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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Welcome back, we hope you have enjoyed a lovely half term holiday with your family and friends and now everyone is refreshed, ready to work hard and look forward to a busy half term ahead.

During the last week of half term, Year 4 led us all in a lovely Mass to celebrate the feast of St Edward. They reminded us that St Edward was a king who was loving, kind and respectful to everyone, including the poor during his time as king. He trusted in God and never doubted Him. They asked us to follow his example, be kind and respectful and trust in God's plan for us.



Thank you for your generous donations of food. Sr Patricia was overwhelmed with the amount we had collected and wants you to know this will support many families in our school and parish.

It was wonderful to see so many family members come to our first parent / teacher consultations of this year. We currently have 96% attendance, if you were unable to make your appointment time, please ensure you make a mutually convenient time for you and your child's class teacher this week.

Year 1 have completed their Forest School sessions for this academic year. I know Mrs Harrison was very proud of their resilience when taking part in team games and their knowledge of our school environment increased through lots of fun activities. Children in Year 2 will bring home a letter and will start their sessions on Friday 13th November with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop.

This week you will receive a letter sharing our new after school club provision which will begin on 9th November. We have listened to feedback from Children and parents and are only offering one sport option this half term. Clubs will be:

- **Monday: Futsal for Year 4, 5 and 6**
- **Tuesday: Gymnastics for Year 1, 2 and 3**
- **Wednesday: Lego Club for Year 1, 2 and 3**
- **Thursday: Lego Club for Year 4, 5 and 6.**

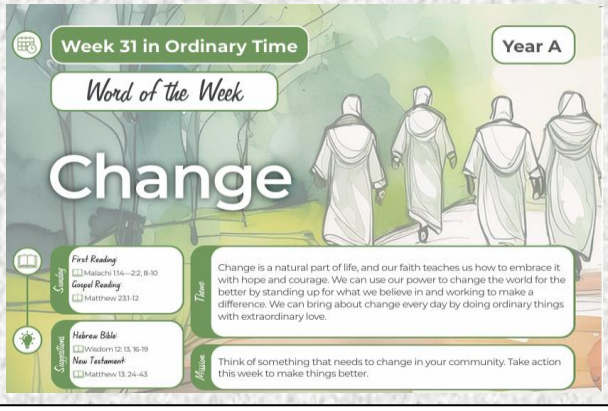
Please only enrol your child onto these if they are happy to engage with the activity. If they do not, we will withdraw the offer. If you require childcare after school, please use the wraparound provision so that all children can enjoy the activities offered to them.

Year 6 on Tour

At the end of April 2027, our Year 6's are going on a two-night residential to The Briars with a stop at Conkers on route. We ask that parents make a payment of £30 by Friday 6th November so we can confirm numbers with the centre. If you have any concerns/ difficulty paying this deposit, please come and see me.



WORD OF THE WEEK: CHANGE



Daily Breakfast Club 7:40-8:40	EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	
Monday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Futsal(Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Tuesday Breakfast Club	Music Tuition TB Sport: Gymnastics (Year 1,2 and 3)	All day 3:30 - 4:30
Wednesday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Lego (Year 1,2 and 3)	3:30 - 4:30
Thursday Breakfast Club	TB Sport: Lego (Year 4, 5 and 6)	3:30 - 4:30
Friday Breakfast Club	No afterschool provision	

ATTENDANCE SHOUT OUTS!!

Welcome back. Returning promptly after the break helps pupils reconnect with friends, teachers and learning. If your child is worried about coming back, please speak to us. **Whole school attendance last half term was 97.08%. Well done to year groups who achieved above 97% - Year 3 with 98.34%, Year 4 with 98.05%, Year 5 with 97.44% and Year 1 were so close with 96.98%.**

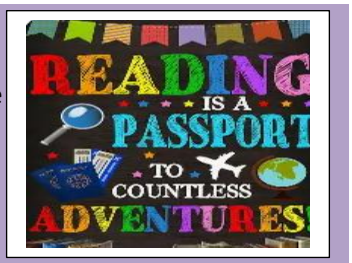
#AttendanceMatters #EverySchoolDayMatters



