



ENGLISH MARTYRS

CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter

12th December 2025

COMING UP

Monday 15th Dec	Y2 Forest School PM	Rock Steady PM Y1-3 Football Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tues 16th Dec		Service Children Club 3.30-4.30pm
Wed 17th Dec	Christmas Lunch Piano/Drum Lessons PM	FEM Bake off 3.00-4.30pm
Thurs 18th Dec	EYFS/Y1/Y2 Melton Theatre Trip Guitar/Flute Assembly 9.10am Guitar Lessons AM	KS2 Carols @ St Joseph's 2pm Drum Lessons PM Dodgeball Club 3.30-4.30pm
Fri 19th Dec	LAMDA/Piano lessons AM Singing Lessons PM	Christmas Mass @ School 9.30am School Closes at 2.45pm

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.



MENPHYS



The children had a fantastic evening at the De Montfort Hall for the annual Menphys Carol Concert. They joined 22 other schools in our Trust for a wonderful evening of music and carols. Well done also to Desiree who played in the orchestra. A big thank you to Miss Moseley and Mrs Scott for accompanying the children.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



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



BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Y4 - Luke D

Y6 - Harry

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!

CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMUNITY

Our children have been busy this week bringing Christmas joy to the local community. Year 4 sang carols and served mince pies to the parishioners at St Joseph's on Wednesday, then today Miss Moseley took some of the children who performed at Menphys to Crown Walk care home to sing carols and hand out the donated gifts from our Christmas Jumper Day. Year 6 sang carols at the VAR event at Lands End too. Thank you to all the children for their wonderful singing and to the staff and volunteers who accompanied the children.



KS1 NATIVITY

Well done to all the children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 for their fantastic performances of Baarmy Bethlehem this week. They were all amazing! A big thank you to all the staff for their hard work behind the scenes. Well done everyone!



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for the donations to Shelter (total to be confirmed soon!) and for the gifts for the care home residents. The children also enjoyed their Santa Dash, where Santa himself made an appearance!



SWIMMING

A big well done to our swimming team who came 3rd in the Team Swim Gala this week! Fantastic team work and determination on display. A big thank you to Smith's Plumbing and Heating for purchasing our new swimming hats!



FEM BAKE OFF & STORIES WITH SANTA

Please come along to the FEM Christmas event next week!

FEM PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF

WITH SANTA

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

3.00-4.30PM

Card & cash accepted

DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring cake donations on morning of 17th December
2. Include child's name and year group
3. Parents/careers/siblings welcome from 3pm
4. Santa to judge the bakes!
5. PRIZES and refreshments

3 PRIZES

- KS1 Most festive
- KS2 Most festive
- CLASS Most bakes

PLUS

KS1 Story with Santa

3.30pm, 3.50pm & 4.10pm

£3 per child - includes gift (parent must attend)

To book, email: femoakham@gmail.com

KS2 Treasure hunt

3.30 - 4.30pm

FREE! Prize for completing

KS1 are welcome to take part if they wish

FEM HAMPERS

The FEM Christmas hampers are back! Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We have made 6 Christmas Hampers with your wonderful donations this year.

Raffle tickets will be available to buy at drop off and pick up from Friday 12th December and at the Christmas Bake Off on Wednesday 17th December. Card and cash payments accepted.

Tickets also available on Arbor.

Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Bake Off on Wednesday 17th December.



MACMILLAN

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Christmas decoration sale. We raised **£53!**

PRAYER



God of peace,
instill in us Your peace
that surpasses all understanding.
As we prepare for His coming,
make us instruments of Your peace
and help us to find rest
in the Prince of Peace,
Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.



St Joseph's Church

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

NURTURE UK ACCREDITATION

We are excited and looking forward to completing our Nurture UK accreditation next term! School Parliament have worked hard on this. Look out for further information!

The Six Principles of Nurture

- Safety**: We are safe in school. (Icon: Two people under a shield)
- Transitions**: We all face changes, at different times. (Icon: A person running)
- Wellbeing**: We are cared for and our wellbeing is developed. (Icon: A person with a sunburst)
- Learning**: We learn different things at different stages, in and out of the classroom. (Icon: A person with a lightbulb)
- Language**: Not everyone speaks the same language. We try to understand. (Icon: A person with a speech bubble)
- Behaviour**: Our behaviour shows what we need in actions and words. (Icon: A person with a checkmark and an X)

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Happy Christmas from everyone at Coffee and Conversation today! Keep an eye out for new dates in the new year!



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>