



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

SJH Newsletter

Compassion – Aspiration – Respect – Excellence – Determination – Faithfulness – Optimism – Reconciliation

Friday 9 May 2025



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Readers,

We have a new Pope! Yesterday was a great day for the Catholic Church as Pope Leo XIV was elected as the leader of the Catholic Church on Earth. This truly is a big day for us as a Catholic School and a day for great celebration. We look forward to learning about our new Pope, who I am sure is unknown to many of us and gaining inspiration from him in our own faith.

Yesterday was also a beautiful, bittersweet day for our Year 11 students as we celebrated their time with us at Saint John Houghton. Their respect in Mass was profound and they had a wonderful day of reminiscing and celebrating their time as students of our school. We wish all of them the very best for the coming weeks and their

Important upcoming dates

Half term: Monday 26 – Friday 30 May 2025

GCSE examinations. I have no doubt that those of you who have worked hard will be rewarded for your efforts. Year 11, if you have not started revising yet, today is definitely the time to start!

I had the privilege of leading their last Act of Worship in school and I chose to focus on the virtues we have been trying to instil in them for the last 5 years: Compassion, Aspiration, Respect, Excellence, Determination, Faithfulness, Optimism and Reconciliation. Our work in a school is two-fold, firstly, to ensure that students leave, successful academically so they have choices for the future when they leave our school. Secondly, to try to support with their personal development and supporting them to be better people. This applies to all of us who are members of the family that is Saint John Houghton.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives.
More next week...

Garde ta Foi! Guard your Faith!
Mr S Brogan - Headteacher

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Nut Allergies:

We have several students within school who have severe nut allergies. We aim to be a nut free school and kindly remind parents/carers and students that nuts and food containing nuts must not be brought into school.

Change to lesson times during the GCSE exam period:

Due to the GCSE exams, some of the school days will revert to the following times to support the timings of the exams, this will apply to the whole school and students will be made aware of which days the below timings will run:

8.45 - 9.10am - Registration

9.10-10.10am - Period 1

10.10-11.10am - Period 2

11.10-11.30 am- Break

11.30am-12.30pm - Period 3

12.30- 1.15pm - Lunch

1.15-2.15pm - Period 4

2.15pm - 3.15pm - Period 5

3.15pm - End of day

This change will initially start on Friday 9 May and will run until Friday 23 May 2025. Following half term further days will be affected.

Girls Football:

Over the weekend, Remy K and Katelyn P were invited to compete in the France Mediterranean Cup girls football tournament in Beziers, South France.

The girls played in front of a 3000+ crowd, against teams of an extremely high standard from across Europe including France, Ireland, Belgium, Spain and Germany and in weather conditions ranging from 27-degree sunshine to torrential rain. Over the 2 days of competition, they put their all into the competition and came away as winners with a 4-0 win in the Final.

Their sportsmanship really shone through, making friends with girls from different countries and encouraging opposing teams all the way. They did Ilkeston and SJH proud.



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VE Celebrations:

Thank you to everyone who came along to Emmaus on Thursday to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We had a wonderful tea party with lots of cake, bunting and wartime music.



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Year 8 MFL Cooking Days:

Year 8 French and Spanish students took a break from their usual Modern Language lessons this week and took part in a cooking lesson in either French or Spanish.

It was a great opportunity for students to do some cross-curricular work and to use their language in a practical setting.

French students followed a French recipe and made Les Sablés.



Spanish students made Españolaletas Aragonesas, a traditional Spanish biscuit following a recipe in Spanish.



Students enjoyed the day, almost as much as they enjoyed eating their biscuits!
Thanks to Mrs Drury and Miss Limb for their support on the day.

-Miss Cook, Mrs McMylor and Mr Riley

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Beauvale Pilgrimage:

4th May 2025. Our Lord and our Saints once again shone their lights, and although the weather tested us a couple of times, it stayed dry for our Mass celebration dedicated to our Martyred Saints, Carthusian monks, John Houghton and Robert Lawrence. Our second Pilgrimage under the banner of our 'Our Lady and the Beauvale Martyrs' Parish name incorporating our Churches in Eastwood, Ilkeston and Stapleford.

To celebrate our Mass alongside our own Canon Paul Newman and Bishop Patrick McKinney were Deacon Anthony Sullivan, Canon Joe Wheat, Fr Dennis Tindall and Fr Simon Gillespe. Our servers were as dependable as always. Led by Chris, Lucy, Alistair, David, Sienna, Teddy and Amelia did our Parish proud.

We also had The Knights of St Columba on hand to assist our clergy, and the lovely people from St John's ambulance to give their care, if needed. The readings and prayers of intercession were proclaimed by representatives from Saint John Houghton, St Thomas' and The Priory Academy schools, and the Gospel was proclaimed by Deacon Anthony.

Bishop Patrick gave an uplifting Homily incorporating our revered Saints and this Jubilee year of Hope.

Our 4 schools were, as always, very well represented and the seats were all filled with pilgrims enjoying the Mass and its beautiful surroundings. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the hard work of our Beauvale Society and the many helpers who made the day run so smoothly.

Thank you all! John Houghton said "I serve God with my whole heart; it is my glory and my joy." Celebrating our Pilgrimage today, was our joy! See you all in 2026.



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On behalf of Saint John Houghton family may I take this opportunity to thank Mr Warden, Mrs Gabriel and Mrs Hartharn who supported the Beauvale Pilgrimage 2025. Great job!



