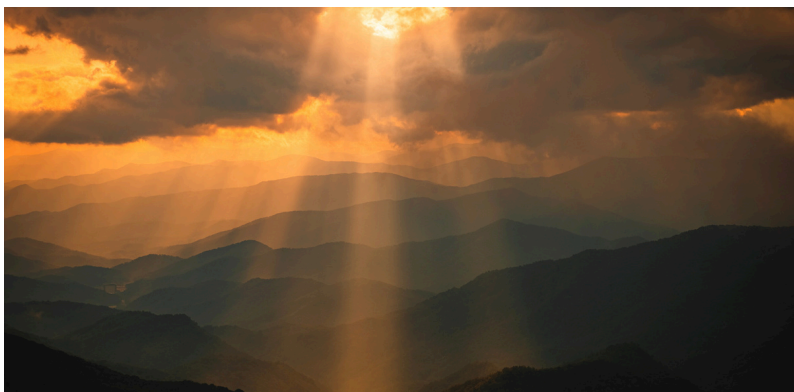




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

It's easy to get caught up in the daily busyness of life and forget what life's really all about. However, to assist us on our path through life, God sends messengers to help us remember what is most important. In this Sunday's Gospel, the servants represent God's messengers (the Prophets) and the tenants of the vineyard represent the leaders of Israel at that time. Jesus told this story because some of the leaders were not listening to God's messengers.

In many ways we are like 'tenants' in this world. The messengers that God sends today remind us that God has a plan for our lives. We are created for everlasting life and, for now, we are here to share, enjoy and develop what God gives to us in this life.

"How wonderful it is to proclaim to everyone the love of God which gives meaning to our lives!" (Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025))

USEFUL LINKS



Click on the image above for uniform, Coolmilk, school lunch menu, free school meals, after school clubs and more!



Click on the image for term dates, newsletters and the school calendar

**BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

Friday 2nd October 2026



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October- month of the Rosary

In the Liturgical Year there are two months dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God – May is the month of Mary and October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on the 7th October and was instituted by Pope St. Pius V to commemorate the intercession of Our Lady, through praying the rosary before the battle of Lepanto in 1571.

Throughout the month of October we pray the rosary and meditate on the Gospels. We are asking Jesus' Mother to pray with us and for us. As the perfect disciple, who was the first person to say 'yes' to Jesus and who suffered in grief at the crucifixion and rejoiced at the resurrection, she is an example to us all who can comfort us and guide us in our own call to holiness.

Please see the Nottingham Diocese website for further resources.

October – The Month of the Holy Rosary – Chaplaincy Space

We also have some Rosary beads in school. If you would like one, please take one from the display in the main entrance.

Mass Times

Divine Infant of Prague,

Syston:

Weekend -

Sat 16.30 pm

Sun 11.15 am

St. Theresa's, Birstall:

Weekend -

Sat - 18.00 pm

Sun - 09.15am

Weekdays -

Fri - 18.00 pm

Our Parishes are very keen for children to read and participate in mass. Please get in contact with the parish for further information.

St. Theresa's, Birstall

<https://st-theresa-sacredheart.co.uk/>

Divine Infant of Prague,

Syston

<https://stpatricksandsyston.uk/>



Diary Dates 2026/2027

October

Monday 5th AM Individual photographs
Tuesday 6th 9:30 Mrs Fothergill- y5/6 class Mass- families welcome.
Friday 9th 2:30 Parents and Carers- come and look at children's books
Friday 9th 9.30 FOB AGM
Tuesday 13th 9:30 Harvest Liturgy
Wednesday 14th 3:15 Parents' evening
Thursday 15th 9:30 Open morning for prospective parents and families
Thursday 15th 3:15 Parents' evening
Friday 16th 3:15 School closes for half term
Monday 26th 8:45 School opens- Advent (2)

