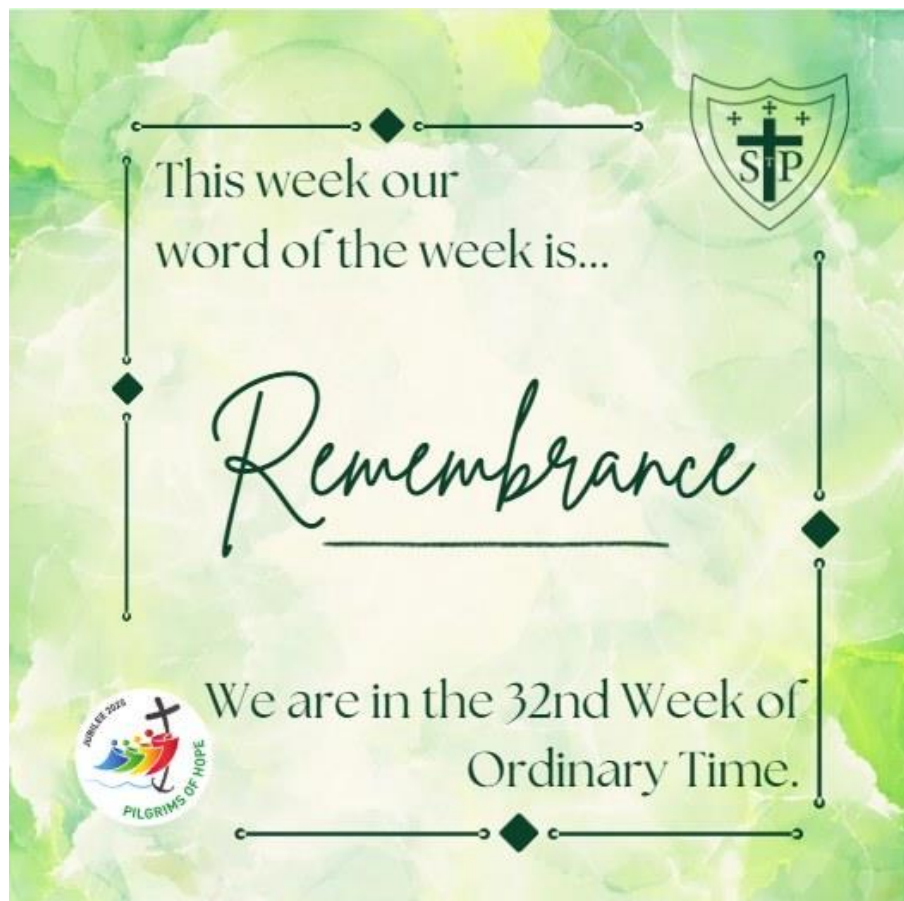




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Word of the Week - Remembrance



This week's word of the week: Remembrance

In our faith, remembrance is more than just remembering the past; it's about keeping our connection to God and to our loved ones alive. We remember the saints and martyrs who came before us, their examples guiding us on our own journey. We remember the sacrifices of Jesus and we remember those who have passed away, their love and influence continuing to shape us. Remembrance is a way to honour our past, cherish our present, and hope for our future.

Mission: Spend time in prayer to remember those people who are important to us and who are no longer with us.

Remembrance whole school Mass

On Tuesday 25th November, Canon John will celebrate Mass in school at 2pm in honour of all those loved ones who have passed away. This will be a very special opportunity to especially pay our deepest respects to our much loved staff member, Miss Longden. Chaplain Clare is working with our Y6 pupils to create a series of new prayer stations focused on remembering those who have made a meaningful impact in our lives based upon our house system. Children will have the opportunity to visit each prayer station prior to Mass. Following the service, the stations will be opened to the wider community for reflection and prayer.

National Youth Fun Day: Friday 21st November

Our school will join in with the Notts Diocesan events including a live streaming and class events. This is also a non-uniform day in exchange for a selection box/chocolates for the Children's Christmas Market which takes place on Thursday 11th December.

Y5/6 Visit to St Barnabas Cathedral

As part of our Catholic Life learning curriculum, Year 5 and 6 pupils have an exciting opportunity to visit St Barnabas Cathedral in

Nottingham on Tuesday, 18th November.

This visit will be a wonderful chance for the children to explore the Cathedral, deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith,

and reflect on the importance of sacred spaces in worship and community life.

