



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 16th December, 2022

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

End of Term

As this will be the final newsletter of the Advent Term, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support over this last term. Even though the world around is full of worries and struggles, you’ve continued to work with us to put the needs of your children first — and we really appreciate this. I’d also like to express my sincere thanks to the incredible Staff Team and Governors of St. Philip’s all of whom work tirelessly to provide our children with memorable, meaningful experiences and the utmost care and love. I feel so blessed to work with such a committed and dedicated team. And, of course, I must thank our wonderful children, who have had the most incredible 12 weeks. They’ve grown in knowledge, character and faith which is most wonderful to see, and continue to work with a great sense of purpose and pride. Well done everyone!

As we have journeyed through Advent together, we’ve been reminded of the hope, peace and joy that comes with this most special time of the year. We pray that, through the celebration of Our Lord’s birth this Christmas, our community is blessed with hope, peace and joy this Christmas time.



On behalf of us all at St. Philip Neri with St. Bede, I would like to wish you all a very happy, restful and holy Christmas. Please be reminded that **school will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 4th January, 2023.**

Mass Times

I know that Fr. John would be delighted to welcome you to Church this Christmas time. Mass times for Christmas are as follows:

Christmas Eve:	Christmas Day:
5:00pm St. Philip Neri, Mansfield	09:00am St. Teresa’s, Warsop
5:00pm St. Joseph’s, Shirebrook	09:00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
5:00pm St. Patrick’s, Forest Town	11:00am St. Patrick’s, Forest Town
8:00pm St. Joseph’s, Shirebrook	11:00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
St. Stephen’s Day/Boxing Day	The Feast of the Epiphany
10:00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield	10:30am Whole School Mass @ St. Philip Neri

Please note that the 5pm services on Christmas Eve are Children’s Masses. The 5pm Mass at St. Philip’s will begin from 4:30pm with carol singing. It will be lovely to see you there.

Attendance this week:
84.6%

FS2KW	78.7%
FS2TG	79.7%
Y1RB	90.0%
Y1CG	92.7%
Y2JY	85.0%
Y2RT	83.3%
Y3GM/ZJ	72.9%
Y3AN	89.7%
Y4NH	93.1%
Y4DK	90.0%
Y5SC	96.0%
Y5VD	54.5%
Y6HG	84.4%
Y6LB/NS	91.9%

Christmas Fayre & Disco

Many thanks to SPA for organising and holding their Christmas Fayre, which took place this afternoon. The event was a huge success; it was lovely to see everyone back together for our first Christmas Fayre since 2019! Thank you for supporting the event.



The next SPA event takes place on Monday with a free Children's Disco. Please ensure consent forms are returned if you wish for your child to attend. Children in Nursery and Reception will attend the disco between 2.30pm and 3.30pm (consent forms not needed), Key Stage 1 children between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, and then Key Stage 2 from 4.45pm until 5.45pm.

Word of the Week

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



Holy Mass

Please note that there will be **NO MASS** next week. The next school Mass is on Friday 6th January at 10:30am to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. As ever, you will be most welcome to join us.

Staffing Updates

Miss Galvin will begin her maternity leave at the end of this term. I know you'll keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she prepares for the birth of her first baby. We look forward to welcoming Mr. Davies who will teach Miss Galvin's class from next term. He will visit next week to meet the staff and children. I know you will make Mr. Davies most welcome.

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Georgia Bannister, our Sports TA Apprentice. We thank Miss Bannister for all she has done and wish her well.

Next term, we're excited to welcome two new Teaching Assistants: Mrs Adeyanju who joins Miss Wheatley's class and Mr Brown (who you may know from Lime Trees) joins Miss Canning's class.

Baby News

We are excited to announce that Miss Dabrowska (Gosia) is pregnant. This is such wonderful news and I know you'll join your prayers and well-wishes with ours.



Admissions

For parents wishing for a **Reception place from September 2023, now is the time 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. **All the details and relevant forms can be found on the Admissions section of our [website](#).**

Key Dates This Term:

Date	Time	Event	Location	Classes Involved
Wednesday 21st December	14.00	Carol Concert	St. Philip's RC Church	Year 5 & 6

Please remember that **school closes for the Christmas break at 3.30pm on Wednesday 21st December. We return on Wednesday 4th January, 2023** for the Lent Term.