

17th April 2026

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome Back

I hope you and your families had a blessed and restful Easter break. It is a joy to welcome our pupils back to school for what promises to be a vibrant and busy summer term!

Looking Ahead

The term ahead is filled with a plethora of activities for our children and families. We are currently busy preparing to welcome our new intake of little ones, while also ensuring our fantastic Year 6 pupils enjoy a memorable and rewarding final term with us as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.

Communication & Consent

With so much happening, please do keep a close eye on the school calendar, check your emails, and monitor ClassDojo regularly for updates. For our various trips and sporting events, providing consent as early as possible is vital to ensure these opportunities can go ahead smoothly. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

We are also very grateful to our outstanding staff, whose generosity of time has allowed us to offer such a wide range of extracurricular clubs this term.

The Lessons of Sport

As many of you know, I have a great passion for sport, and this term offers many opportunities for our children to represent the school in athletics, football, and netball.

As you will read below, there was a touch of heartache for our football teams on Monday and Tuesday. While we felt the agony and ecstasy of competition, these moments provide invaluable life lessons. They teach our children about resilience, the importance of winning and losing with grace, and the value of offering one's best efforts—talents we are called to use to the full. I am incredibly proud of how our players and our families conducted themselves.

Thank you for your steadfast support of our St John Fisher school community.

God bless
Mr Gallagher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

April

- 15th Year 1 & 2 Lunch Time Football/Sports Club - 6 weeks
17th Netball Competition - Selected Year 5 & 6
Year 4 & 5 Swimming Starts
Tennis Club Starts - see Dojo message
21st Parallel Athletics - Selected Year 3 & 4
24th Sports Enrichment Day - all Year Groups - see message below
29th Year 3 & 4 - Tennis Development Event - Selected children

May

- 4th Bank Holiday - School Closed**
7th Year 3 Sports Festival at St Pauls
11th to 14th - Year 6 SAT's - Free Breakfast Club available to all Year 6 students during SAT's
12th Reception Class Trip - Twycross Zoo - more information to follow
15th Non-school uniform organised by the PTFA - more information to follow
16th PTFA Spring Fayre - all Welcome!
18th Walk to School Week - more information to follow.
19th May Assembly - 9a.m - Led by Year 1- All Welcome
Year 4 Sports Festival at St Pauls
20th Lesson 10 of Branch 5 - 9a.m. - Led by Year 3 - Parents Welcome
23rd to 31st - Half Term

June

- 1st Back to School
3rd Lesson 10 of Branch 5 -9a.m - Led by Year 5
Year 1 & 2 Lunch Time Football/Sports Club start - 6 sessions
4th Lesson 10 of Branch 5 - 9a.m - Led by Year 2
5th Year 3 Swimming Starts
9th Year 5 Sports Festival at St Pauls
Year 1 Trip - Beaumanor Hall
15th Year 6 CRICH Trip - 15th to 17th
16th Armadramarama Club Performance
22nd Year 5 Bikeability Starts
23rd Year 6 Sports Festival at St Pauls

July

- 3rd Sports Day - KS1 - a.m & KS2 - p.m. Specific times to follow.
10th End of Academic Year - School finishes at 2p.m. After school club is available until 4.15p.m

Sports News

Boys Division 1 Playoffs (Monday)

On Monday our boys' team competed in the Division 1 playoffs, a fantastic opportunity to test their skills against teams from across the region. We started strong with a 3-1 victory over a spirited St. Patrick's side, thanks to goals from Daniel and Huey (2) and a rock-solid defensive performance from Eoin and Charlie.

Our next match against Dovelands was a tense, scoreless draw. Despite dominating possession and creating numerous opportunities, we were held back by some exceptional goalkeeping from the opposition. In our final group match against Glebelands, Zayne opened the scoring with a lightning-fast goal. Although we briefly conceded, Huey and Theo both found the back of the net to secure another impressive win.



These results saw us draw Overdale in the semi-finals. Theo gave us an early lead from the penalty spot, and we held that advantage for the majority of the game. Unfortunately, a late equaliser sent the match to a penalty shootout. Despite a valiant effort from Eoin in goal and wonderful team spirit throughout, we narrowly lost 4-3 on penalties. Overdale and Dovelands ultimately progressed to the finals, but our boys should feel immensely proud of their performance and sportsmanship.

