



Newsletter - 10th September

This week's word of the week : **Encounter**

Our faith is full of encounters with God – in prayer, in the sacraments, and in the people we meet. These encounters can change us, challenge us, and bring us closer to God. When we open ourselves to encountering Christ in our daily lives, we allow his love to transform us and make us more like him. We can encounter Christ in the Scriptures, in the Mass, and in the faces of those in need.

Mission: Make time this week to look at where you might encounter Jesus in those around you.

Pupils this week have been encouraged to take the opportunity to encounter people in different ways some examples: smiling at someone, saying hello to someone new, holding the door open for people.

Next week's word of the week: **Outreach**

Our faith doesn't just stay within the walls of the church; it's meant to be shared. Outreach is about taking our faith into the world, sharing God's love with those who need it most. This could be through volunteering at a shelter, visiting the elderly, or simply being a listening ear to a friend. When we reach out to others, we not only serve them, but we also strengthen our own faith and connection to God.

Mission: Find someone in your community who may not always be included. Make an effort to tell them they are loved and important.

British Values

This week we have been reminding pupils about the fundamental British Values but also making links to catholic social teaching which are rooted in the teaching of the Gospel.

British Values help us to live together happily, safely and fairly. They teach us how to be good citizens and respect other people.

Democracy

This means everyone has a voice and can share their opinions. We can vote to help make decisions, just like choosing class representatives

Rule of Law

Rules and laws help keep people safe and make sure everyone is treated fairly. We should follow rules at school and in the community.

Individual Liberty

This means we are free to make our own choices and be ourselves, as long as we do not harm others.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Everyone should be kind and respectful to each other, even if they are different from us. People may have different religions, beliefs, cultures and traditions. We should learn about them and treat everyone with kindness and understanding.

The purpose of British Values is to help pupils understand how to be positive, responsible and respectful members of society. British Values teach children the importance of treating others fairly, following rules, making their own choices, and respecting people who may have different beliefs, backgrounds or cultures.

By learning about British Values, pupils develop important life skills that help them:

- Work and play well with others.
- Understand right and wrong.
- Feel confident to share their ideas and opinions.
- Respect differences and celebrate diversity.
- Stay safe and make good choices.
- Contribute positively to their school and community.

British Values help create a school environment where everyone feels valued, included and respected, preparing children for life in modern Britain.

Student Leadership groups

As part of our commitment to supporting pupils to understand British Values and Catholic Social Teaching, this year we are having the following leadership groups.

Chaplaincy – Y3 – Y6

Eco- council – Y1 – Y5

Well-being – Y1 – Y6

Year 6 leadership

House captain

Vice captain

Chaplain – Prayer and Liturgy

Sports captain

Prefects – Health and safety, behaviour, e-safety

Well-being ambassador

Pupil leadership groups provide children with meaningful opportunities to demonstrate democracy, individual liberty, mutual respect and responsibility, while also living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching by promoting participation, service to others, the common good, stewardship and human dignity. Through these roles, pupils develop leadership skills and learn how they can positively contribute to both the school community and wider society.

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils remains our highest priority. Attached to this letter is a **Safeguarding Team poster** for the **2026-2027 academic year**. This identifies the members of staff who form our safeguarding team and who are responsible for supporting children and families where there are any welfare or safeguarding concerns. We encourage all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the poster and the key safeguarding contacts within school.

Meet our safeguarding team





Mrs Pyatt
DSL



Mrs Lowe
DDSL



Mrs Brizzolara
DDSL



Mrs Pugh
DDSL



Mr Kitchinson
DDSL



Mrs Wightman
DDSL

If you have a safeguarding concern, our team are here to listen to you and help you with any situations you may be facing. They will listen to you no matter what issues you may have, so do come and speak with us.

If you are concerned about a child and would prefer to remain anonymous you can contact the MASH team directly via the following website, <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/safeguarding/childrens-mash>.

PTA

Join Us at the Next PTA Meeting!

Friday 18th September @2pm

Our PTA plays a vital role in supporting our children, enhancing school life, and building a strong school community. We would love to see as many parents and carers as possible at our next PTA meeting. Whether you are a regular attendee or have never been before, your ideas, opinions, and support are invaluable.

The meeting is a great opportunity to hear about upcoming events, share suggestions, and help shape exciting opportunities for our pupils. You do not need to commit to volunteering regularly to attend. Simply coming along, listening, and contributing your thoughts can make a real difference.

The more voices we hear, the stronger and more representative our PTA becomes. Together, we can continue to create memorable experiences for our children and support the school in meaningful ways.

Come along, meet other parents, and find out how you can get involved. We look forward to welcoming you!

Weekly Attendance

Overall attendance for this week was 96.3%, reflecting the continued commitment of pupils and families to regular school attendance.

Attendance across the year groups was as follows: **Year R – 98%, Year 1 – 97.5%, Year 2 – 95.9%, Year 3 – 95.2%, Year 4 – 97.5%, Year 5 – 97.4%, and Year 6 – 96%.**

The highest attendance was achieved by **Reception** with a percentage of **98%**, demonstrating excellent engagement and punctuality. We would like to thank all families for their support and encourage everyone to continue striving for the best possible attendance, as every school day plays an important role in children's learning and progress

Individual and group music lessons

If you have already signed your child up for individual or group music lessons or you are continuing from the previous year then these will start next week.

If you are interested in your child having an individual or group music lesson then please visit the OLOL music service website, ololmusic.co.uk, for further information. All bookings and payments are direct through the music service website.

Parking around school

As a Catholic school community, we are called to show consideration, respect and care for one another in all that we do. We are aware of concerns regarding inconsiderate parking around the school, including vehicles blocking residents' driveways and creating difficulties for our neighbours. We are actively monitoring the situation and kindly ask all parents, carers and visitors to park responsibly and courteously. By working together and living out our shared Gospel values of respect, kindness and responsibility, we can ensure the safety of our children while maintaining positive relationships with those who live in our local community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Headlice

As we work together to support the health and wellbeing of all our children, we would be grateful if parents and carers could regularly check their child's hair for head lice (nits). Head lice are a common occurrence in school-aged children and can spread easily through close contact.

Routine checks at home help to identify any signs early and prevent them from spreading further. If you do find head lice, please treat them promptly and continue checking until they are completely cleared.

By working together as a caring school community, we can help minimise the impact on children and families and ensure that everyone remains comfortable and ready to learn.

Book Bus

This year we will be visited by the book bus on the 30th September 2026.

The book bus takes cash (if the children bring cash, please bring it on a labelled envelope and let the class teacher know) or card.

The children will have the opportunity to visit in the school day but it will be open after school as well.

With prayers and appreciation,

Mrs C L Pyatt