront in their mission. There will be a meeting for all interested in becoming a governor at Sacred Heart Community Centre THIS Monday 5th October at 7.30pm. We will be joined by our Head Teachers and current governors who will speak to the role, commitment and training. Please do come along!!

Gateway Mission Project. Thank you to all who expressed an interest in the project and the useful suggestions that were made following the appeal last weekend. The Steering Group will follow these up at our next meeting. Dates of forthcoming GMP Steering Group Meetings, all held at St Augustine's Church Hall on Monday evenings at 7pm: 5th October (NOTE 7.30pm start), 2nd November, 7th December. Please come along, all are welcome, a very warm welcome is guaranteed. Mark Frettingham.

The Diocese is inviting all Catechists to a day at Holy Trinity Newark on Saturday 17th October entitled: Reimagining Catechesis. As a catechist would you love to see more families engaged with parish life and growing in faith? That at the end of sacramental programmes fewer people would 'disappear'. This day led by the team from GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) will share how this is happening in their parishes and it can happen in yours too. For more information see the poster in church or visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or speak to Fr Chris.

The National Eucharistic Congress and Procession, Adoremus, is being celebrated in London next Saturday, 10th October. Places are still available for parishioners to participate in the Day, with coach travel (leaving Clifton at 6.45am and returning at 9.30pm) which includes a talk and exhibition, Mass in Southwark Cathedral, the Eucharistic Procession from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral. The subsidised cost is £15 per person. There is a requirement to be able to participate in the Pilgrimage route, which will be about walking two miles. To book contact Father Simon Gillespie – simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk by Tuesday this week, 6th October. See posters in church.

Please Pray for:

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

The repose of the soul of Eric John Beeton RIP whose funeral Mass will be on 30th October at 10.30am in Sacred Heart.

The repose of the soul of Monica Hopkins RIP who died last week. Funeral details to follow.

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

Gateway Mission Project: meeting at St Augustine's Hall at 7.30pm (after the Rosary). All welcome

Live Simply Group: Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at St Edward's café.

Growing in Faith Together: Thursday evening at 7pm in St Edward's café.

Meditation Group meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30pm online. Zoom link: Meeting ID: 517630879 Passcode: 6em01w.

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/517630879?pwd=UysvOEIKSTBkVHINMWtMRDdkMEpUZZ09>

Next Saturday 10th October at 2pm there will be a Presentation Sisters and Associates Meeting at the Sisters' house in St Augustine's.

Mass intentions: if you would like a Mass to be celebrated for the repose of the soul of a loved one, or for the intentions of a family member or friend, please complete one of the Mass intention envelopes at the back of all our churches and hand it in to Fr Chris. If you wish a specific date for a Mass, please give good notice, ideally 3 months as the Mass diary gets very full especially for weekend Masses in our churches. The parish priest is obliged to offer one Mass for the people of the parish which further limits the spaces available. Thank you for your patience.

ADVENTure 2026, a weekend at The Briars, Crich, for young people in school years 10-13 as Advent begins, from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th November. The diocesan youth service opens the centre for prayer, honest conversation, Mass, reconciliation and an Advent party! Young people can come alone or with a friend (plenty do), and first-timers are especially welcome. The cost is £50, covering accommodation, meals and the whole weekend. Book through the form at ndcys.com by 13th November, or email events@ndcys.com with any questions.

24/7 Youth Group will recommence at the end of this month. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm after the evening Mass at Sacred Heart to which all are welcome. Next meeting will be on 28th October.

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WHY READING MATTERS!!

During the last academic year Miss Greenwood wrote to all parents outlining the importance of reading both as a skill and as a hobby. She asked for family engagement with listening to your child read a minimum of three times a week. Unfortunately, we are still seeing a high number of children are not reading at home and this does impact not only on reading outcomes but also in other curriculum areas if they are able to read and interpret questions and information, summarise information, gather evidence points, debate for and against, infer what and why as well as developing their range of vocabulary too. Miss Makings will also be sharing an upcoming date where parents are invited into school for a refresher how to support early reading in line with our Little Wandle programme we use. This is open to any parent to join us. We know children love spending their time on electronic devices, but we are asking you to support us and ditch the tech for 10 minutes a day and read. Please take a look at the attached poster which shares facts about the positives regular reading brings as well as the negative impact not reading has not only now but in the future for your child. We thank you in advance for you supporting your child in the best way.

CHANGE OF INSET DAY DATE

Unfortunately, we have to change a date of one of our planned INSET days due to a change of date from an external training provider. **There will not be an INSET Day on Monday 22nd February and school will be open on this day for children.** We apologise for any inconvenience this will cause.

Future INSET days are now confirmed as:

- Friday 27th November 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027
- Wednesday 28th July 2027

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 5 th October	9:30am(OLSE)	MASS Frank Giacone RIP (Anniversary)
Tuesday 6 th October St Bruno, priest	9:30am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 7 th October Our Lady of the Rosary	6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Exposition and Confessions Peter Maguire RIP
Thursday 8 th October	9:30am (SA)	MASS Kevin Boyle RIP
Friday 9 th October St John Henry Newman, priest and doctor	9:30am (SH)	MASS Veronica Mary Duffy RIP
Saturday 10 th October Mass of Sunday	5pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Brendan Finn RIP
Sunday 11 th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)	9am (OLSE) 11am (SA) 11am (SH)	MASS For the People Elizabeth and Roman Rudy RIP Italian Mass

HARVEST CELEBRATION OF THE WORD LED BY YEAR 5 ON 12TH OCTOBER AT 2:40PM

Please join us next Monday afternoon as Year 5 lead us in their Celebration of the Word on the theme of Harvest. As is tradition at this time of the year we collect food donations which we donate to the parish SVP group. If you can, please donate:

Nursery: tinned fruit or tinned vegetables

Reception: Biscuits or toilet rolls

Year 1: Rice or pasta

Year 2: Washing up liquid, shower gel or shampoo

Year 3: Tinned tuna or tinned veg

Year 4: Tinned stewing steak or tinned mince

Year 5: Coffee or sugar

Year 6: Cereal or teabags

