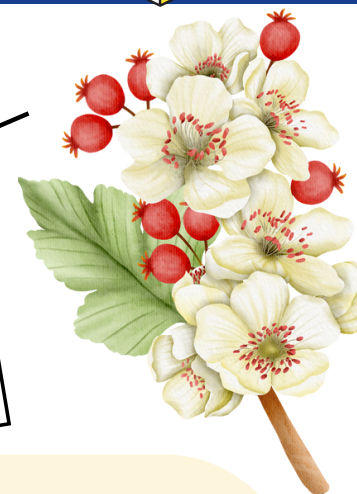
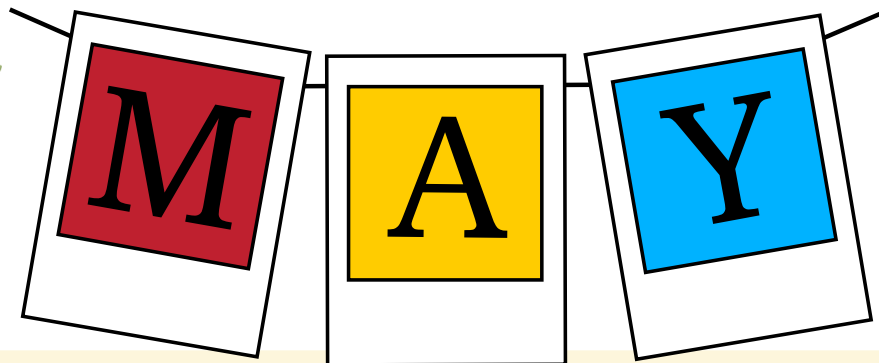


23rd May 2025

Newsletter



Dear parents & carers,

I would like to send a congratulatory message to all of our Year 6 children who have taken their SATs, (Standard Assessment Tests), last week alongside all other Year 6 pupils in the country. Their attitude and application were exemplary. They demonstrated resilience and confidence. Thank you to the Year 6 team [Mrs Barrow, Mrs Jones and Mrs Astill] for their guidance, encouragement and care of the class, Mrs Marlow and Mrs Kaur for catering for extra year 6s in breakfast club, the parents for helping and supporting their children, most of all, to the children for their hard work and dedication.

What's Next for the Rest of the School?

Soon, the other children in school will also be showing us how much they've learned! This helps us see how well everyone is doing as they get ready to move into their new classes next year. Children in Years 1 to 5 will have some friendly tests in Maths and English, just like Year 6. This is a chance for them to show off their skills by themselves. Don't worry, if any children need a little extra help, they will get it!

Also, after half term, our Year 1 children will have a Phonics Check to show how well they can read sounds, and our Year 4 children will have a Times Tables Check to show how well they know their multiplication facts.

But before all that, we have a lovely bank holiday weekend and half term break coming up! We hope everyone has a wonderful time.

God bless,
Mr Gallagher



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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MAY

26th to 1st June - HALF TERM

JUNE

- **2nd** - Year 4 Trip to King Richard III
- Year 5 Trip to Outdoor Pursuit Centre
- **3rd** - Sportshall Athletics - Finals
- **6th** - Football Gala at St John Fisher vs St Thomas Moore
- **10th** - Year 3 Bosworth Battlefield
Year 5 - St Paul's Sports Festival
- **12th** - Year 1 & 2 Trip - Beaumanor Hall - Nature Reserve
- **17th** - Year 6 St Paul's Festival
- **18th - 20th** - Year 6 CRICH
- **24th** - Holy Communion Celebration Mass - 9a.m. All welcome.
Nativity of St John The Baptist
- **27th** - Summer Fayre- 3p.m to 5p.m.

JULY

- **4th** - Sports Day (All children) KS1 - A.M. & KS2 - P.M.
- **9th** - Year 6 Leavers Party - 6p.m.
- **11th** - Last Day of Term - 2p.m Finish. After school club finishes at 4.15p.m. Seaside Special Menu.

