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WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Last week, children in Year 2 enjoyed a lovely fruit and vegetable tasting session with Mr Finch from our Aspens catering partners.
He was very impressed with their knowledge of different fruit and vegetables and the countries where they originate them. The session ended with all the children having the opportunity to taste a sour smoothie. It is fair to say this wasn't every child's favourite part of the session!!



The children in The Haven have enjoyed a busy week exploring the festival of Diwali through colourful and creative activities, developing their gross motor skills, coordination and movement! They enjoyed rolling balls down different slopes, filling and emptying buckets with tennis balls and making their very own fox masks using glue, glitter, tissue paper, sequins and sticks which is linked to our story this term Ten Little Lights.





Lego After School Club was a success with children from Year 1 – 6 following instructions to create wonderful models. There are still 3 places available for the Wednesday club suitable for children in Year 1 - 3. Sign up in Arbor or speak to Mrs Barfield or Mrs Rogers.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

This week is Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 16th –Friday 20th November). This year's campaign - Break the Silence will encourage children, young people and adults across the UK to start conversations about bullying, speak up, listen and take action together. The theme was developed in collaboration with the anti-bullying sector and shaped directly by the voices of more than 200 children and young people, many of whom spoke about the silence that can surround bullying and the barriers young people face in asking for help.

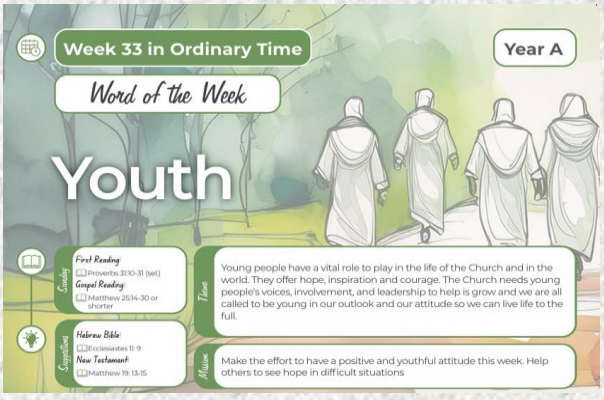


Odd Socks Day is a fun way for children to celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. Children are invited to wear two different, colourful socks with normal school uniform.



Across the week, pupils will take part in a whole-school assembly and age-appropriate lessons that build empathy, kindness and the confidence to speak up.
Thank you to our pupils, staff and wider community for keeping our school respectful, safe and inclusive for every child.

WORD OF THE WEEK: YOUTH



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 week was 96.04% which is an improvement on the previous week. Well done to year groups who achieved above 97% - Year 3 with 98.71%, Year 4 with 98.44%, year 1 with 98% and Year 6 with 97.81%.**

#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 led our school in a Moving Celebration of the Word to remember those who have been injured or lost their lives in war and conflict. Each class made their own poppy wreath and laid it at our prayer focus area as well as joining the country in respectfully observing a 2 minute silence.



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PARISH NOTICES:

