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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week we celebrated Bonfire Night, and I am sure lots of you managed to enjoy a firework display, either at an arranged event or ay home. Children in Early Years enjoyed learning how to keep themselves safe at this fun event as well as making their own sparklers and their own firework artwork. There really was a lot of colour on show.



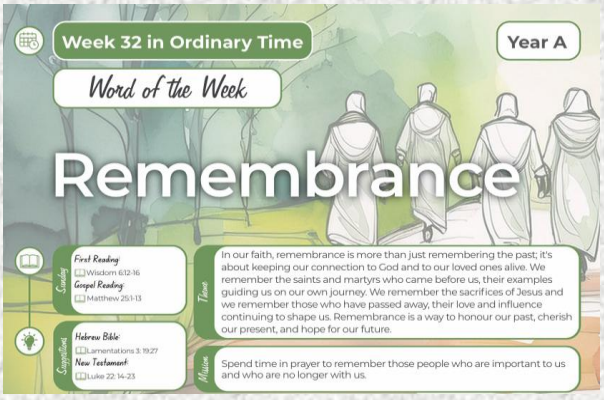
We welcomed Miss Rose to our staff team, she is working in Year 3 and Year 5 as well as supporting children who learn in The Haven. We know she will enjoy getting to know our children, staff and families and make a positive difference to our school community.

Thank you for supporting our Fairtrade tuck shop on Friday, we raised £74.50 which will be donated to the parish Live Simply Group. I know Sr Patricia and the team are extremely grateful for your ongoing support. We will hold our next tuckshop on 4th December.

Last week, Mrs Harrison and I met with family members to review pupil individual targets. It was lovely to share the wonderful work that takes place within our Enhanced Provision - The Haven and the adaptations in the classroom to ensure all our children achieve their very best. We still have a small number of parents who have not yet rearranged a time to discuss how their child has started their new year group, we invite you to arrange this with your child's class teacher at a mutually convenient time so we can work in partnership with you.

This week after school clubs begin, there are still spaces so if you are interested, please sign up via Arbor. Year 6 continue with their swimming lessons on Wednesday. Year 5 continue with their DAaRT sessions on Friday afternoon. On Friday, Year 2 begin their Forest School sessions with Mrs Harrison and Mr Jessop, please ensure they wear appropriate clothing and being their wellies to school to change

WORD OF THE WEEK: REMEMBRANCE



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	

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you have recently enrolled them to begin preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion in 2027 I would like to remind you of the Parents Meeting which will take place on Monday 9th November at Sacred Heart Community Centre between 7pm and 8pm. There is an expectation that one parent representative attends. so please ensure you have arranged appropriate childcare.



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 week was 93.44% which was below our expected target. Some children received unauthorised absences due to family holidays taken in term time.Well done to year groups who achieved above 97% - Year 2 with 98.15%, Year 4 with 97.19%,**

#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	

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday, our Chaplaincy Team will lead our school community in a Remembrance Day Celebration of the Word. This will begin at 10:45am in school and at 11am we will join the nation and pause for a two minute silence. Parents and family members are welcome to join us.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Second collection this 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.

Next weekend we welcome Bishop Patrick to all of our Masses. He is visiting all parishes as part of the Mission Plan. Do make him welcome at Holy Family. In addition, there will be a service of Exposition, Anointing of the Sick and Benediction at 2pm at Sacred Heart. All welcome.

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:
Sunday 15th 1pm (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 Vacancy: Holy Family Parish requires a cleaner for Sacred Heart Community Centre & St Bernadettes room for 4 hours per week over Sunday or early Monday morning £14.10 per hour (Real Living Wage). If you are interested, pop into the office for an informal visit to discuss job description. Lifting of chairs & moving tables is required.

Spiritual/theological book club: organised by Fr Lee Dunleavy curate at St Cyprian's Church, Lancaster Rd, Carlton Nottingham NG3 7AN. They ask folk to buy their own copy of the suggested book, read it over 8 weeks and then meet to share their reflections. If you are interested, please contact Fr Lee on father@leedunleavey.co.uk

Nottingham Catholic Medical Association (CMA) invites all in healthcare (working, students and retired) to its Annual Mass on Monday 30th November at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church. Afterwards please stay to meet others over drinks and light refreshments in the church hall, where Professor David Paton will say a few words about Saint Colette's Pregnancy Support Centre. Friends and family are very welcome. For more information contact Caroline 07757 285 888.

