

21st March 2025

# Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning, our school community came together beautifully for our Lenten Walk, supporting CAFOD's vital fight against hunger. It was wonderful to see children from different classes enjoying the fresh air on our field, all while making a real difference. A huge thank you to the School Council for their brilliant idea to combine the walk with Red Nose Day! The non-uniform and crazy hair day added a fantastic element of fun, and we were truly impressed by everyone's creative hairstyles!

Your efforts are helping to raise crucial funds for the 200 million children worldwide at risk from malnutrition. Donations are still welcome via Arbor or cash at the school office.

Mr Gallagher

## MARCH

- **21st** Illustrator Workshops Year 5 & 6
- **24th - 28th**  
Assessment week (Y1-5)
- 27th 9 a.m. Reception Liturgy  
Year 5 Greek Day
- **31st** Group Photos

## APRIL

- **4th 9 a.m.** Year 5 class liturgy
- **8th** Reception Trip - Twycross Zoo
- 9 a.m. Stations of the Cross - Led by Year 4
- **10th** - Easter Menu  
9 a.m. Year 2 Liturgy
- **14th to 27th - END OF TERM**
- **28th** - New Food Menu Starts

## MAY

- **2nd** - Year 4 & 5 Swimming Starts
- **5th** Bank Holiday

## JUNE

- **8th** Year 1 Brocks Hill
- **26th** to 1st June - HALF TERM
- **12th** - Year 1 Trip - Beaumanor Hall
- **18th - 20th** - Year 6 CRICH

## JULY

- **4th** - Sports Day (All children)
- **11th** - Last Day of Term - 2p.m. Finish.  
After school club finishes at 4.15p.m.
- Seaside Special Menu



Please click on the above image  
and follow us on social media.

**NEW!**



# Menu

From 28th April, the school will have a new menu available to all the children at St John Fisher.

The menu will be uploaded to Arbor whereby you can pre-select the food choice for your child. This can be done in advance for the whole term.

The full menu will be available on the school website as well.

For the paid meals (KS2), there will be a price increase to £2.81.

## WEEK ONE

# Summer Lunch Time Menu

School Name: St John Fisher

## week one

28th April  
19th May  
9th June  
30th June  
21st July  
11th August  
1st September  
22nd September  
13th October  
3rd November  
24th November  
15th December  
5th January  
26th January  
2nd February  
23rd February  
16th March



### Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Vegan Option available (VG) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato & Sweetcorn (V)	Stack & Stuff Tortilla with Chilli Beef Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Pork, Apple Sauce & Gravy Served with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Sausage Roll Served with Jacket Wedges & Baked Beans	Fish Fingers/Salmon Fingers Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetable Pasta Bake (V) (VG) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato & Sweetcorn (V)	Stack & Stuff Tortilla with Roasted Vegetables (V) (VG) Served with Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet, Stuffing and Gravy (V) (VG) Served with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Cheese Flan (V) Served with Jacket Wedges & Baked Beans	Vegetable Fingers (V) (VG) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup (V, VG)
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## WEEK TWO

# Summer Lunch Time Menu

School Name: St John Fisher

## week two

5th May  
26th May  
16th June  
7th July  
28th July  
18th August  
8th September  
29th September  
20th October  
10th November  
1st December  
22nd December  
12th January  
9th February  
2nd March  
23rd March



### Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Vegan Option available (VG) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato, Sweetcorn (V) & Baked Beans	Chicken Stir Fry Served with Noodles, Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Gammon & Gravy Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Farm Assured Pork Sausages & Gravy Served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Battered Fish Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup
Vegetarian Chilli (V) (VG) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato, or Rice and Sweetcorn	Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread (V) Served with Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Quorn Fillet, Stuffing and Gravy (V) (VG) Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Quorn Sausage and Gravy (V) (VG) Served with Creamy Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Fingers (V) (VG) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup
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## WEEK THREE

# Summer Lunch Time Menu

School Name: St John Fisher

## week three

12th May  
2nd June  
23rd June  
14th July  
4th August  
25th August  
15th September  
6th October  
27th October  
17th November  
8th December  
29th December  
19th January  
16th February  
9th March  
30th March



### Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) Vegan Option Available (VG) Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato, Coleslaw & Sweetcorn (V)	Chicken Mexican Wrap & Salsa Served with Savoury Rice Sweetcorn & Peas	Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Beef Bolognese Served with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup
Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread (V) Served with Coleslaw & Sweetcorn (V)	Mexican Style Roasted Veg Wrap & Salsa (V) (VG) Served with Savoury Rice Sweetcorn & Peas	Roast Quorn Fillet, Stuffing and Gravy (V) (VG) Served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Bolognese (V) (VG) Served with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Nuggets (V) (VG) Served with Chips, Peas, Baked Beans & Tomato Ketchup
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# After School Club

