



# ENGLISH MARTYRS

## CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



# Newsletter

5th December 2025

## COMING UP

<b>Monday 8th Dec</b>	KS1 Christmas Play 2pm	Rock Steady PM Y1-3 Football Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Tues 9th Dec</b>	Flute Lessons AM/PM	Y3-6 Hockey Club 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Christmas Play 6pm
<b>Wed 10th Dec</b>	Singing Club 12-12.30pm	Drum Lessons PM KS2 Carols @ St Joseph's 1.30pm
<b>Thurs 11th Dec</b>	Christmas Jumper Day/Santa Fun Run Guitar Lessons AM	Drum Lessons PM Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Fri 12th Dec</b>	Coffee & Conversation 9.15am Singing Lessons PM	Celebration Assembly 3pm Y6 Carol Singing - Lands End Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm

## NOTICES

### • Lunch ordering

Please continue to book lunches in advance on Arbor, also confirming if your child has a packed lunch from home. If your child is going to be late or has a medical appointment in the morning, please make sure a lunch is booked in advance. Thank you.

### • Water bottles/coats

A reminder that all children need to have water bottles and coats in school. Thank you.



## ADVENT MASS

Thank you to the families who attended Advent Mass at St Joseph's on Sunday. Our wreaths were blessed ready for the start of Advent.





# CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to all the children who won awards at Celebration Assembly this week



## BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

EYFS - Darcey

Y1- Oscar

Y5 - Henry

Y6 - Rose

## VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

*Love of Learning*

If your child has shown the weekly virtue out of school, please post a picture on their portfolio on Class Dojo so the teacher can see!

## SWIMMING

Well done to the Swimming Gala finalists who competed on Monday - all of our swimmers were incredibly strong. We had 8 first places,

6 second places and 9 third places. The team came 2nd overall in the competition - a really great achievement! Thank you to all of the swimmers and parents/grandparents who helped out with transport and supporting the team.



## CHRISTMAS TREE

A big thank you to Mr Pinto and Lidl, Oakham for the Christmas tree donation this year. Well done to the children for their beautiful hand made decorations!



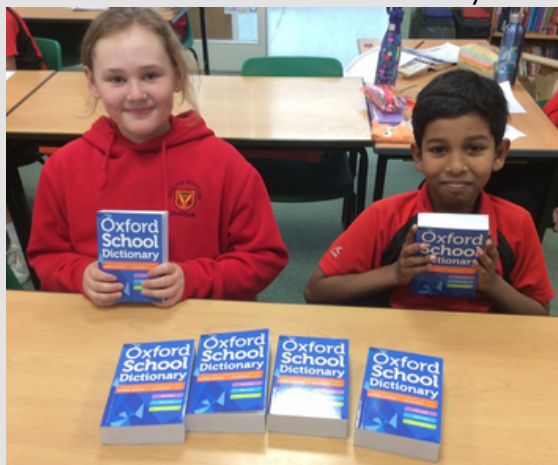
## RUTLAND FAMILY HUB - VISIONS CENTRE

Please take a look at the Rutland Family Hub website [here](#) - they run many sessions for families with young children and have useful workshops, drop in sessions and advice for families with older children too. This is a great service on our doorstep!



## NEW DICTIONARIES

A big thank you to Your Co-op, Oakham for fundraising £45 to go towards some new dictionaries for school. We added this to the Scholastic contribution, which was raised from the recent purchases by parents, which has enabled us to get a class set of dictionaries. Thank you!



## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal!



## PRAYER



God of hope,  
awaken our hearts  
to You this Advent season  
and fill our hearts  
with hopeful anticipation  
of Your coming  
so that when Jesus arrives,  
we are ready to receive Him  
in our hearts and minds.  
Amen.



### St Joseph's Church

Keep up to date with the  
Parish news [here](#).

## DRONES WORKSHOP

Our Year 5 & 6 pupils took learning to new heights! Thanks to Code4Drones, they explored coding and flew drones as part of a STEM workshop funded by the CAA's Reach for the Sky Challenge Fund.

Hands-on, exciting, and linked to real science learning – what a day! The children learned how to code them using algorithms via an app, which was similar to Scratch in their computing lessons. They then spent time flying them; changing height, direction, flying in 2D shapes and even learning to flip! To finish the session, they flew drones through obstacles and discussed a range of jobs where drones are used, from couriers to those in the military!



## GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Our governing body is in need of new Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors are practicing Catholics that have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education, acting as 'critical friends' for the school leadership team and setting the strategic direction of the school. For more information, please click on the link below and contact Mrs Rutledge. <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/education-service/becoming-a-school-governor>

## VACANCIES

Please click [here](#) for more information and details on how to apply.