CATHOLIC LIFE

As the special time of First Holy Communion approaches for many of our pupils in Year 4, let us keep them close in our prayers.

We think of Clara, Florence, Franky, Martha, Caris, Ayomi, Erin, Matilda Abigail, Evelyn, Niamh, Emilio, Aisling, and Annie as they prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament.

May God's grace and love fill their hearts on this joyous occasion.

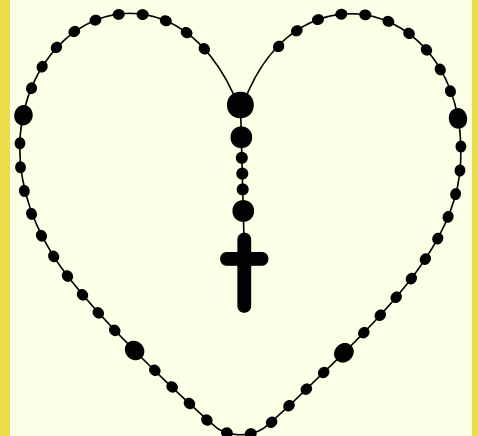
Year 1 Led Liturgy

Year 1 class lead our annual May assembly as we honour Mary, our Blessed Mother.



May

May is the Month of the Holy Rosary. At school, we will have rosary sessions throughout the month of May.





UNIFORM

We have had some very positive feedback from parents about our logo uniform which is supplied by Earth Uniform. If you would like to plan ahead and start ordering for the next academic year, please use the following link: <https://www.earthuniform.com/collections/st-john-fisher-catholic-voluntary-academy>



St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy
- Knitted Jumper



St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy
- Knitted Cardigan

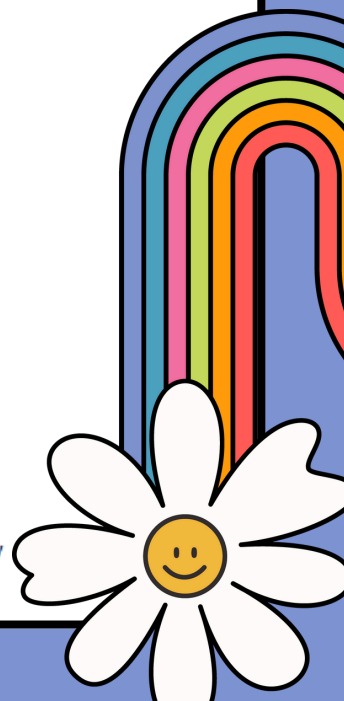
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St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy
- Crew Neck Sweatshirt



John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy
Polo Shirt



SPORTS NEWS

Paralell Sports Games

Knighton Tennis Competition



On 21st May, two children from Year 6 and two children from Year 5 represented St. John Fisher in a tennis competition at Knighton Tennis Centre. In the morning session, all of the 15 teams present played mini red tennis. We played three matches, two of which we won. This was a very positive start, and helped to settle some nerves. In the afternoon, the top five schools then played orange ball tennis on a bigger court, with the remaining ten teams continuing to improve their skills on the mini red tennis courts. Our two wins in the morning were good enough for us to play the orange ball tennis. In our first three matches we drew, with only a count back on individual points won, separating us. We won our last match convincingly. At the end of the day, the children were all square with St. Thomas More, and a count back of points between them was needed to determine the winner. In the end, St. Thomas More came first and St. John Fisher came second. This was a fantastic result. Well Done to our team of Jack, Orla, Sithara, and William.

A Fantastic Day at Saffron Lane Parallel Games!

Our students had an absolutely brilliant time at the Saffron Lane Parallel Games! They enthusiastically participated in a range of events, including running, long jump, and howler throwing. The team spirit was incredible, and the atmosphere was truly lovely to be a part of.

