

26th June 2026

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the high temperatures and the various updates we have sent out this week, I want to keep this opening statement brief. However, I must begin by saying a huge thank you to our entire school community—parents, carers, staff, and children. Your incredible support, flexibility, and understanding during this heatwave have been deeply appreciated.

Despite the weather, it has been another week full of wonderful achievements across the school. On Wednesday, I was lucky enough to accompany our tag rugby team to their tournament. They were absolutely fantastic and proved themselves to be great ambassadors for our school, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

We also have some outstanding academic achievements to celebrate. A huge well done to Year 1 for their brilliant phonics screening scores, and to Year 4 for their excellent results in the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). These foundational skills in reading and maths are so important in helping children succeed throughout their school journey, and the hard work of both the children and staff has truly paid off.

On a final, very special note, I would particularly like to acknowledge Zayleigh in Year 2, who retook and passed her phonics check this year. Your determination and hard work have been wonderful to see, Zayleigh—we are all incredibly proud of you!

Thank you all again for a wonderful, supportive week. Please stay safe and cool.

Kind regards and God bless,
Mr Gallagher

A large, vibrant orange daisy flower is the central focus of the left side of the page. It has many bright orange petals radiating from a yellow center. The flower is set against a solid yellow background. In the bottom left corner, a white, torn-edge paper tag is visible, with the word 'June' written on it in a black, serif font. The tag is partially overlapping the flower's stem.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

June

- 29th Bikeability resumes for Year 5
30th Year 6 Leavers Play - 6 p.m.

July

- 1st Year 2 parents' meeting for Year 3 at 2.30p.m.
2ⁿ 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

First Holy Communion Mass

It was wonderful to celebrate a special Mass led by Father John for the children who have recently received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate this important milestone in the children's faith journey.

Congratulations to Elodie, Melissa, Ava, Sofia, Tatiyana, Molly, Michael, Vanessa, Riley, Megan, Quinn, Ronnie, Anita, William, Jensen, Daisy, Arlo and Erica.

In the afternoon, we enjoyed a small celebratory party and we were delighted that family members were able to join us for this special occasion.



SPORT NEWS

LEICESTER TIGERS RUGBY - YEAR 6

On Tuesday, our Year 6 tag rugby team had the incredible opportunity to play at the wonderful Mattioli Woods Welford Road Stadium, home of the Leicester Tigers. The Tigers community team were exceptionally welcoming, and it was a real privilege for our pupils to use their world-class facilities and play on the historic main pitch during this primary school festival. Big thank you to Mr Underwood who volunteered with us the whole day giving the team great coaching and advice.

The focus of the day was firmly on participation and enjoyment. While the format of the festival was strictly non-competitive, our team put on a fantastic display of skill and teamwork across their 7 matches. They finished the day undefeated with 5 wins and 2 draws—not that we were counting, of course! They represented our school beautifully and should be incredibly proud of their performance.

TEAM: Alfie, Jenson, Dannu, Cora, Charlie, Nimi, Tiwi, Eoin, Zayne, Monri, Ethan



SPORT NEWS

YEAR 1 - FOOTBALL FESTIVAL



Selected children from Year 1 took part in the Goals event on 23 June and had an amazing time. The football festival allowed them to try out different skills, challenge themselves, and celebrate their progress — an experience they embraced with real enthusiasm.





Year 6 enjoyed an unforgettable residential at Briar, filled with teamwork, laughter, and new challenges. From exploring the beautiful surroundings of Crich to taking the cable car up to the Heights of Abraham, the children embraced every moment with enthusiasm and maturity. It was a brilliant opportunity for them to grow in confidence, strengthen friendships, and make memories that will stay with them long after primary school.

They have been an absolute delight to spend the time with. Their behaviour has been fantastic throughout, and they are all a real credit to us here at St John Fisher.



YEAR 2 TRIP - The Conkers

Our Year 2 children had a fantastic adventure at Conkers, where they spent the day exploring the woodland trails, discovering wildlife habitats, and taking part in hands-on outdoor activities. From the excitement of the Barefoot Walk to the challenge of the activity trails, the children showed brilliant teamwork and curiosity throughout. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn outside the classroom and build confidence in a fun, natural environment.