Team: Ethan, Harith, William, Eoin, Charlie, Huey, Theo, Zayne, Daniel

Girls Division 1 Playoffs (Tuesday)

On Tuesday, it was the girls' turn to take to the pitch for their Division 1 playoffs. Their opening match against Dovelands was a masterclass in resilience; despite facing a flurry of attacks, a "never-say-die" defensive display from Nimi, Tiwi, and Phoebe — coupled with outstanding goalkeeping from Ayomi — earned us a 0-0 draw. This was followed by another hard-fought 0-0 draw against Stokes Wood.

The girls then played a friendly against St. Patrick's, which they won 2-0, providing a great confidence boost heading into the semi-final against Christ the King. It was a nervous, end-to-end encounter, but with neither side able to break the deadlock, the game ended 0-0.

For the second night in a row, our fate was decided by a penalty shootout. In spite of more heroics from Ayomi in goal, the girls narrowly missed out on a spot in the final. However, with so many Year 5s in the squad, this experience will undoubtedly make them even stronger for next season.

Team: Ayomi, Tiwi, Nimi, Phoebe, Niamh, Annie, Aisling, Clara, Monri

A Proud Season For SJF

Boys & Girls Football

As a small school, seeing both our boys' and girls' teams compete so fiercely at this level is a testament to their hard work. Both teams have had a fantastic season and should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

Special Thank you

I would like to extend a special and heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Astill.

Rain, hail, or shine, she has been a constant presence on the sidelines, attending every single match to cheer on both the boys and the girls. Her dedication goes far beyond just being there; her willingness to go the extra mile has made the complex task of organising these fixtures, selecting teams, getting kit ready and supporting the players' performances so much easier.

We are incredibly grateful for your commitment and hard work — thank you so much, Mrs. Astill!

That concludes our football reports for the season — thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends for your continued superb support!



Staffing.

We welcome onto the staff team : Eamonn Broderick, our new premises officer. God's blessings in his new and important role.



Get Ready for Lasertag & Zorbing!

We are excited to announce that this Friday 24th April, we will be hosting a special sports event run by SH Sports! It's going to be a high-energy day of Lasertag and Zorbing for all year groups.

To ensure everyone is ready for the action, please note the following details:

Dress Code

All children must come to school in their PE kits this Friday. As this event counts as one of their two weekly PE lessons, please check with your class teacher regarding any other changes to the usual PE schedule for this week.

Sports Fun Timetable

A.M. Year Reception to Year 3 Laser Tag

P.M. Year 4 to Year 6 Zorbing

We are looking forward to a fantastic day of team-building and fun!

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john.owens@dioceseofnottingham.uk*Christ is risen, and in Him all things are made new***Saturday 18th April**5.30pm: Confession - **St. John Bosco's**
6pm: Holy Mass - **St. John Bosco's**, Belinda**Sunday 19th April - Third Sunday of Easter**9am: Holy Mass - **St. Edward's**, Caelum
11am: Holy Mass - **St. Mary's**, John Ryan RIP
5.30pm: Confession - **St. Mary's**
6pm: Holy Mass - **St. Mary's**, All Parishioners**Monday 20th April**7pm: Pause and Reflect - **St. Edward's**, All Welcome**Wednesday 22nd April**10am: Holy Mass - **St. Edward's**, Claude & Maria Mesias RIP**Thursday 23rd April - St. George, Martyr, Patron of England**10am: Holy Mass - **St. Mary's**, Molly Bailey RIP
6pm: Confession - **St. Mary's**
6.30pm: Exploring Faith - **St. Mary's**, For those exploring the Catholic faith, those considering reception into full communion, and Catholics who would like a deeper grounding in the faith.**Friday 24th April (No Meat Today)**10am: Holy Mass - **St. John Bosco's**, Shanu Shaji (Thanks.)
1-3pm: Chat and Craft Group - **St. Edward's****Saturday 25th April**5.30pm: Confession - **St. John Bosco's**
6pm: Holy Mass - **St. John Bosco's** Harold & Gerardo Mesias

The risen Lord is not honoured only by our words, but by a life that shows signs of conversion. That may mean greater patience at home, more charity in speech, more seriousness about Sunday Mass, more attention in prayer, or a more generous care for those around us. The grace of Easter is not meant to remain in church alone; it is meant to reshape the way we live each day.

So during this week, choose one thing and do it well. Pray with more attention. Come to Mass with greater recollection. Make a better confession. Put aside some time for silence. Read the Scriptures. Make an act of charity that costs you something. If we are faithful in such ordinary things, then the joy of Easter will not fade, but will take deeper root in our souls. Let us ask the risen Lord for the grace not only to celebrate His Resurrection, but to live as those who truly believe that He is alive.