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Week beginning:	School Event	Assemblies/Services	After School
31st August	1st Sept: INSET DAY 2nd Sept: INSET Day 3rd Sept: School opens to pupils	3rd Sept Welcome back Celebration of the Word	
7th September	7th Sept – Meet the Teacher 3:20-4pm 9th Sept – 11th Sept Hathersage residential – Year 3 and 4	7th Sept C.O.T.W 9th Sept Swimming commences for Year 6 11th Sept DAaRT begins for Year 5	
14th September	16th Sept – Individual and family photos 18th Sept – Jeans for Genes Non-Uniform day. Cake sale for Macmillan Cancer	14th Sept Welcome Mass led by Year 6 at 9:15am in church 18th Sept: Celebration Assembly	EXTENDED SERVICES CLUBS BEGIN 14th Sept – Year 6 Information Meeting 6pm. 17th Stion Meeting at Christ the King
21st September	25th Sept: International Day	21st Sept: C.O.T.W 25th Sept International Day Assembly 2:30pm	
28th September	29th September Governor's meeting 1st Oct St Therese of Liseux Feast Day 2nd Oct St Francis Feast Day 2nd Oct: Fairtrade Tuck Shop	28th Sept C.O.T.W 1st Oct St Therese of Liseux House Feast Day C.O.T.W 3rd Oct – St Francis Hub Mass TBC 2nd Oct: Celebration Assembly	
5th October	9th Oct: World Mental Health Day	5th Oct: C.O.T.W 7th Oct: Harvest C.O.T.W led by Year 5 at 2:40pm	
12th October	12th Oct St Edward Feast Day 12th Oct Parent / teacher meetings 3:30-6:30pm 15th October Flu Immunisations	12th Oct St Edward Feast Day Mass led by Year 4 in church at 9:30am 16th Oct: Achiever of the Half Term Awards	12th Oct Parent / teacher meetings 3:30-6:30pm 14th Oct – Parent / teacher meetings 3:30-5:30pm
19th October	**HALF TERM**		
26th October	**HALF TERM**		
2nd November	5th Nov Provision Map reviews PM 6th Nov Provision Map reviews all day 6th Nov – Fairtrade Tuckshop	2nd Nov: C.O.T.W 6th Nov: Celebration Assembly 2:30pm	
9th November	11th Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:45am	11th Nov: Remembrance Day Liturgy 13th Nov:: Celebration Assembly	
16th November	Anti Bullying Week 20th Nov Youth Fun Day TBC	16th Nov C.O.T.W	22nd Nov: Feast of Christ the King. School lead parish Mass 9am.
23rd November	24th Nov Governor's meeting 27th Nov INSET DAY	23rd Nov C.O.T.W	
30th November	4th Dec Fairtrade Tuckshop	30th Nov Advent C.O.T.W led by Year -6 4th Dec: Celebration Assembly	
7th December	10th Dec EYFS / KS1 Nativity 9:30am 11th Dec Reception visit the theatre.	7th Dec: Advent Mass in church 9:30am	
14th December	14th Dec Christmas jumper Day 14th Dec Christmas Fayre Day 16th Dec Christmas Dinner and party afternoon	14th Dec Advent C.O.T.W led by Year 5 18TH Dec: Achievers of the term awards 18th Dec Christmas Carol Service led by Year 3 and 4	

READING MATTERS!!



Last term class teachers monitored your child 's personal organiser to check how often they are reading at home. We ask for your support to listen to your child at least three times a week and these children received a reading certificate. Well done to those children

Nursery – 16/21 children **Reception – 19/26 children** **Year 1 – 12/30 children**
Year 2 – 7/27 children **Year 3 – 15/31 children** **Year 4 – 10/32 children**
Year 5 - 7/32 children **Year 6 – 9/32 children**

Thank you to all parents who do support this reading initiative, and let's work together to give out more certificates at the end of this term.