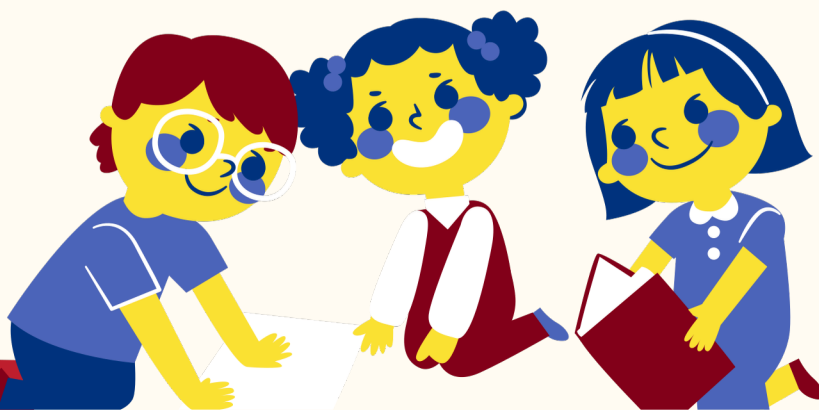
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MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
3.05P.M TO 5.15P.M

Please register via Arbor or speak  
to the office.

## COLLECTION POINT

On collection, please ring the bell and a member of staff will attend to you. If no answer (as the children may be outside), please call the afterschool club mobile on **07751714377**



# SPORTS NEWS

## EASTER SPORTS CAMP

**This Easter I will be running my sports camps from St John Fisher (Shenley Road, Wigston, LE18 3QL). The camp will run as always from 9-3pm for 5-11 year olds & is £15per day. Bookings are now being taken & as always camps can only run if attendance allows them too, final bookings will be April 8th.**

**All bookings will only be taken with payment for the sessions required.**

### **Camp Dates:**

**April 15 & 16**

**April 22 & 23**

**To book or to find out suitably of the camp for your child, please contact Chris on [Chrisgsd15@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Chrisgsd15@yahoo.co.uk) or 07793762984**



# USEFUL INFORMATION

## Free School Meals (FSM)

You may recall that in the past the school has provided you with a paper form to apply for a FSM.

The council have informed us that they are now encouraging parents to apply only.

If you feel that you may be eligible for FSM, please kindly apply using the following link:

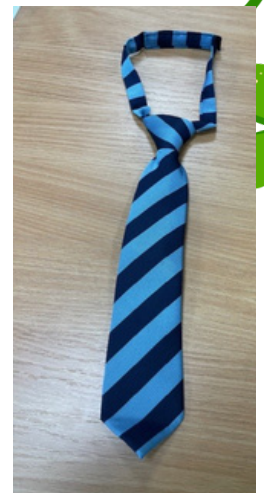
<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

## Velcro Ties for Sale

We have been provided with some Velcro Ties which are available on School Shop.

This is a limited stock of these ties and we are unable to purchase any more.

Please inform the school office once you have made a purchase.



## Breakfast Club & Afterschool club

Breakfast Club is open from 7.30a.m. All children are offered a breakfast of their choice such as toast, cereal, fruit, yoghurt.

Afterschool club is open from 3.05 p.m to 5.15p.m. All children are provided with variety of snacks such as sandwiches, croissants, cheese and crackers, yogurts, fruit and vegetables.

If you would like to book a place for your child, please do so via Arbor or contact the office.



# CAFOD Walk & Red Nose Day





# Healthy Together NewsletterISSUE



## Welcome to your latest Healthy Together newsletter

Hello and welcome to the seventh edition of your newsletter for parents/carers and school staff from Healthy Together, and the second of the 2024/25 academic year.

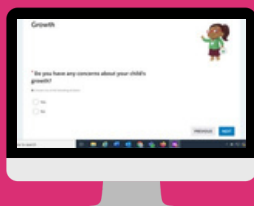
In this update, you can find out about the free online parental courses available to you, our animation to support you in preparing your child for secondary school and how to access our new speech and language toolkits.

## Digital health contact to launch for parents/carers of children in reception

Following the Easter holidays, parents/carers of children in reception will have access to a Digital Health Contact; an online questionnaire that covers various topics linked to your child's health and wellbeing and offers you support.

