

12th June 2026

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, thank you. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive, engaged community. The vast majority of our interactions with you are filled with respect and kindness. As parents and carers, we all share the exact same goal: we want the absolute best for our children.

To ensure our team can continue to deliver the highest quality of education, I need to share an important reminder regarding communication with school staff.

Recently, we have experienced a significant increase in the volume and frequency of messages received, including a rise in evening and weekend communication, and demands that place unreasonable pressure on our staff.

That is not to say we aren't learning and reflecting as a school, too. We know communication works both ways, and we are actively working on improving our own—for example, by committing to giving you earlier updates about upcoming trips and school or class events.

Our school operates on a proud open-door policy. In addition to having a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) on the school gate most mornings for a quick catch-up, we genuinely welcome pre-booked appointments to discuss any concerns in more detail. We also work hard to keep you informed through Arbor, Class Dojo, and this fortnightly newsletter, while our teachers are currently dedicating immense time to writing in-depth, end-of-year reports for every child.

To support our staff's wellbeing, I kindly ask everyone to remain mindful and respectful in their communications:

Timing: Please do not expect replies to messages sent during evenings or weekends.

Tone: Healthy partnerships are built on mutual respect. Please ensure all communication remains polite, collaborative, and constructive.

School Policies: Before reaching out with queries, please check the school policies available on our website (such as attendance, uniform, or behavior), as the answers to many routine questions can be found there.

Class WhatsApp Groups: While these parent-run groups are fantastic for community building, please remain mindful of their tone, ensuring they remain positive spaces that respect the privacy and reputation of our staff.

Our staff give so much to our pupils every day, and they need time to switch off and rest. Thank you for your ongoing partnership, understanding, and support in keeping our school community a positive environment for everyone.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June

- 12th QuadKids Athletics
Mass at Immaculate Conception - Year 4,5 & 6
- 15th Year 6 CRICH Trip - 15th to 17th
- 22nd Year 5 Bikeability Starts
- 23rd Year 6 Sports Festival at St Pauls
Year 2- The Conkers Trip
Year 1 Football - Boys & Girls (10) at Goals
- 25th Year 4- Holy Communion Mass - 9 a.m. - All welcome.
- 30th Year 6 Leavers Play - 6 p.m.

July

- 2nd Year 5 Trip - Space Centre
- 3rd Sports Day - Reception & KS1 - 9.30 a.m - 11.30 a.m.
KS2 - 1 p.m - 3p.m.
- 7th Summer Concert - 9 a.m.
- 8th Year 6 Leavers Mass - 6 p.m.
- 10th End of Academic Year - School finishes at 2p.m. After school club is available until 4.15p.m**

CATHOLIC LIFE

Parish Links:

Our school serves: St Mary's and St John Bosco parish. Please see the website below for more information.

<https://cathparishmje.co.uk/>

June

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The children will pray a Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every Friday during the month of June as a reminder of how His endless love for us.

Let us share his message of love and hope within our families and communities.

Heart of Jesus, burning with love for me,
inflame my heart with burning love for thee.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make my heart like your heart.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Class Celebration of the Word

Year 5 and 2 led beautiful Celebrations of the Word to parents last week. These were a wonderful and prayerful celebration of all of their learning in their last RE topics. Thank you Year 2 and 5.

CATHOLIC LIFE

First Holy Communion

As the special time of First Holy Communion approaches for many of our pupils, let us keep them in our prayers. We think of Elodie, Melissa, Ava, Sofia, Tatiyana, Molly, Michael, Vanessa, Riley, Megan, Quinn, Ronnie, Anita, William, Jensen, Daisy, Arlo and Erica as they prepare to receive this special sacrament. We pray that these children grow closer to Jesus each day, are filled with peace, love, and happiness as they receive Him in the Eucharist for the first time. Year 4 will be leading a special mass in school on 25th June at 9am. Everybody is very welcome.

Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Oadby

Years 4, 5 and 6 were delighted to lead the weekday mass at Immaculate Conception this morning to celebrate the Feast of Sacred Heart. The children lead the readings and sang beautifully. We thank Father Philip for welcoming us to lead the mass.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

What We Believe:

The sacraments:

- Presuppose faith
- Deepen and strengthen faith
- Bear fruit when received with readiness
- Are sacred encounters with Christ

Preparation will now be personal and individual.

Starting the journey:

- Baptism – As soon as possible
- First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion – age 7+
 - Confirmation – age 11+

Preparation can begin at any time during the year.

Please speak to the Parish Priest.

Preparation for any of the sacraments can start at any time.

We will work with you individually, and proceed at the pace you are comfortable with.



Contact for Fr John:

or speak to him before or after Mass

john.owens@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The sacraments are gifts of God's grace.

Every encounter with Christ deserves to be real.

For more information on the new programmes please pick up a leaflet from any of the church porches, or from the Catholic school offices.

SPORT NEWS

YEAR 4 & 5 SPORTS FESTIVAL



Our Year 4 & 5 children have thoroughly enjoyed their Sports Festival at St Pauls.

The children took part in various sports activities such as rounders, football, netball and obstacle courses.



SPORT NEWS

EAST LEICESTER ATHLETICS - SAFFRON LANE

A team of 34 athletes from Years 4,5 & 6 attended the East Leicester Athletics Competition at Saffron Lane where they competed in year groups. The children showed great enthusiasm and spirit resulting in some amazing individual and team results. This meant we came back with a fantastic number of medals from long distance, sprints and standing long jump.

Our thanks go to all the staff and volunteers (Mrs Astill, Mrs Jones, Mrs Akoto & Mr Broderick) who helped prepare and accompany the team – their dedication is much appreciated!





Year 1 hugely enjoyed their Victorian Day at Beaumanor Hall.

We spent the day as servants in the cellars, ironing and washing clothes. We also endured an afternoon in the Victorian classroom.



YEAR 3 TRIP

The Jewry Wall Museum



Year 3 had an amazing trip to the Jewry Wall Museum on Monday, showing off their knowledge of Ancient Rome, asking brilliant questions and being inquisitive historians!



Staffing

Reception: Mrs Fletcher

Year 1: Mr Hill

Year 2: Mr Smith

Year 3: Mrs Durning / Mrs Hunt

Year 4: Mrs Beaumont

Year 5: Miss Church till Dec 4th; Mrs Barrow
from Dec 7th

Year 6: Mrs Chevin/Mrs Jones





NEW PLAYER WEEK 2026

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U6 (Yr 1*) Boys	Saturday 15th August	9-10am
U7 (Yr 2*) Boys	Saturday 15th August	10:15-11:15am
U8 (Yr 3*) Boys	Monday 17th August	5:30-6:30pm
U9 (Yr 4*) Boys	Tuesday 18th August	5:30-6:30pm
U10 (Yr 5*) Boys	Wednesday 19th August	5:30-6:30pm
U11 (Yr 6*) Boys	Thursday 20th August	5:30-6:30pm
U8-U12 (Yr 2-6*) Girls	Friday 21st August	5-6pm

*All age groups based on 2026-27 age
For other age groups just contact the club to find a suitable group

Let's Keep Our School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Safe and Smooth!

Thank you to all the families who already show great care when driving and parking around school. Your efforts make a real difference to everyone's safety.

To help keep things running safely and smoothly, please remember:

- Plan ahead: Give yourself a little extra time.
- Park responsibly: Avoid corners, driveways, and anything that blocks visibility.
- Drive safely: Please avoid U-turns near school and try not to reverse onto main roads.

Your support helps create a safe, welcoming environment for all our children. Thank you for your cooperation!

