



“We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives.”



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 20th May**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Jubilee Celebrations

On Wednesday next week, the whole school will come together in celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Each year group have been provided with a decade; children are invited to come to school in appropriate dress for this day! If you’re struggling for ideas, please don’t worry; they can just wear something that’s either red, white or blue.



Throughout the day, the children will learn more about Queen Elizabeth II, focusing particularly on key events in the decade being studied. We’ll come together at the end of the day and share this new knowledge. Further to this, we’ll hold a whole school picnic on the field, with a range of summer sports and activities. Our choir will also learn and share with us pageant jubilee music. It looks set to be an exciting and memorable day! For local celebrations during half term, [click here](#).

Could you be our next Foundation Governor?

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

If so, becoming a Foundation Governor could be just the thing for you. Bishop Patrick McKinney is seeking to appoint new foundation governors to our diocesan schools. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools.



To find out more, please join the ‘Calling Foundation Governors’ virtual event, designed to provide information about the role of a foundation governor, the application process and the support offered. This takes place on **Wednesday 22nd June, between 7.00pm and 8.30pm via MS Teams**. To reserve your place, contact Julie Sweeney: julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk

Attendance last week: 94.9%	
FS1am	86.4%
FS1pm	81.8%
FS1 30hrs	96.2%
FS2KW	87.0%
FS2TG	95.7%
Y1RB	90.0%
Y1CG	98.7%
Y2DK	91.3%
Y2RT	100%
Y3HA	97.5%
Y3AN	93.9%
Y4NH	95.0%
Y4 SM	97.9%
Y5SC	92.3%
Y5VD	91.9%
Y6GM	99.7%
Y6NS	98.7%

Unwanted Piano

We have a piano in the school Dining Room that is rarely used. If you would like a piano and are able to collect this from school, please get in touch. In return, we’d ask for a donation, which would be put towards school funds.

Half Term is coming...

Please be reminded that school closes for Half Term on Friday 27th May at 3.30pm. We re-open on Monday 6th June at 8.40am.

Huggy Wuggy

It has been brought to our attention that a character named 'Huggy Wuggy' is being viewed by our children online. The character can be easily viewed on YouTube. The character is a teddy bear with razor-sharp teeth who sings worrying songs about hugging and killing. In order to keep your child safe, we strongly advise that they do not watch these videos, and that you carefully monitor your child's use of the internet.



Word of the Week

Next week's Word of the Week is **Example** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

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Next week, we are delighted to be able to pass on your donations following our non-uniform last Friday raising funds for CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Thank you so much for your support.

Holy Mass

Please note that there will be NO MASS on Wednesday this week. Instead, there will be a whole school Mass on Thursday morning at 9.30am to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. You are most welcome to join us in church for this celebration.

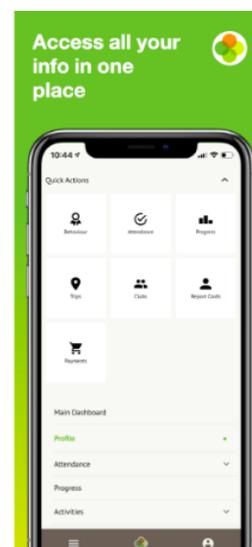
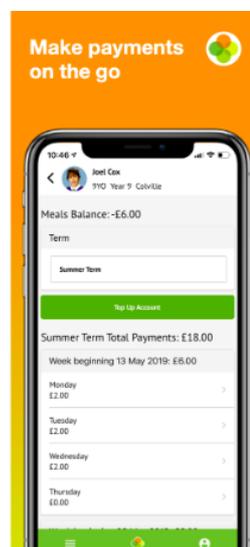
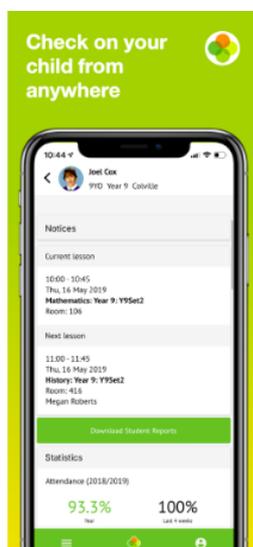
After Half Term, Mass will be celebrated with Year 3 on Wednesday 8th June at 9.30am. It would be lovely if you could join us in church.

Arbor

More than 80% of our parents have downloaded and set up our new payment and communication App, Arbor.

As previously communicated, this is now the only method that payments can be made.

If you haven't yet downloaded the App, we urge that you do this as soon as possible. Please be assured that if you have any difficulties, the Office Team will support you in every way — just pop into Reception and ask.



Attendance

Please remember that our aim is for each child to attend school for 97% of sessions. This week, some classes' average attendance is significantly below this. Please ensure your child is not absent without good reason. Thank you in advance for your support.