Everyone had a fantastic day and proudly took home a well-deserved certificate!

Thank you to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Sneath for managing the team.

Team: Layla, Riley, Kade, Phoebe, Tionge



Sports News continued...

Interhouse Sports Day



OTHER TOPICS



Staffing

At the end of this academic year, we will be bidding a fond farewell to Mr. McVea.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. McVea for his dedication, hard work, and the wonderful care he has shown our children over the past two years. He has been a valued member of our team, and we will miss him greatly. Mr. McVea is embarking on an exciting new adventure as he moves to Dubai. We wish him all the very best in his new endeavours and future!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Beaumont has officially joined our teaching team permanently. Many of you will already know Mrs. Beaumont as she has been teaching our wonderful Year 3 children since January. She has been a truly fantastic addition to our staff, and we are so pleased she will be staying with us.

Florence - Charity hero!

My Story

I choose to do the muddy run because I want to help others.



A huge congratulations to Florence for her incredible participation in the recent Cancer Research UK Race for Life! Florence did an absolutely smashing job in the race and her fundraising efforts have been truly outstanding.

We're thrilled to announce that donations currently total an amazing £1300! What an incredible achievement!

Everyone here at SJF is incredibly proud of you, Florence! If you'd like to support Florence's fundraising, you can still

donate at

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/florences-race-for-life-29171>.

Parish Newsletter

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

Sixth Week of Eastertide Year C

Website: cathparishmje.co.uk Phone: 07354 832195

Email: cathparishmje@dioceseofnottingham.uk

THURSDAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday 24th May – Anticipation of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

1pm St. Mary's Baptism Enola Whayman

6pm St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Margaret Una Botten RIP

Sunday 25th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** Jozefa Ples RIP (10th Ann)

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Joan Curtis RIP

6pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** (No Incense) All Parishioners

Tuesday 27th May – St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (Feast)

10am St. John Bosco, **Holy Mass** Martin Silk RIP

7:10pm St. Mary's, **Eucharistic Adoration**

7:45pm – 8:30pm St Mary's Hall, **Church Teaching** All welcome

Wednesday 28th May – Easter Feria

10am St. Edward's, **Holy Mass** Edward Hope RIP

10am St. John Bosco, **Funeral Service** Lauren Callaghan RIP

Holy Day Vigil of The Ascension of our Lord

7pm St. Edward's, **Obligation Mass** Personal Intention

Thursday 29th May – The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day

10am St. John Bosco, **Obligation Mass**, Tom & Josie Silk, and Martin RIP

7pm St. Mary's, **Obligation Mass** Laurence Toner RIP

Friday 30th May – Easter Feria

1pm-4pm St. Edward's Hall, Chat, Craft, Games & Gardening Club

Saturday 31st May – Anticipation of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30am HMP Fosse Way, **Holy Mass** Prisoners' Intention

12pm St. Mary's Baptism Erica Jolly

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

Sunday 1st June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am St. Edwards, **Holy Mass** with Baptism of Chidubem Kenechukwu

11am St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** Peter Taylor RIP

6pm St. Mary's, **Holy Mass** (No Incense) Simon Diaz RIP

Enabling Mission Campaign

Fr. John is meeting this week with the fundraising team employed by the Diocese to discuss our contribution to the diocesan wide Enabling our Mission campaign.

Flower Bouquets: Anyone is welcome to donate a bouquet of flowers for Our Lady Chapel or to beautify the church at St. Edwards. There are plenty of vases in the Flower Room. See Julie for further information.

Table Top Sale: This raised a total of £1,202.45. Grateful thanks to everyone who donated or helped in any way.

St. Mary's Camping Club will hold its next rally over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend 23 - 26 May. Our venue will be: Poachers Patch Campsite, Long Meadow, High Street, Brant Broughton, LN5 0SL. www.poacherspatch.com New members are always welcome. Please contact Paul Turner 07759 902 214 for more details.