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PARISH NOTICES:

Catechist Formation: The Diocese of Nottingham are offering three courses about being a catechist: if you are interested in being a catechist, or are just starting out, or if you have been a Catechist for a long time, there is a course for you. All courses are on Zoom on Thursday evenings, with the first course, Encounter Catechesis, exploring four big questions about the foundations of catechesis, from Thursday 5th November. Speak to your Fr Chris, the office, or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Blessing of graves during November; the priests and deacons of the Deanery will be leading prayers for the dead and blessing of individual graves at cemeteries in the city as below: Redhill Sunday 1st 12.45pm Wilford Hill Sunday 8th 3pm Carlton Cemetery Sunday 8th 2pm (meet at the chapel) Beeston Cemetery Sunday 8th 2pm Chilwell Cemetery Sunday 8th 3.15pm West Park Sunday 8th 2pm Longmoor Sunday8th 3.15pm Northern & Highwood Sunday 15th 3pm (meet at Northern Chapel) Radcliffe on Trent Sunday 15th 3pm

November is the Month dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls: It is part of our tradition that we remember those who have died and pray for them so they will enter the fulness of life with God. This rich tradition has its basis in scripture, especially in the 2 Maccabees and the writings of St Paul. To remember your loved ones in this special way, we offer masses for the Holy Souls in the month of November and throughout the year. If you wish your loved ones who have gone before us to be remembered at Masses for the Holy Souls, then please make a list of their names and place your list in the Holy Souls envelopes available at the back of the church. It is customary that a Mass offering is made, and this should be placed in the same envelope and returned to Fr Chris or the parish office

Job opportunities: Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), closing date 01/11/2026l location at various County locations. Starting salary £28,071 per annum (pro-rata if part time). For info visit: ://ce0689li.webitrent.com/ce0689li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/ETR.open?VACANCY_ID=384696JOzr&WVID=7449142C1w.

Administrator and Safeguarding Support required at the Diocese as a one-year fixed-term full time (37.5 hours) appointment, co-ordinating online and paper DBS re-check applications; checking, countersigning and tracking applications; maintaining accurate records and monitoring renewal dates; liaising with parish safeguarding representatives, HR, clergy, employees and volunteers; resolving queries; and providing general administrative support to the Safeguarding Department. The salary is £29,000 per annum, based at the Diocesan Office, Castle Quay, Nottingham, NG7 1FW, with hybrid working considered. Further info email office@dioceseofnottingham.uk closing date Sunday 1st November.

Second collection next weekend is for our local diocesan hospices. At Nottinghamshire Hospice, leading provider of palliative and end-of-life care, they aim to meet all their patient's physical, emotional, psychological and social needs and ensure that their families are supported both through and after this difficult time. Please also support Hayward House Christmas Fair: Saturday 12th December 10am – 2 pm entry £1 – cake sale, raffle, tombola, stalls, music, refreshments.

Pope Leo's intention for November Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Please Pray for: • Margaret Thickpenny RIP, who died last week, funeral date to be confirmed.

This week:

• Gateway Mission Project: Monday 2nd November 7pm at St Augustine's Hall. Do come along to see how this is progressing. All parishioners welcome.

• Live Simply Group: next meeting is this Tuesday November 3rd 7.30pm in Our Lady & St Edward's Café. New members 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 - No meeting this week. Caring for Creation and our Common Home - All invited:

The Parish Live Simply Group along with Gedling Climate Change group invite parishioners and members of the public to a free screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film. Nine leading UK scientists and experts explain what's happening with climate and nature and what it means for everyday life. After the screening will be an opportunity for discussion about how our local community can come together to address the local impacts of climate change and nature loss. Described as "informative, empowering and a reminder to do it together, not alone". Suitable for ages 16+. Wednesday 11th November 7.30pm (straight after Mass) in Sacred Heart Community Centre. To reserve your free ticket go to https://buytickets.at/pebnotts/2417002

Emmanuel House - sharing the journey: recognising 50 years of Emmanuel House. Join them for a service of thanksgiving on Friday 13th November 2026 at 7pm at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. NG1 5AE. A prayerful celebration honouring those who have served, volunteered, donated, and been supported throughout 50 years of Emmanuel House.