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Thank You:

Many hands make light work - and this was certainly the case in Saint John Houghton this week as staff and students gave up their lunch time to prepare a Parish Display. Thank you!

I would also like to say well done and thank you: Jayden, Lucy, Charlie, Ava and Sonny for joining the Beauvale Pilgrimage 2025.



Saint Anne's Knitting Group:

Would you like to join us at 'An evening in Eastwood's Knitting Shop', £5.00 per person, an opportunity to meet old friends and new, to support our local community and enjoy time to purchase yarn and knit with friends. Email rose@sjh.srscmat.co.uk to book your place. Wednesday 21.05.25 7.00pm - 9.00pm

We meet on Monday evening 7.00pm - 9.00pm in Ilkeston and have room for 1-2 new members. Contact Rachel for more information.

Saturday 5th July 2025 we are visiting an Alpaca Farm, we have space for 2-4 people. £10.00 per person to feed the Alpaca - we will enjoy coffee and an opportunity to purchase yarn.

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Month of Mary Celebrations:



To celebrate the Month of Mary, the Mother of us all. We will be holding a special 3 night event on Wednesday the 21st, Thursday the 22nd and Friday the 23rd May. Beginning at 7pm each evening in Our Lady's Eastwood's meeting room.

'Let it be done unto me according to your word'. How Mary helps us to be filled with God' Is a short video course celebrating Mary and the important guidance of our Faith she still gifts to us all today.

Each evening will consist of:
Wednesday. Sessions 1&2. Approx 1 hour.
Thursday. Sessions 3&4. Approx 1 hour.
Friday. Session 5 followed by the 'Mary, Mother of Jesus' Movie. Approx 2 hours.

Please join us if you can.

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Glow Music and Art Festival:

Ilkeston Life, your local community newspaper has been proudly serving Erewash for the past 9 years and are excited to be marking their 10th year in print in September 2025.

Before that, they're holding their third Glow Music & Art Festival on Sunday, 24th August 2025. This event is all about bringing people together, supporting local businesses, and helping to put Ilkeston back on the map. The event will include live music, art displays, local food, and fun activities for families. It's a great way to bring the town to life before the new school year begins.

ILKESTON LIFE Presents

@glowmafest
/glowfestivalilkeston

Glow

MUSIC & ART FEST

Sunday, 24th August

Ilkeston Market Place DE7 5RN

Time: 12 - 9 PM
Food Vendors
Fun Fairs

FREE ENTRY
Steel Pan
Still Art

Scan me for website

Renshaw WEALTH
EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT
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Glaston Budget

HANDS ON...
Music Workshops

Duke of Scoop
Ice Cream Van

Your Voice Matters:

Derbyshire police have released their annual youth survey, 'Your Voice Matters'. The purpose of the survey is to find out what issues affect young people in our county and to understand how they feel about key policing topics, such as use of force.

If you would like to take part, please see the link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/fx3PMZKj1H>

The survey is anonymous and doesn't take very long to complete. There is no obligation to take part in the survey.

All feedback is useful as it will help them to set priorities and make sure they are listening to the voice of young people across our county. The survey will close on 27th June 2025.



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Early Uniform Ordering with Hamiltons:

Hamiltons have kindly sent us the best times to purchase school uniforms to avoid the late-summer rush.

They have also included a discount:

Parents who place uniform orders before 30th June will receive a 5% discount.

For more information, please contact Hamiltons directly.

HAMILTON'S EMBROIDERY



Beat the Summer Back-to-School Rush...

WITH OUR UNIFORM SHOPPING GUIDE



PERFECT TIME TO BUY (MARCH - JUNE)

Stock levels at their highest with minimal queues, full size range available, and plenty of time for exchanges if needed.



GETTING BUSY (JULY)

Good stock availability with longer queues (around 1 hr), most sizes still available but exchange options becoming limited.



LAST-MINUTE RUSH (AUG - SEPT)

Limited stock in popular sizes, very long queues, special orders unlikely to arrive in time, and high stress for everyone involved.

TOP TIPS



Buy with room to grow: purchase slightly larger sizes to accommodate summer growth spurts

Keep receipts safe: unworn items with tags can be exchanged if sizes aren't right

Consider extras: having spares of frequently worn items like shirts and socks can be a lifesaver

USE CODE 'SUMMER25' FOR 5% OFF: only valid until 30th June 2025!



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Other useful links:

Safeguarding concerns: please email safeguarding@sjh.srscmat.co.uk

Homework :

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/homework/>

School lunch menus:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/students/school-meals/>

Free School Meals:

Derbyshire - <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Link to School Calendar:

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/news/calendar>

SJH School holiday dates and inset days 2024-2025:

May half term	Monday 26 – Friday 30 May 2025
Inset Day	Friday 4 July 2025
Last day of term	Thursday 24 July 2025



SJH School holiday dates and inset days 2025-2026:

Inset day 1	Thursday 4 September 2025
Year 7 only in school	Friday 5 September 2025
All years return to school	Monday 8 September 2025
Inset day 2	Friday 26 September 2025
October half term	Monday 27 - Friday 31 October 2025
Inset day 3	Monday 8 December 2025
Christmas holidays	Monday 22 December 2025 – Friday 2 January 2026
February half term	Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2026
Inset Day (Trust) 4	Monday 23 February 2026
Easter holidays	Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April 2026
May half term	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2026
Inset Day 5	Friday 3 July 2026
Last day of term	Thursday 23 July 2026