



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 16th September, 2022

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Queen Elizabeth II: 1926–2022

Throughout school this week, children have been reflecting on the life of Queen Elizabeth II. To commemorate her passing, each class have created their own book of condolences, which we have displayed centrally in school around a prayer table.

Please remember that **school will be CLOSED on Monday 19th September** to allow everyone in our school community to pay their respects to the Queen on the day of her funeral. **School re-opens as usual on Tuesday morning at 8.40am.**

School Singing Programme



New for this year, we have signed up to benefit from the Diocese of Nottingham Singing Programme, which aims to enhance musical education in Catholic schools across the Diocese. Our Year 3 and Year 4 children will receive weekly 30 minute sessions, delivered by experienced and trained professionals, which help children to interact

In addition to this Programme, the Cathedral are launching the **Mansfield Children's Choir**, which is an exciting opportunity for children in Mansfield to become singers of the future. The session will run each Wednesday from **4:30pm — 5:45pm** at **St. Philip's Church**. The Choir is open to all children aged 7 to 13 from our school. If you'd like your child to attend, **please register by completing the form** on the [Cathedral Music website](#) before dropping them off at St. Philip's Church next Wednesday.

Attendance this week:	
	97.05%
FS2KW	94.6%
FS2TG	93.1%
Y1RB	98.7%
Y1CG	98.1%
Y2IY	98.0%
Y2RT	98.3%
Y3GM/ZI	94.4%
Y3AN	96.9%
Y4NH	97.2%
Y4DK	96.9%
Y5SC	95.2%
Y5VD	94.8%
Y6HA	94.5%
Y6LB/NS	96.7%

Year 6 Parents — Secondary Applications

For parents of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to begin the process of applying for a secondary school place. **It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of Monday 31st October, 2021.** Nottinghamshire applications can be made [here](#).

For the overwhelming majority of you who will be applying for a place at All Saints', please note that you must complete a **Supplementary Form** from All Saints' as well as the **Local Authority application form**. Information on admissions to All Saints' can be found here: <https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/information/admissions/>.

If you are having any difficulties, please speak to Mrs Shivley or Mr Steele who will be only too happy to help. It is important to note that if a late application is made, then this will not be considered until all other applications have been allocated; this means you may not be allocated a place in your preferred choice of school.



Secondary school admissions

Attendance

In case you missed last week's Newsletter, overall attendance for the last academic year was 95.78%, which is slightly below our Trust target of 97%. This year, we ask for your continued support as we work in partnership to ensure that school attendance is high. Please be reminded that the Department for Education states that:

- Parents and carers have a duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where that child is a registered pupil at school and of a compulsory school age;
- If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason, you must notify school;
- Schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up all absences;
- Schools may issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority's guidelines.

As stated in our [Pupil Attendance Policy](#), leave of absence which has not been approved will be unauthorised and may lead to a referral being made to the Local Authority for action. For schools within Nottinghamshire County Council, a Penalty Notice will be requested if an unauthorised holiday is taken in excess of 3 days/6 sessions (over a 6 week rolling period).

Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child attends all possible sessions.

Trips & Visits

It was wonderful to hear that Year 4 had such a fabulous time at The Deep this week. Many thanks to the Year 4 team for organising the trip and for the parent volunteers who accompanied the group.

Next Tuesday, our Year 6 children will visit The Briars in Crich for a four-day Residential visit. This will be such a good opportunity for the group to develop further as a team, but also grow in faith. We pray for good weather and that our oldest children in Year 6 have the most wonderful time at The Briars.



Parish News

In case you missed it in the Parish Newsletter, please be reminded that a **Service for the Sick** will be held this **Sunday 18 September at 3.00pm in St. Philip Neri Church**. Everyone is welcome to come. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards. Please read the Parish [Newsletter here](#) for all the latest news and updates.

Start and End Times

It's been great to see an increase in the number of children arriving at 8:40am. The first 15 minutes of the school day is Genius Time where children are able to read, respond to their teacher's marking, or work with an adult on a 1:1 or small group basis to address any misconceptions with work from the previous day. Children who arrive at 8.55am are missing out on this opportunity.

Word of the Week

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



Holy Mass

Our first celebration of **Holy Mass** is on **Tuesday at 10.30am** for children in Year 1 to Year 6. The celebration will be to mark the beginning of the new academic year. Fr. John will provide a running commentary to give reasons for the words, actions and symbols used during Mass. As always, you are all most welcome to join us. Apologies for printing the incorrect date and time in last week's Newsletter.