



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Year 1 will enjoy their final Forest School Session this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their school grounds, even the heavy rain last Friday didn't put them off. The children have learnt about Autumn spiders, made spider shelter and had great fun playing the spider web game.



Year 2 will start their sessions on 13th November.

This week our teachers will meet with most families and share how your child has settled into their new class. Teachers will talk with you about their behaviour, interaction with their peers and staff and attitude to their learning. We ask that you arrive promptly and each appointment you are allocated ten minutes. You will also be able to have a look at your child's RE, Maths and Literacy book.



Please join us in church at 9:30am this morning as Year 4 lead us in mass to celebrate the feast of our school patron St Edward, the Confessor. The children worked hard with Beth our hub Chaplain to write various mass parts and we are sure it will be a lovely celebration.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Last Friday we celebrated World Mental Health Day there was certainly a lot of yellow around school. Our Wellbeing Champions led us all in an Assembly on the 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.



WORD OF THE WEEK: RESPECT

Week 28 in Ordinary Time Year A

Word of the Week

Respect

First Reading
Leviticus 25:10-12
Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:34 or shorter

Old Testament
Leviticus 19:32-37
New Testament
Matthew 7:12-14

Respect is essential for all people. When we respect others, we are acknowledging their worth and dignity. We are also showing them that we value their opinions and feelings. Respect is a key ingredient in building strong relationships, and it is essential for creating a just and peaceful world.

Make an effort to be respectful of the people and places that you encounter 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!!

We continue to closely monitor attendance and as we approach half term are above the national benchmark. Well done everyone

Whole school attendance last week was 97.27%. It was a perfect week for attendance with Year 4 achieving 100%. Year 6 weren't too far behind achieving 99.38% Year 5 also achieved above our school target with 97.1% 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	

FINAL REMINDER FOR RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION.

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:

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday is an annual global celebration where the Catholic Church unites in prayer, reflection, and financial support for missionary work around the world. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the first World Mission Sunday. There will be a Second Collection for the work of the Pontifical Mission Society (Missio – remember your Red Box...!) and more information about this Sunday can be found at Missio's website: <https://missio.org.uk/wms/>

Food Bank: Thank you to all who donate so generously to the food bank each week. At this time, we need – sugar, rice, pasta, cereal (especially Weetabix), biscuits, lentils (both tinned and dried) and washing-up liquid. We have a surfeit of tinned spaghetti at the moment so need no more. If you would like to donate money to the food bank so the organisers can purchase food as they require it, please see Fr Chris or one of the organisers.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day: the parish collected £1126.61 - thank you! The Live Simply Lunch raised £677 which will go towards a Well costing £750 organised by CAFOD. Thank you to the Live Simply Team.

Praying the Rosary Together during the month of October will be led by Deacon Anthony on Monday evenings. This week we are at OLSE (12th) at 7pm then 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 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: thank you to those who attended the meeting last Monday. We hope to have 4 new governors. If you are interested in being a school governor, please contact Fr Chris or the office for the info given out or to discuss further.

Catechist Day: 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 ours too. For more information see the poster in church or visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or speak to Fr Chris.

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.

Prisons Week starts this Sunday 11th October 2026. This year's campaign takes its inspiration from Matthew 22:1-14, which says 'the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests'. We pray for those across the criminal justice system: victims of crime, offenders and those in custody, the families of all affected, those working in probation, prisons, police and courts and for chaplains and those administering care and justice in communities.

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:

- Rosary in October this Monday 12th, at OLSE at 7pm.
- 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 meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Sacred Heart Community Centre. All welcome

Wednesday Word: Please see the link below for children's resources on this week's Gospel. <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

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.

Framework 25th Anniversary Exhibition 10-20 October at Southwell Minster: From trauma to hope to independence. It features a collection by artist Beatrice Giaquinto, a spoken word performance by Dave 'Stickman' Higgins and a new original work by artist Inge Tong, all inspired by the experiences of Framework staff and service users. Other venues: St Mary's Church, Nottingham, 17-22 November, Nottingham Central Library (virtual exhibition), on selected afternoons in January 2027.

Do you know someone on low-income and in financial crisis? You, or a household you know, may be able to benefit from the Crisis and Resilience Fund, an emergency grant scheme administered by your county or city council. For further details visit: Turn2Us.org.uk

National Board of Catholic Women invites you to a WEBINAR On Women in Poverty: What Drives Women into Poverty? TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Join them on Zoom, Meeting ID: 810 3841 7933 Passcode: 015176

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81038417933?pwd=hmnliWRjogOOvFqc3wMLtiJGOWjMB8.1> To register: <https://nbcw.eo.page/vf4vd>

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WHY READING MATTERS!!

Last week we shared a poster about the positive impact reading has on a child's education and life as well as the negative the lack of reading can bring. As part of our Achiever's Assembly on Friday, we will be celebrating the children who have read at least three times every week this half term.

On Wednesday we invite all parents to come into school at 2:40pm for our Reading Workshop. Miss Makings will share how we teach phonics in line with our Little Wandle programme and how this supports your child as they learn to read. This is open to any parent to join us. We thank you in advance for you supporting your child in the best way.



CHANGE OF INSET DAY DATE

Unfortunately, we must 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 12 th October	9:30am (OLSE)	MASS Lilian Tracey RIP
Tuesday 13 th October St Edward the Confessor	9:30am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 14 th October	6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Exposition and Confessions Anna De Rosa RIP
Thursday 15 th October St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor	9:30am (SA)	MASS Priest's Intention
Friday 16 th October	9:30am (SH)	MASS Elizabeth May Merrin RIP
Saturday 17 th October St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr Mass of Sunday	5pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Rex Cundy
Sunday 18 th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)	9am (OLSE) 11am (SA) 11am (SH) 2pm (SH)	MASS Mary Frettingham RIP & the Cassidy Family For the People Italian Mass Baptism of David

HAPPY HALF TERM!!!

It's hard to believe that we are in our final week of this half term already. School closes on Friday at 3:15pm and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November.