STAFF CHANGES

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to let you know that several members of our staff team will be moving on at the end of this term to pursue new opportunities and adventures. Some of these colleagues have been with us for many years, and their dedication, care, and commitment have played a huge part in shaping our school community.

We are incredibly grateful for everything they have contributed, and we know many of you will join us in wishing them every success in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Vilcins & Mrs Marlow

Thank you for your many years of dedication and care. We are deeply grateful for everything you've given, and we wish you a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Mr Broderick

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. You've been exceptional, and we wish you every success in your first teaching job.

Mrs Gibson

Thank you for your dedication and the care you bring to your role. We wish you the very best as you move to your new position in another school within the trust.

Miss Bryant

Thank you for all your hard work and support. We wish you every success as you continue your placement.

Last week Menu - w/c 6th July 2026

Summer Lunch Time Menu

Final Week Menu

week one

6th July
2026

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)
Vegan Option available (VG)
Served with 1/2 Jacket Potato &
Sweetcorn (V)

Chilli Beef
Served with Rice/Pasta
& Seasonal Vegetables

Pasta Day
Garlic Bread
Seasonal Vegetables

Sausages Day
Served with Jacket Wedges
& Baked Beans

Fish and Chip Day
Peas, Baked Beans

Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)
Baked Beans (VG) or
Tuna Mayonnaise
Served with Side Salad

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Vegetable fingers or Vegetable
Nuggets (V) (VG)
Chips
Baked Beans (VG) and
Peas



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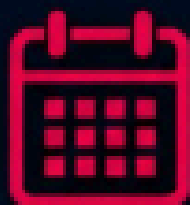
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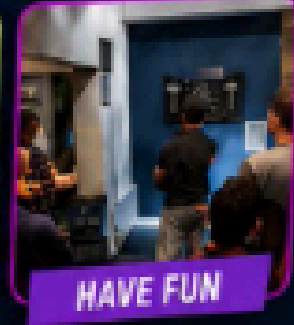
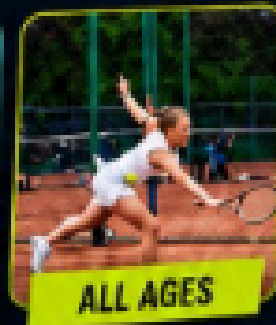
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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF)

FREE FOR CHILDREN ON BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Summer

Suitable for primary school pupils aged 5-11

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT PARKLANDS LEISURE CENTRE

Sessions running from 27 July – 20 August

Activities include:
Parent-led soft play session
Swimming session

All sessions also include a healthy child's meal.

Children in soft play area must be supervised by an accompanying adult. Children under 8 must have an accompanying adult in the water. Free meals are hot or cold food. Please ask at the cafe to see available options.

**Spaces are limited so book early!
Scan the QR code to register your interest.**



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Saturday 27th June - Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bp and Doctor
5:20pm Confession St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's Eddy & Karen (50th Wedding Ann.)

Sunday 28th June - Solemnity of St. Peter and St. Paul
9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Allegra and Caelum (Health)
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's All Parishioners

Monday 29th June
10am Funeral Service St. Mary's, Teresa Bean RIP

Wednesday 1st July
10am Extraordinary Service of the Eucharist St. Edward's

Saturday 4th July - Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5:30pm Confession St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Stefan Robey RIP

Sunday 5th July - 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, All Parishioners
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Helen Fairlamb RIP

Wednesday 8th July
10am Extraordinary Service of the Eucharist St. Edward's

Saturday 11th July - Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
5:20pm Confession St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco, Phyllis & Thomas Connolly RIP

Sunday 12th July - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Allegra and Caelum (Health)
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Luke Simpson RIP
5:30pm Confession St. Mary's
6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, All Parishioners

Please Note: Parish Timetable for the Next Few Weeks

This newsletter covers several weeks, so please read the Mass and Confession times carefully. There are some temporary changes to the usual parish timetable.

Please note in particular: There will be **no Sunday evening Mass** at St Mary's on **Sunday 28th June or Sunday 5th July**.

The services at St Edward's on Wednesday 1st July and Wednesday 8th July will be Services of the Word with Holy Communion, not Mass.

The usual **Sunday evening Mass** at St Mary's **resumes on Sunday 12th July** at 6pm, with Confessions beforehand at 5.30pm.