November

Wednesday 11th 10:45 Remembrance Liturgy (school)
Wednesday 11th 11:00 Remembrance Service- Thurmaston Village.
Monday 16th All week Road Safety Week
Wednesday 18th 9:30 Open morning for prospective parents and families
Friday 20th All day St Thomas Aquinas CMAT inset day. School closed to pupils
Tuesday 24th 3:15 Miss Beall- y5/6 class Mass- families welcome

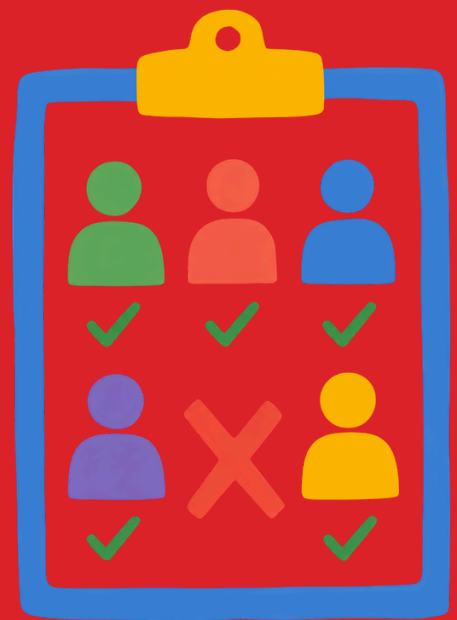
December

Tuesday 1st 9:30 Christingle Liturgy
Friday 4th 7:00 Menphys Carol Concert- De Montfort Hall- families welcome
Wednesday 9th 2:15 Year 1 and 2 Nativity- families welcome
Thursday 10th 9:30 Reception Nativity- families welcome
Thursday 10th 2:15 Year 1 and 2 Nativity- families welcome
Friday 11th AM Santa Panto
Thursday 17th All day Christmas jumper day
Thursday 17th 11:45 Christmas dinner
Friday 18th 10:00 KS2 Carol Service- Divine Infant of Prague, Syston- families welcome
Friday 18th 3:15 School closes, end of Advent term.



Attendance

After 6 weeks back at school I am delighted to report that our attendance is 98.4%. Thank you for your support in this crucial aspect of our work.



Admissions 2027/2028

Application to Bishop Ellis
<https://www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk/admissions-2/>

Application to Year 7- please note admission criteria has changed which gives a higher preference to children applying to De Lisle and English Martyrs who attend Bishop Ellis
<https://www.bishopellis.leics.sch.uk/admissions-2/>



St Thomas Aquinas Term Dates 2027/2028

Please see attached sheet with the term dates for next academic year. The dates for subsequent weeks will follow very soon



Football

It was a delight to take our boys football team to the South Charnwood tournament yesterday. The football played was fantastic but more importantly, the conduct of the boys was superb and was commented on by a number of the referees and tournament organisers. We ultimately finished 3rd overall with our only defeat coming narrowly against the eventual winners.



Rocksteady

We were delighted to welcome Rocksteady into school on Wednesday to lead an assembly and some workshops with the children where we got to experience being a rock and roll star. If you would like your child to take part in the Rocksteady lessons then please see the email from Wednesday or the hard copy of the letter that your child should have brought home. The feedback we had from the people leading the sessions was so incredibly positive saying the children's behaviour was the best they had experienced so far this year. It was great to see the enthusiasm from children and indeed staff!!!



Black History Month

Every year, we celebrate Black History Month in October. The theme for this year is ‘Honouring Our Communities’, recognising both well-known figures and everyday people whose dedication has helped shape society and inspire future generations. In school, we are going to learn about how Leicester has been shaped into the city it is today through looking at the experiences of people have moved to Leicester and helped to shape society through their actions.

Harvest Food Bank

A message from Miss Beall. The Mini Vinnies will be collecting food for the Food Bank from Monday 12th October – Thursday 15th October. Please see the poster attached for more information and what the food bank are looking for. Thank you for your support.

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