The contact covers a variety of topics including:

- Growth
- Development
- Speech and language
- Toileting



Be sure to look out for communications from your child's school in the coming weeks with information on how to access the Reception Digital Health Contact.

## Access free online parenting courses

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust has partnered with Solihull Approach to offer free access to expertly designed online courses, which cover concerns that parents, carers, grandparents often face.

Courses include:

- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your child's feelings
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your teenager's brain

[Click here or  
on the image  
to access the  
courses](#)



## In the Spotlight

### Parental speech and language toolkit

We have recently published a speech, language and communication toolkit developed by Speech and Language Therapists to help you support your child's communication at home. Whether you're looking for quick tips or detailed guidance, you'll find practical advice, videos, and resources tailored to your child's needs.



 [Click here to view the speech and language toolkit](#)

### Contact a school nurse by text message

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust runs a dedicated, confidential and secure text messaging service called ChatHealth for parents/carers of children aged 0-11 in Leicestershire and Rutland, which enables you to get professional health advice and support.

Text a Public Health Nurse (School Nurse) on:

**07520 615 382**



### Contact a health professional via the Healthy Together Helpline

You can also call to speak to the Helpline's qualified health and administrative professionals who offer easy to access, safe and free advice, support and signposting.



**Call 0300 300 3001**

Calls are answered from 9am – 4.30pm on weekdays, excluding bank holidays.

### Supporting your child prepare for secondary school

With families with children in Year 6 recently finding out about their child's secondary school place for the next academic year, we wanted to remind you of our animation which offers advice and guidance for parents/carers in supporting your child as they prepare for this next step in their education.



[Click here to watch our starting secondary school animation](#)



There's also an animation that your child can watch too to help them feel prepared for their first day.



# Parish Newsletter



**St. Mary's, St. John Bosco, and St. Edward's**

**Third Week of Lent 2025, Lectionary Year C**

Website: [cathparishmje.co.uk](http://cathparishmje.co.uk) Phone: 07354 832195

Email: [cathparishmje@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:cathparishmje@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Anticipation of the Third Sunday of Lent**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Sung Holy Mass** All Parishioners

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Third Sunday of Lent**

9am St. Edwards, **Sung Holy Mass** Private Intention

11am St. Mary's, **Sung Holy Mass** John, Margaret and Peter Reilly RIP

6pm St. Mary's, **Sung Holy Mass** (No incense) Rosemary Fallows RIP

**Retiring Collection for the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham  
On the Third Sunday of Lent – 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity**

7pm St. Mary's **Sung Holy Mass** Michael McDonagh RIP

After Mass St. Mary's Hall, Church Document Study (The Missal)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Feria**

9:30am St. Edward's, **Confession**

10am St. Edward's **Holy Mass** Des Brennan RIP

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Feria**

9:30am St. Mary's, **Confession**

10am St. Mary's **Holy Mass**, Margaret Shryane

6:30pm St. Mary's, **Encountering Christ in His Church/RCIA**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Lenten Feria – No Meat Today**

12 noon St. John Bosco Stations of the Cross

7pm St. Mary's Stations of the Cross

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Anticipation of Laetare Sunday**

6pm St. John Bosco, **Sung Holy Mass** All Parishioners

29/30 March – Clocks go forward one hour.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Laetare Sunday**

9am St. Edwards, **Sung Holy Mass** Andrew Brennan RIP

11am St. Mary's, **Sung Holy Mass** Kathleen and David Balme RIP

6pm St. Mary's, **Sung Holy Mass** (No incense) James Donnelly RIP

**Confessions available after every Mass and by request**

**Retiring Collection for the Diocesan Quota on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March**

## **Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

Our Holy Father Pope Francis, Peter Taylor RIP, Michael O'Rourke RIP  
Joan Pratt RIP, **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 10am** St. Thomas More **Requiem Mass**

**Sick and Housebound Parishioners:** If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners or their carers, who would desire a visit from someone from the Church, please do let us know so that they do not feel left out of parish life.

## **Candidates and Catechumens**

Please pray for the five people who are seeking reception into the Church at Easter. Tulupi, Tyler, Jasmine, Rayden and Jayden.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Michael Jordan** God give you Michael a very happy and blessed birthday from us all, and especially Caroline. May God grant you all the graces you need this year.