This weekend contains Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. This year's focus is on the theme of "The Empty Chair". Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our churches. This is happening for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are on those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here. They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by "The Empty Chair".

What is Safeguarding? Safeguarding is about protecting ourselves and others from harm. We all get things wrong, and sometimes the things we do and say can hurt others, or we can get hurt by them. This can happen anywhere - at church, school, home, or with friends - and makes us feel sad, worried, or confused. Just like an umbrella that keeps us safe from the rain, safeguarding protects us from being hurt by others. It's important because each of us is special to God and deserves to feel, and be, safe. In our country we have rules and laws to help keep people safe. Just like a lollipop person helps us cross the road safely, we have people in our church who make sure we follow these rules to make it a safe place. Everyone has a job to do.

Confessions available after all Masses and by request

The Rosary will be said before each morning Mass during May at both St. Mary's and St Edward's

Retiring Collection at all weekend Masses for National Catholic Communications

Questions 184 -187 of the Penny Catechism

184. Is it forbidden to give divine honour or worship to the Angels and Saints?

It is forbidden to give divine honour or worship to the Angels and Saints, for this belongs to God alone.

185. What kind of honour or worship should we pay to the Angels and Saints? We should pay to the Angels and Saints an inferior honour or worship, for this is due to them as the servants and special friends of God.

186. What honour should we give to relics, crucifixes, and holy pictures?

We should give relics, crucifixes, and holy pictures a relative honour, as they relate to Christ and his Saints, and are memorials of them.

187. Do we pray to relics or images?

We do not pray to relics or images, for they can neither see, nor hear, nor help us.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: Claudette Turner RIP and Veronica Hopewell RIP, **Funeral Service** at Countesthorpe 10am, 10th June.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: If you know of any sick or housebound parishioners or of their carers who would desire a visit from the Church, please inform Fr. John.

Mass Intentions: Do offer Masses for your loved ones. Dated intentions are offered as near to the requested date as possible.

First Holy Communion: Over the weekend of 7th/8th June, 25 children will receive our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. We welcome them all as they share the Body of Christ with us for the first time. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Fr. John is meeting with a diocesan representative on Thursday to see if we can begin SVP work again in the parish. Please volunteer for this noble and necessary work.

If you ever feel worried, upset, or unsure about something that happened to you or someone else, tell someone you trust. By speaking up, we can help keep everyone safe. Remember, safeguarding is all about protecting ourselves and others from harm.

Calling Foundation Governors: A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on **Wednesday 18th June from 7pm – 8pm.** Contact Gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk to register or See poster for further information.

The Diocesan Archives service is looking to acquire any old books, letters, photographs, etc pertaining to Catholic life in the diocese, that parishes or individuals are preparing to get rid of. Please note that anything we cannot ourselves use will be disposed of appropriately. Please contact us at archives@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Finances

St. Mary's and St. John Bosco made a loss of around £13,000 for tax year 24-25. This was to be expected due to the work done in that year and the wonderful news is that even though we made a loss the income was over £97,000 which is the largest income at these two parishes for many a year. If we got near that this year we should be moving towards full financial health. St. Edward's made a wonderful surplus of nearly £6,000. May God bless you all in your giving and for your generosity.

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 continued Eastertide prayers for you all, Fr. John

Priest: Fr. John Owens john.owens@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Safeguarding Representative: Hilari Chetwood: 07734 690611

Newsletter: newslettermje@gmail.com

Facebook: facebook.com/SMandSJB

Easy Fundraising: Shop online as normal but with a donation coming to the parish at no cost to you. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-and-st-john-bosco-rccp/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-nl

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Mini Professors

Bank holiday Special for children 2-8yrs

Venue - Botanic Gardens Oadby

Date 26/5/2025

Theme - "Bubbleology"

cost £15 per child accompanied grownups can
come for free

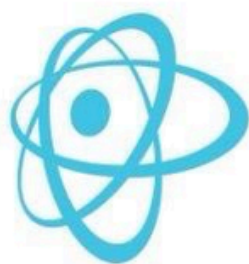
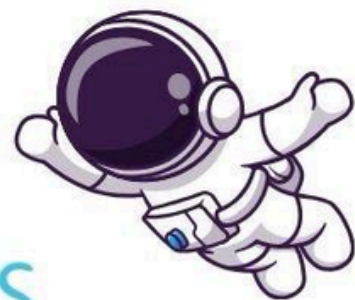
9.30- 11am or 11.30-1pm.

