



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



**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 14th October, 2022**

# **St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy**

## **Attendance**

Welcome back to a new term! Firstly, may we formally welcome **Miss Millington** who has been successfully appointed as our **Attendance Officer**, replacing Ms Davidson. She began this role from Monday and I look forward to working with her to maintain our good attendance figures. If you have any attendance queries, please direct these to Miss Millington.



As we start a new half term, please be reminded of our attendance monitoring procedures. Each half term, you will receive one of three 'Traffic Light' letters. **A Green letter** congratulates you on ensuring your child's attendance is above 96%. **An Amber letter** informs you that attendance is between 93% and 95.9%, which is below the national expectations of 96%. This letter may invite you to meet with Mrs Brizzolara, our Child and Family Support Worker, to discuss how we can support you. **A Red letter** informs you that your child's attendance is below 92.9% which is very concerning. This letter explains that your child's attendance will be closely monitored and you may be requested to meet Miss Millington for an Attendance Improvement Meeting. Failure to improve attendance could result in a fine being issued by the Local Authority.



**Attendance this week:**  
**95.5%**

FS2KW	93.18%
FS2TG	95.3%
Y1RB	96.3%
Y1CG	93.9%
Y2JY	95.9%
Y2RT	97.2%
Y3GM/ZJ	95.8%
Y3AN	93.9%
Y4NH	97.0%
Y4DK	95.8%
Y5SC	97.2%
Y5VD	95.6%
Y6HA	92.9%
Y6LB/NS	97.0%

Our whole school attendance has been below 96% this week. I do hope this improves next week. To give your child the best possible start in life, good attendance is absolutely essential. Children are much more likely to learn, develop and succeed when they attend school consistently. Please also be reminded that lateness is recorded as an absence. **Pupils must be in school by 8.55am** for the close of the register. To help with this, remember that the school gates are open from 8.35am. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Admissions**

Please note that from next week (Monday 7th November), **parents wishing for a Reception place from September 2023 will be able to apply.** The application window will be open until the deadline of 15th January. Applications can be made through the [Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Hub](#). Please also remember to submit a Supplementary Information Form if you wish for a school place to be considered under a faith criterion. Please note that you **MUST** include the supporting evidence with this form. If you are unable to locate the required faith evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised in good time for a 'copy' certificate to be supplied. **All the details and relevant forms can be found on the Admissions section of our [website](#).**

Please also note that **we are now full in all year groups across the school.** Unfortunately, **admissions for all year groups will not be offered.**

## Little Acts of Kindness

In case you missed it in our previous Newsletter, the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust has set up the Little Acts of Kindness Fund to offer financial support for all registered pupils who attending schools in the Trust. This is to help families with the cost of living crisis. The Fund supplements families who need support in paying for:

- Curriculum trips and year group residential (up to 100% of the cost);
- Other educational visits and trips;
- Travel to and from school.
- School uniform, shoes or sports/PE kit;
- School meals;
- Educational equipment.



Please note that all payments are discretionary and if awarded, do not need to be repaid. Pupils may be eligible for grants from the fund if: household income is below £25,000; a pupil whose parents are currently claiming other means-tested benefits including: Income Support, Working Tax Credit/ Child Tax Credit, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Universal Credit – who is not entitled to free school meals; or at the decision of the Headteacher or the Trust's Head of Finance, any pupil who does not fall under the categories listed above, but consider themselves to be in financial hardship. Further details of the Little Acts of Kindness Fund can be found [here](#) along with the Application Form which can be downloaded to apply.

## Word of the Week

Our Word of the Week next week is **Holy** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



## Holy Mass

We celebrated a beautiful whole school Mass with Fr. Shalbin on Tuesday to mark the solemnity of All Saints'. It was lovely to see Parents, Grandparents and Governors able to share the celebration with us.

Next week, Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 9.30am with **Year 3**. As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us in Church.

## Key Dates This Term:

In order to give you advanced notice, please find the key dates below for our Nativity and Carol Concerts during Advent. Further details will be provided in the next few weeks.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Classes Involved
Tuesday 6th December	09.30	Nativity	School Hall	Key Stage 1
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Monday 12th December	18.00	Carol Concert	St. Philip's RC Church	Year 3 & Year 4
Tuesday 13th December	09.30	Nativity	School Hall	Foundation Stage
Tuesday 13th December	14.00	Nativity	School Hall	Foundation Stage
Friday 16th December	14:00	Christmas Fayre	School Hall	Whole School
Wednesday 21st December	14.00	Carol Concert	St. Philip's RC Church	Year 5 & 6