**Easter Lilies:** Envelopes are available in the porches of St. Mary's & St. John Bosco to enable you to dedicate Easter lilies for your deceased loved ones. Please include the number of lilies required and names of dedications @ £3 per lily and return to Lynne or Bernadette at St Marys' or Rita or Genny at St John Bosco. The list of dedications will be displayed in both churches. All dedications MUST be received by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Palm Sunday.

## **Easter Triduum Music**

All are welcome from St. John Bosco and St. Edward's to join with us at St. Mary's to create a combined choir for these holy three days. Practices take place every week in St. Mary's on Monday evenings from 6.15pm.

## **Easter Triduum and Sunday Times**

Holy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm St. Mary's

Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 3pm St. Mary's

Easter Vigil 19<sup>th</sup> April 9pm St. Mary's

Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 9am St. Edward's

Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 11am St. John Bosco

Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6pm St. Mary's

**Table-Top Sale:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at St. John Bosco hall 10am - 2pm. Rent a table at our Pre-loved and Gift Sale. £12 per table. Contact Hilari at [hilari.chetwood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hilari.chetwood@hotmail.co.uk) or Keith at [kanab09@btinternet.com](mailto:kanab09@btinternet.com).

## **Other Events in the Life of our Parish**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30pm HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass** Prisoners' Intentions

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 6:15pm St. Mary's, **Choir Practice**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm-4pm St. Edward's Hall, Chat, Craft, Games & Gardening Club

## **Questions 162-165 of the Penny Catechism**

162. Who made the first part of the Hail Mary?

The Angel Gabriel and St. Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Spirit, made the first part of the Hail Mary.

163. Who made the second part of the Hail Mary?

The Church of God, guided by the Holy Spirit, made the second part of the Hail Mary.

164. Why should we frequently say the Hail Mary?

We should frequently say the Hail Mary to put us in mind of the Incarnation of the Son of God: and to honour our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God.

165. Have we another reason for often saying the Hail Mary?

We have another reason for often saying the Hail Mary - to ask our Blessed Lady to pray for us sinners at all times, but especially at the hour of our death.

**Note from Liturgy Meeting:** One of the most common phrases from Vatican II regarding the Liturgy is that there must be a "conscious, active, and fruitful participation" of everyone. This means that the Liturgy is not just something people attend, it's something they do. It's an action of the whole Church, with each person exercising his or her unique role. And, above all, the role common to every person is an authentic interior participation (not just exterior) in the worship.

After Vatican II, the phrase "conscious, active, and fruitful participation" was commonly misunderstood to mean that everyone had to have an official role in the Liturgy. So if you didn't have an official role, were you participating less? Certainly not. Participation is first and foremost interior. Active and fruitful participation is achieved when your heart is engaged, and you participate with faith. If you haven't got used to, or don't favour, some of the sung parts or choice of eucharistic prayer, continue your inward prayer, your interior participation, don't let your preferences or unfamiliarity distract you from your participation, from liturgical unity.

**LACY** encourage you to walk for Cancer Research UK on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from St Mary's church at 1.30pm. There will be a Nature trail on route. Refreshments afterwards and youth Stations of the Cross at 3.30pm. For further information contact Pauline. Sponsor Forms in porches. See Poster.

## **Robbery at St. Mary's**

Between the two Sunday Masses at St. Mary's the first collection was stolen from the safe. The sacristy was not broken into which means they either knew the code, had watched someone enter it, or guessed it. They then found the safe key and took the £305 collection and emptied the repository box. We are having to change security procedures so please be patient as key safes and new locks and codes are installed. Whoever did this, for the good of your immortal soul, which will be judged one day before Almighty God, bring it back so that all can be forgiven. No consequences will occur if you do.

## **Finances at St. Mary's, St. John Bosco and St. Edward's**

At St. Mary's and St. John Bosco we are short of Last Year's Expenditure by £2390.92. This is £1330.66 closer than last week and that is with paying £950 for part of the decorating at St. John Bosco and with not having the £305 which was stolen. With your help we are so much closer to financial security. St. Edward's finances are healthy.

## **Donations via Bank Transfer**

Acc. Name: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP  
Sort Code: 30-15-97, Account Number: 00346385

Acc. Name: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP  
Sort Code: 30-15-97, Account Number: 00554352

With blessings as we pray, fast and give alms during the Holy season of Lent, Fr. John

Priest: Fr. John Owens [john.owens@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:john.owens@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

Parish Admin: Genny Hickey: 07354 832195

Catechesis and Safeguarding: Hilari Chetwood: 07734 690611

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Facebook: [facebook.com/SMandSJB](https://facebook.com/SMandSJB)

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