Pope Leo XIV has declared today to be the tenth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of "The Lord is the refuge of the poor." (Ps 14:6) In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reminds us that God is "the refuge of the poor," urging Christians to re-examine their own commitment to justice and solidarity and to reflect Christ by becoming a tangible refuge for the vulnerable and marginalised.
Second collection last weekend for our local hospices raised £1110 thank you for your generosity.
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.
Next weekend: 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. 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.
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.
Join Young Adults across the Diocese of Nottingham to share in prayer, community, and a deeper understanding of Advent with the Young Adult Advent Sycamore Course. Meeting at 7.45pm, online, on the four Mondays of Advent 30th November, 7th, 14th, and 21st December: for more details contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk and to book https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6RcRkJKHtP
Deanery Advent Reconciliation Services: the season of preparation for Christmas is an ideal time to reflect on God's mercy and so prepare our hearts and souls for the celebration of the incarnation. There will be several opportunities to go to confession during this time. At each service there will be several priests available for confessions. Monday 30th November 7pm. St Mary's, Hyson Green NG7 6FZ Tuesday 15th December 7pm. Corpus Christi, Clifton NG11 9BP Thursday 17th December 5.45 – 6.45, Good Shepherd, Arnold NG5 4HT Confessions in our parish will be available each Wednesday from 6pm at Sacred Heart before the evening Mass.
Christmas Raffle tickets are now on sale £1 per ticket £5 per book. Please try to sell to family and friends. All proceeds to our parish. Thank you.
Please Pray for: Our Presentation Sisters as they journey this week towards the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are grateful for their presence in our parish and the work they do in welcome and catechesis. The Sisters will renew their Vows on 21st November at St. Augustine's Church.
Our First Holy Communion programme has begun and we will welcome all of our children and their families to Mass next weekend for the Rite of Enrolment. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their journey towards the reception of this Blessed Sacrament and the deepening of their relationship with the Lord.
This week in the parish:
• 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 – Thursday 19th November in Sacred Heart Community Centre 7.30pm. All Welcome
Wednesday Word: resources for children on this week's gospel https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4
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.
Parish services/events in November/December
• CHRISTMAS FAIR AND SOCIAL @ SACRED HEART: Saturday 28th November 2026 2-4pm. Visit Santa, bring your kids/grandkids and pick up some bargains!! Café selling Christmas beverages and treats. DONATION OF CAKES REQUIRED. PLEASE BRING THE DAY BEFORE OR ON THE DAY.
• Music Practice – Monday 23rd November 7pm at Sacred Heart.
• Wreath Making Workshop: come and join us to make a decoration for your door on Thursday 3rd December 6.30 pm at Our Lady & St Edward's community room. Cost is £20 to include all supplies, mince pies and refreshments. Tickets now on sale.
• Church Clean and Decoration Day: in St Augustine's Church, Saturday 5th December 10 am. More hands make light work!!
• Gateway Mission Project: next meeting Monday 7th December 7pm St Augustine's Hall
• Social and fundraising meeting – Wednesday 9th December 6pm at Sacred Heart Community Centre. Come along in order for us to plan the year ahead. New initiatives welcome.
• Mediation with Taizé music: Tuesday 8th December 7pm at Our Lady & St Edward's church
• Tree decorating @ Sacred Heart Church: Saturday 12th December 10 am - erection of Christmas tree and Christmas Crib – new volunteers needed this year. Please come along.
• Carol Service: Monday 14th December 7pm at Sacred Heart
• Youth Group: 16th Dec 7.30 in Sacred Heart Community Centre.
• Open church and hall: for quiet reflection and personal prayer with information on Mission Gateway project: Saturday 19th December 10-12 at St Augustine's church – free refreshments.
• Shared Table: Sunday 20th December after Mass at St Augustine's
Donations of items: we have a few events for which we require some items for our fundraising or charity events. Could you donate: bottles for a tombola, hamper items for raffle– non-perishable food, raffle items including vouchers, unwanted gifts or items for 'new' stall and unwanted Christmas decorations for Live simply event. Thank you.
Word of the Week – Youth Young people have a vital role to play in the life of the Church and in the world. They offer hope, inspiration and courage. The Church needs young people's voices, involvement, and leadership to help is grow and we are all called to be young in our outlook and our attitude so we can live life to the full. Make the effort to have a positive and youthful attitude this week. Help others to see hope in difficult situations.

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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. Thank you to the three parents who have offered support, however, we still need more. 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 16th November	9:30am (OLSE)	MASS Mary Maguire RIP
Tuesday 17th November **St Hugh of Lincoln, bishop and Patron of the Diocese**	9:30am (SA)	MASS Service of Word and Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th November	6pm (SH) 7pm (SH)	MASS Exposition and Confessions Sheila & Eileen Gavigan's Intention
Thursday 19th November	9:30am (SA) 1pm (SH)	MASS Holy Souls Reception of the Body of Margaret Thickpenny RIP
Friday 20th November	12noon (SH)	MASS Requiem Mass for Margaret Thickpenny RIP
Saturday 21st November **The Presentation of the BVM Mass**	5pm (SH)	VIGIL MASS For the People
Sunday 22nd November **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)**	9am (OLSE) 11am (SA)	MASS Richard Taylor RIP Zofia Szuciak RIP (Anniv)

FAMILY MASS SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER AT 9AM

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This day we close the liturgical calendar celebrating Jesus as a servant king who showed love, compassion and forgiveness. It is also a day when we celebrate the youth within our parish not only as the future of the church but as the present too. Our children in Year 3 and above will enrol in their preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at this mass.

Fr Chris has invited all children and families to join us at Mass on this day. Please return the separate letter so we can let him know how many benches to reserve for us.