Holy Family Memorial Mass: we will celebrate a Memorial Mass to remember all those who have died in the past year on Wednesday 25th November at Sacred Heart Church at 7 pm. We will be inviting families along who have had a funeral in our churches, but everyone is welcome to come and remember loved ones.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS TABLETOP SALE AND SOCIAL Saturday 28th November 2026 2-4pm Do you have craft/home-made/new items to sell? If so, tables are available at £10 each. Contact Tommy 07544 655070 or Martin 07989 559769 to book. Donations of bottles for a tombola will be gratefully received. Please come and support this parish fundraising and social event.

Word of the Week - CHANGE Change is a natural part of life, and our faith teaches us how to embrace it with hope and courage. We can use our power to change the world for the better by standing up for what we believe in and working to make a difference. We can bring about change every day by doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. Think of something that needs to change in your community. Take action this week to make things better

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CONGRATULATIONS TO……

We ended the first half term in true style celebrating many children in our Achiever's Assembly.

We began with sharing the child from each class who was selected to be the Achiever of the Half Term. Polite, articulate, kind, determined, independent, positive, resilient and respectful are just some of the many words to describe you all. **Well done to Ellie, Jadesire, Ayla, Amnen, Jessica, Anna, Rebecca and Olly.**

Eighty nine children achieved their bronze award. This means they have collected 100+ house points already this academic year. Well done to **Chiamanda, Diana, Dominic, Ellta, Hiyabel, Ian, Imole, Jace, Jadesire, Joel, Leon, Amelia, Ayla, Clara, Dinah, Ebun, Hurray, Janelle, Livia, Saoirse, Temi, Tiara, Amnen, Clara, Faustina, Ishani, Leo, Otis, Thea, Alex, David, Evanna, Jessica, Julia, Kamara, Maria, Michael, Nadia, Najarn, Olivia, Omolola, Princess, Raphael, Raya, Reuben, Tiffany, Adiel, Emmanuel, Imani, Imelda, Isabel, Jeremy, Milan O, Alessia, Amara, Byrian, Chiwetara, Ebube, Eliash, Kendall, Lena, Medet, Rebecca, Rey, Rozalia, Eliash, Michelle, Nell, Patrick, Shelia, Sophie, Tseboat, Bryan, Dorain, Eva, Evelyn, Filip, Lilly, Chiamaka, John, Lou, Majka, Mailany, Nuala, Olover, Olly, Orlaith, Prince, Roman and Zina.**

Over 15,000 house points were given out in total during the last half term. They have all been added together and the results are.

Blessed Cyprian Tansi – 4,198 points.
St Joan of Arc – 3,950 points
St Therese of Liseux – 3.624 points
St Alban – 3,332 points

Blessed Cyprian Tansi house will enjoy their prize this week.

MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 2nd November **All Souls Day**	9:30am (OLSE)	MASS Holy Souls
Tuesday 3rd November	9:30am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 4th November **St Charles Borromeo, bishop**	6pm (SH) 7 pm (SH)	MASS Exposition and Confessions Francie Duggan RIP
Thursday 5th November	9:30am (SA)	MASS Kathleen Ann O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 6th November	9:30am (SH)	MASS Barbara Langham's Intention
Saturday 7th November	12 noon (OLSE) 5pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Baptism of Anaiyah Winifred Marjorie Stephenson RIP
Sunday 8th November **Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year (A)**	9am (OLSE) 11am (SA)	MASS James & Rose Clarke RIP For The People

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 2:30PM

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THEIR TEACHER TO BE IN ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

NURSERY: Fionn and Rosie
RECEPTION: Imole and Leon
YEAR ONE: Clara and Livia
YEAR TWO: Clara and Otis
YEAR THREE: Franklin and Jahvi
YEAR FOUR: Andreea and Milan S
YEAR FIVE: Byrian and Grace
YEAR SIX: Chiamaka and Lilly

PARENTS OF THESE CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND