



"We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives."



Newsletter Date:
Friday 4th February, 2022

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

NSPCC Numbers Day

It was wonderful to be able to support the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day today. As I've made my way around school, it's been great to see and hear children engaged in fun Maths.



Thank you, too, for your generosity in helping to raise money for the NSPCC. Thanks to your voluntary contributions, we've raised £201.16. Thank you so much for your support with this.

First Holy Communion Programme

After meeting with Fr. John Kyne, I'm delighted to confirm that we've secured arrangements for preparing our children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Reconciliation will be received on Wednesday 23rd March, and First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th June at 10am. A comprehensive Programme will ensure children are fully prepared; this will begin immediately after half term, typically each Monday straight after school until 4:45pm. The Programme is predominantly for pupils in Year 3, who have been baptised in the Catholic Church; however, children in Year 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to prepare for the Sacraments if they have not yet done so. If you wish for your child to prepare to receive these Sacraments, please complete this short Google form by Monday 7th January. A video will be shared on Dojo next week with further details. May I express my sincere thanks to Mrs Christine Page and Mrs Eleanor Kerry for volunteering their services to prepare and deliver the Programme for us. I am most grateful to them both.

Please complete this link by Monday 7th February 2022 to express your interest.
<https://forms.office.com/r/LahrNCAvpS>

Attendance for last week : 96.2%	
FS1am	72.9%
FS1pm	66.7%
FS1 30hrs	79.9%
FS2KW	97.2%
FS2TG	95.6%
Y1RB	98.6%
Y1CG	89.9%
Y2DK	98.3%
Y2RT	94.2%
Y3HA	95.0%
Y3AN	97.0%
Y4NH	97.8%
Y4 SM	98.5%
Y5SC	93.6%
Y5VD	96.6%
Y6GM	98.1%
Y6NS	97.0%

Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. This year's theme is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. The Day celebrates our children's role in creating a safer internet and the ways they are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Across school, we'll mark this day in various ways and will also invite children to take part in a Trust competition and pledge.

Safer Schools app

The Our Lady of Lourdes Trust have signed each school up to the Safer Schools App. This provides parents and children with information on various topics around safeguarding. You will receive further information through email of how to download and use this helpful app.



INSET Day & Half Term

Please be reminded that school is closed on Friday 11th February for an INSET Day. School reopens on Monday 21st February, following the Half Term break. **Have a great half term.**

Covid 19: Important Information

Presently, we have confirmed positive Covid-19 cases in school. If your child is unwell, and displays any of the following symptoms, please arrange for them to be tested. Either a Lateral Flow Test or PCR. The common symptoms are: continuous cough, high temperature and a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell. Please also note the following updated rules at the end of an isolation period.

Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

The 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has **been reduced to 5 days** in certain circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

- Individuals may now take **Lateral Flow (LFD)** tests on **Day 5 and Day 6** of their self-isolation period.
- Those who receive **two negative test results** are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation.
- **The first test** must be taken **no earlier than Day 5** of the self-isolation period and **tests must be taken 24 hours apart**. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion.
- **If both lateral flow tests are negative**, then pupils can return to school from **Day 6**. (If you take the test at 7:00am each day – 24hrs apart – then you can come to school at 9:00am on Day 6 as you will have two negative tests. If you take it later in the day, then you would have to attend on the next day or from the time you have a second negative result after 24 hrs have passed. **Please note that anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.**
- People who test positive with a lateral flow test **do not** need to order a follow-up PCR test if they do not have symptoms. Anyone who has symptoms will still need to take a PCR test regardless, and anyone who tests positive with any test must self-isolate.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

- Children under 5 are not being advised to take part in daily testing of close contacts.
- If a child under 5 is a contact of a confirmed case, they are not required to self-isolate and should not start daily testing.
- If they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 they should limit their contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19, and arrange to take a PCR test as soon as possible. They can continue to attend an education or childcare setting while waiting for the PCR result. If the test is positive, they should follow the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **Healing**. This word will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Year Group Mass

Year 1 will celebrate Mass next week in church. Unfortunately, parents and parishioners will not be able to attend due to current restrictions.