Notices

Daily Homilies/Sermons are to be found at <https://cathparishmje.co.uk/homilies/>

Bible Studies on a growing list of the books of the Bible are to be found at <https://cathparishmje.co.uk/bible-studies/>

RCIA Resources are on our website to help those who want to study the Catholic Faith but who maybe are not ready to join with us yet. They can be found at <https://cathparishmje.co.uk/an-introduction-to-the-catholic-faith-rcia-resources/>. Scroll down the page to access the topics.

Exploring Faith - Every Thursday 6:30pm at St. Mary's

Exploring Faith is for those who are curious about the Catholic faith, those considering becoming Catholic or being received into full communion with the Church, and also for Catholics who would like a deeper grounding in what the Church teaches. It offers a space in which to ask questions, learn more about prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, and the Christian life, and to reflect seriously on the truth and beauty of the faith. There is no pressure that anyone must take a further step; it is simply an invitation to come, listen, ask, and explore.

Sunday 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter9am: Holy Mass - **St. Edward's**, James & Kathleen McCay
11am: Holy Mass - **St. Mary's**, Hugh Tuckerman RIP
5.30pm: Confession - **St. Mary's**
6pm: Holy Mass - **St. Mary's**, All Parishioners**Parish Prayer Booklet**

I have prepared a Parish Prayer Booklet for our group of parishes, with a simple cycle of morning and evening prayer for each day of the week. Rooted in the life of St Mary's, St John Bosco's, and St Edward's, it is intended to help us grow in regular prayer at home and to deepen the spiritual life of our parish families. Please pick one up from Church or see it on our website at: <https://cathparishmje.co.uk/parish-prayer-book/>

For Your Prayers

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for those recently deceased. Please pray for those preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or reception into the Church. Please pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

From the Parish Priest:

As we continue through the Third Week of Eastertide, it is good to remember that Easter is not only a feast to be celebrated, but a life to be lived. The joy of the Resurrection must gradually pass into our ordinary habits, our prayer, our speech, our homes, and our daily decisions. It is easy to keep Easter well when the church is full, the ceremonies are solemn, and the great feast is fresh in our minds. It is harder, and often more fruitful, to keep Easter well in the quieter weeks that follow, when Christian life returns to its ordinary rhythm.

For that reason, I encourage you this week to do some simple and definite things. Be faithful to your morning and evening prayers, even if only for a few minutes. Read one of the Resurrection Gospel passages at home and sit with it quietly. Make a real thanksgiving after Mass instead of rushing away the moment Mass ends. If you need to go to confession, do not keep putting it off. If you have fallen out of good habits, Eastertide is a very good time to begin again.

Parish Social

Saturday 2nd May 7.15pm - St. John Bosco's Hall - Curry, DJ, Bingo Night hosted by members of the Goan community.

Day out to Crich Tramway Museum

Saturday 23rd May leaving St Edwards at 8am. If there are 10 or more people for the trip the Crich Tramway Museum will be giving us a discount instead of £25.00 it is the price of £18.00 adults/seniors and children £13.00. If you wish to visit please see Marysia at St. Edwards Church with your payment. It is always a lovely day out, so it would be good to see people from St. Edward's, St. Mary's and St. John Bosco's, as we sure know how to have a good time together. Mass at the Briars Catholic Youth Centre will be on the programme.

Safeguarding Rep. and Rotas: Hilari Chetwood: 07734 690611

Appeal for Essential Building Works at St. Mary's and St. John Bosco

We are currently facing £14,876.20 of necessary building costs for two gates and two rooftops, and we are still £5000 short of the amount needed to cover the fire door at St. John Bosco's. Without further support, these expenses would leave the parish around £30,000 below the level needed to keep one year's running costs in reserve. Any help, large or small, would be greatly appreciated so that we can keep all our buildings open and fit for purpose.

Easy Fundraising

Shop [online](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-and-st-john-bosco-rep/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-nl) and help the parish, with no cost to you. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-and-st-john-bosco-rep/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-nl

Donations to your Parish via Bank Transfer

Acc: St Mary and St J B S Wigston RCP, SC: 30-15-97, AN: 00346385
Acc: St Edward Conf Leicester RCP, SC: 30-15-97, AN: 00554352

Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the life and mission of the parishes.