All three Fridays during this period, 3rd, 10th, and 17th we abstain from meat. For ordinary parish matters during these weeks, please use the usual parish phone number or email, and messages will be dealt with as soon as possible. For funeral arrangements please contact the parish in the usual way. Arrangements will be passed to the deacon where appropriate. For a genuine sacramental emergency during these weeks, especially in danger of death or for urgent Anointing of the Sick, please contact Holy Cross (0116 255 3856) or St. Thomas More Parish (0116 221 8385) who may be able to assist. Please leave your name, contact number, location, and the nature of the emergency clearly. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and prayers.

Keeping Faith Alive in Ordinary Weeks

Even when the parish timetable is a little different, the Christian life continues through simple and faithful habits. Please keep Sunday Mass at the heart of the week, pray each day, read a little of the Gospel, and remember those who are sick, housebound, bereaved, or struggling. Faith is not only nourished by special events, but by ordinary perseverance: coming to Mass, praying at home, making a good Confession, showing charity, and beginning again when we fall. The parish website also has daily homilies, Bible studies, sacramental guidance, and resources to help adults, families, and enquirers grow in faith, and our new defending the faith series, see cathparishmje.co.uk Please make use of these resources and encourage others to do the same.

Learning from the Saints in These Weeks

The Church's calendar gives us several great witnesses of faith during these weeks.

St. Cyril of Alexandria reminds us to hold firmly to the truth that Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man. Faith is not vague opinion, but the truth revealed by God and handed on by the Church.

Wednesday 15th July - Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
10am Holy Mass St. Edward's, Fr. Paul Entwistle RIP

Thursday 16th July - Memorial of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
10am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Jeanette Pearson RIP, Roy Pearson

Friday 17th July (No Meat Today)
10am Holy Mass St. John Bosco's, James & Brigid O'Connell RIP and Jeremy O'Connell

Saturday 18th July
5:20pm Confession St. John Bosco's
6pm Vigil Mass St. John Bosco's, Charley Callaghan RIP

Sunday 19th July - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Holy Mass St. Edward's All Parishioners
10:30am Rosary St. Mary's
11am Holy Mass St. Mary's, Daniel Castillo RIP
5:30pm Confession St. Mary's
6pm Holy Mass St. Mary's, Mike Hall RIP

For Those in Need of Healing

These weeks, we entrust to the Lord all who are unwell, frail, housebound, recovering from illness, waiting for appointments or results, or receiving treatment. We remember those whose suffering is not easily seen: those who feel alone, anxious, weary, bereaved, or afraid.

May the Lord Jesus, who never turns away from the suffering, be close to them. May He bring comfort to the troubled, courage to the fearful, patience to those who wait, and peace to all who are in pain.

Let us also remember those who serve others quietly and faithfully: family members caring for loved ones, parishioners who visit the lonely, those who give lifts, make phone calls, prepare meals, pray unseen, or offer simple acts of kindness. Much of the charity that sustains a parish is hidden, but it is precious in the sight of God. May the Lord bless all who carry out these quiet works of mercy and help us to notice where love is needed.

We pray also for families, carers, doctors, nurses, chaplains, and all who offer practical help, companionship, and compassion. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Peter and St. Paul show us two different but united ways of serving Christ: Peter, the rock of the Church, and Paul, the great missionary to the nations. Together they remind us that the Church is built on apostolic faith and sent out in mission.

St. Elizabeth of Portugal teaches us that holiness can be lived through patience, peace-making, family life, and charity. She reminds us that Christian faith must become visible in kindness, forgiveness, and service.

St. Benedict, patron of Europe, teaches the value of prayer, work, stability, and listening to God. His wisdom reminds us that Christian life grows through steady habits, not sudden enthusiasm alone.

St. Bonaventure shows us that learning and holiness belong together. True theology should lead us not only to knowledge, but to love of God.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel points us to prayer, trust, and closeness to Christ. Mary teaches us to remain faithful, quietly and lovingly, even when life is difficult. May these saints help our parish communities grow in truth, prayer, charity, wisdom, and missionary discipleship.

Thinking about a Sacrament?

If you or your child is seeking Baptism, Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, or Anointing of the Sick, please speak to Fr. John in the first instance.

You do not need to have everything worked out before beginning. The parish is here to accompany you with patience, prayer, and care. If you desire a sacrament, do not hesitate to ask.

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