Visit of the relics of St Gerard Majella on Friday 13th November at Good Shepherd, Nottingham NG5 4HT Mass at 7pm followed by individual or family blessings. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. All welcome and bring your petitions to this little saint!

Please Pray for:
• Margaret Thickpenny RIP, reception into Sacred Heart Church at 1pm on Thurs 19th November with Mass on Friday 20th at 12 noon.

This week in the parish:
• Community Café at Our Lady & St Edward's: this Wednesday 12-3. All welcome.
• Peoples Emergency Briefing Film: Wednesday 11th November 7.30pm Sacred Heart Community Centre. More details below. • 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

The Sisters and Associates warmly invite all parishioners to join them for the Presentation Novena, which will be held daily at 5:00 pm from 12th to 20th November at the Sisters' House. This novena will be a special time of prayer and spiritual preparation leading up to the Renewal of Vows by the Sisters, which will take place on 21st November at St. Augustine's Church.

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.

Live Simply annual Christmas decoration swap and craft event: Join us in the Church Halls after Masses on 21st/22nd November. and take some donated decorations and / or make your own with inspiration from the Live Simply team! Please donate any unwanted Christmas decorations at the back of churches in the next couple of weeks. This is a popular event with children of all ages, so do bring the children in your life along and encourage them to get crafting with their friends. Refreshments will be available as usual.

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 with tea/coffee afterwards in St Joseph of Peace Convent. 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 a table.

Word of the Week – Remembrance. In our faith, remembrance is more than just remembering the past; it's about keeping our connection to God and to our loved ones alive. We remember the saints and martyrs who came before us, their examples guiding us on our own journey. We remember the sacrifices of Jesus and we remember those who have passed away, their love and influence continuing to shape us. Remembrance is a way to honour our past, cherish our present, and hope for our future. Spend time in prayer to remember those people who are important to us and who are no longer with us.

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TRANSFER TO RECEPTION CLASS IN SEPTEMBER 2027

The window for applying for a reception place for your child for September 2027 is now open and closes on 15th January 2027. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school, particularly if it is popular. Failure to apply will mean the City Council will place your child in a school within Nottingham City where there is a space available. This may mean your child moving to a school a few miles away from your family home.

Although your child currently attends our nursery, **this does not guarantee you a place in Reception.** We follow the admissions criteria from the diocese, so it is important you visit other schools and list them on your application too. **Priority is given to Baptised Catholic children.** To be placed in this category you must complete a supplementary form and bring your child's original Baptism certificate into school and Mrs Barfield or Mrs Rogers will take a copy of it and return it straight back to you. We are unable to accept copies to ensure validity of our admissions policy.

If you need support with completing the application or have any questions regarding the process, please speak to us, we are happy to help.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE.

We are very excited to be holding our first Christmas Fayre in three years in school on Monday 14th December beginning at 1:15pm.

We will have a raffle with a wide range of prizes, a bottle stall, face painting, Santa's grotto, children's games and more. However, we will need some volunteers to support with the organising of this. Mrs Astley has asked for family members to volunteer with setting up, supporting staff to run stalls and to help tidy up on the day. If this is something you could commit to Please speak to Mrs Byrne, Miss Greenwood or Mrs Astley.

Unfortunately, if we do not get enough volunteers, we may need to reduce what is on offer or cancel the event completely.



MASS TIMES & LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 9th November **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**	9:30am (OLSE)	MASS Claire Read RIP
Tuesday 10th November **St Leo the Great, pope & doctor**	9:30am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 11th November **St Martin of Tours, bishop**	6pm (SH) 7 pm (SH)	MASS Exposition and Confessions Holy Souls
Thursday 12th November **St Josaphat, bishop & martyr**	9:30am (SA)	MASS Godfrey Archer RIP
Friday 13th November	7PM (SH) **Change of time**	MASS Kitty Flood RIP
Saturday 14th November **Mass of Sunday**	5pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS Margaret & Bert O'Grady RIP
Sunday 15th November **Thirty-third Sunday of the Year (A)**	9am (OLSE) 11am (SA)	MASS Mary Fitzmaurice RIP For the People

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER AT 2:30PM

Congratulations to the children who have been chosen to be in Assembly this week.

NURSERY: Justin and Kataleya
RECEPTION: Ben and Chimamanda
YEAR ONE: Jason O and Nicoletta
YEAR TWO: Sophie and Thy Thy
YEAR THREE: Chicago and Iviera
YEAR FOUR: Havana and Milan O
YEAR FIVE: Elizabeth and Michal
YEAR SIX: Alan and Nuala

Parents of these children are welcome to join.