Parents of Year 5 and 6 pupils have received an email with further information and details on how to give consent for their child to attend.

First Holy Communion

For any Catholic families with a child in Year 3 or above, please make a note of the date for this year's First Holy Communion celebration: Saturday 13th June at 10am in St. Patrick's RC Church, Forest Town.

In January, enrolment Forms will be sent out. Please note that we will need evidence of your child's baptism.

Anti-Bullying week: Power for Good

Throughout the week, teachers in all classes spent time ensuring children know that bullying is when someone seeks to harm us

several times on Purpose. We also shared with children our Anti-Bullying Policy and used this to remind them how to recognise

bullying and how to respond if they suspect bullying or are being harmed or bullied. **St Patrick's Anti-bullying policy**

[School Calendar](#)

Odd Socks Day – National Anti-Bullying Week

With such a busy week, we will now be celebrating National Anti-Bullying Week on Monday.

Your child is invited to join in by wearing odd socks to school!

This year's theme is "Power for Good", and we can't wait to see everyone's colourful and creative socks on Monday as we come together to promote kindness and positivity.

Week beginning 24th November - WOW - Kingdom

Tuesday 25th November - Mass @2pm

Week beginning 1st December - WOW - Hope

Monday 1st December - Celebration of the Word (Year 1 and Year 2) @9am

Tuesday 2nd December - Mass @9am (Y3/4 to lead)

Week beginning 8th December - WOW - Peace

Monday 8th December - Celebration of the Word (Year 3 and Year 4) @9am

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper day, Christmas dinner and mini market @2.15pm

Week beginning 15th December - WOW - Joy

Monday 15th December - Celebration of the word (Year 5 and Year 6) @9am

Tuesday 16th December - Mass @9am (Whole school to lead)

Tuesday 16th December - Nativity led by F2, Year 1 and Year 2 (2:15 pm)

Wednesday 17th December - Nativity led by F2, Year 1 and Year 2 (9am)

Thursday 18th December - Nursery Rhyme Nativity (9am)

Friday 19th December - Carol Concert (9am)

Break up for the Christmas Holidays 19th December

Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete the online consent form. If you wish to decline, please use the same link to complete the 'No Consent' form.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/4c1d3e69>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 09/12/2025. The link will close on the 25/11/2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 4, option 2.

F2 Admissions

F2 Admissions – Now Open

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, it's time to start thinking about applying for a Reception school place for September 2026.



Key Information:

- Applications open: Tuesday 4th November 2025
- Applications close: Thursday 15th January 2026 (*Applications received after this date will be treated as late.*)

If you live in Nottinghamshire, you can apply online via the Nottinghamshire County Council website:



[Apply for a School Place](#)

Alternatively, you can contact the admissions team on 0300 500 8080.



Important Dates:

- National Offer Day: Thursday 16th April 2026
 - If you apply online, you'll receive your offer via email on this date.

- All other applicants will receive their offer by 2nd class post.

★ Top Tips for Applying:

- Use all four preferences on your application.
- Listing only one preference may reduce your chances of securing a place at your preferred school.

✚ If You Are Applying for a Place at St Patrick's:

- Attendance in our Nursery does not guarantee a Reception place – you must apply through the local authority.
- If you would like your child to be considered under a faith criterion, please complete and return a Supplementary Information Form, along with supporting faith evidence.

👉 [SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM](#)

- If you do not have your child's baptism certificate or faith evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised to request a copy in good time.

🧸 EYFS Open Evenings – Stay and Play Sessions

We would love to welcome you and your child to one of our EYFS open evening sessions for new F2 children:

- Wednesday 13th November 2025 at 4:00pm
- Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 4:00pm

These will be informal "stay and play" sessions, where your child can explore our EYFS environment and take part in activities, while you get the opportunity to speak with staff and learn more about what we offer.

If you have any questions about the admissions process or our school, please don't hesitate to contact us – we're happy to help.

School Photos

School photos will take place on Wednesday 19th November 2025

Only pupils with pre school siblings need to come for photos at 8.15am so they can have a family photo.

Please know that we operate an open door policy and place the highest priority on our home-school partnership. Please feel encouraged to contact school via phone from 8am-4pm or via email which has a 48 hour working day turnaround response.

In partnership and prayer

Mrs J L Smedley