Come and explore the science
behind the bubble !

bubble foam
bubble sculptures
bouncing bubbles
square bubbles
giant bubbles .



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Mini Professors

May half term camps

Tuesday 27th May “ Our Solar System “

We will be exploring the planets in our solar system, checking out our favourite dwarf planets and making our own solar system models .

Wednesday 28th May “ flight and forces”

We will be checking out the effects of gravity and micro gravity and making and launching our own rockets. Also having a look at a day in the life of an astronaut

Thursday 29th May “ Magical moons “

What is a moon? Do all planets have them ? What does our moon look like? Come and help us discover all this and more, we will make giant craters and check out the phases of our moon.



Friday 30th May “ Bubbleology “

Today's camp has a slightly different theme but who doesn't want to learn how to become a bubbleologist!

We will be making foam, creating bubble sculptures, exploring bouncy bubbles and getting out into the gardens to create as many giant bubbles as possible

A fun packed week of spring science based activities for children aged 4-11yrs

contact Tracey for more details

07736149298 / leicestersouth@miniprofessors.co.uk



MAY HALF TERM 2025

As May half term approaches we wanted to send our usual information sheet out to you with some ideas to keep costs down

Discounted meals

There are lots of places offering free or very discounted meals for children. At Pizza Express one child can eat free with the purchase of an adult main meal.

See more restaurants, cafes and pub offers by clicking on the pizza!



Things to do

Click below to see low cost family friendly activities around Leicester and Leicestershire. Events include Archeological Finds Day, Crafts at the Cathedral, Dinosaur MAYhem and Dragonfly Safari.



More things to do

Rutland may be small but there are a host of activities on offer across the county. Click below to see a range of things to do this half term!



Trip to London?

As well as great deals on children eating free at a variety of hotel chains and U11s travelling for free on tubes, buses and some national rail services, there is a great guide here of all the free things you can see across the city! Click on London to see the guide and the Underground for details of travel.



Half term nature photo competition!

In celebration of the numerous forest schools we have across our Trust we would love to see our pupils get outside into nature this half term. Have a parent, carer or friend take a photo of you in your favourite place in nature. A forest, a meadow, by the sea, the choice is yours!

There is a prize for the winning primary pupil and one for secondary! Photos of the pupil should be sent via email to: kstuart-jones@aquinas-cmat.org and should state the pupil name and school name. Pupil photos should be emailed in by parent/carers and by entering you consent for your child to be featured on our social media pages. **Closing date is Monday 2nd June 2025 at 9am.**

Picnic in the Park

An Inclusive Celebration Event

▶ Tuesday 24th June 2025
4.30-6pm

Click
here to
book
tickets

The Pavilion, Leicestershire County Council,
Leicester Road, Glenfield LE3 8RA

Come and join us to celebrate the Children
and Young People of Leicestershire

This is a free event with a range of activities
provided, but please feel free to bring a picnic
for you and your family.

This event requires adult supervision at all
times.

*To celebrate achievements, it would be lovely if you
could send in a photo of your child or young person
and/or something that they are proud of (photos, words
or representations). Please can you send these to
caroline.davis@leics.gov.uk by **19th June**.*

These will be displayed at the event.

FUEL YOUR... LITTLE HEROES!



Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

☐ : 0800 321 3248

☐ : www.coolmilk.com



SCAN TO REGISTER

*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.