



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 22nd September, 2023**

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

## Toddler Tales

We're really excited to share a new initiative that we are launching later this year called Toddler Tales. This will be a fun, interactive, way to promote an early love of reading. The sessions will also provide us with a good opportunity to get to know the children who may be considering joining our Nursery. Toddler Tales will be aimed at parents/carers and their children aged 18 months to 2 years. The first session will take place on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9:15-10:15am**. There'll be no need to sign up; just arrive at the main entrance on the day. Come along and join Mrs Brizzolara and Mrs Steele for a session in the Forest Schools area themed on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. There will be lots of fun to be had exploring, plus hot drinks/juice and a biscuit.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please see Mrs Steele or Mrs Brizzolara.



## Introducing our Lay Chaplains: Luke & Clare

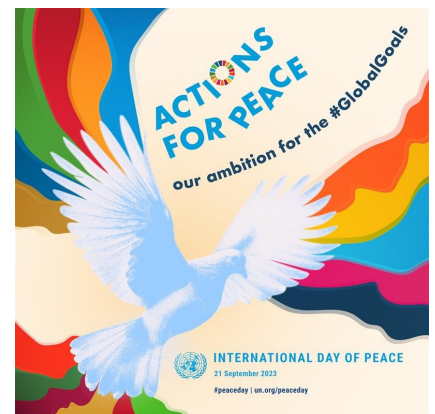
Catholic Life and Mission is one of the most important and special aspects of our school. To develop this further, I am delighted to inform you that we have two new Lay Chaplains working with us this year: Luke Potter and Clare Lund. Both colleagues know our school community well having both attended All Saints' as students. Both are also parishioners at St. Philip's. Having met with our Lay Chaplains, they have lots of new and exciting ideas as to how they will further inspire our children both spiritually and morally. It's been a pleasure to welcome them to our school community. They will be working in our school every Thursday for the full day.

## International Day of Peace

Yesterday was the UN's International Day of Peace. To mark this important date, some of our school Chaplaincy Team took part in a Hub event, working in collaboration with our brothers and sisters from our family of schools. The children and young people were able to share ideas about being agents of peace. They created peace prayers and raps, established peace missions to share with the rest of their school communities and shared in a peace-themed act of liturgical prayer. Our Lay Chaplains, Clare and Luke, were delighted with their efforts, their teamwork and their willingness to live out Jesus' message: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.' (John 14:27) They look forward to sharing their actions with our school teams next week. I was delighted to hear that the chaplains from St. Philip's were a credit to our school, living out our mission statement in every way. Well done Chaplaincy Team!

**Attendance this week: 94.8%**

FS2KW	86%
FS2NM	91%
Y1LD	96.7%
Y1JS	96.7%
Y2JY	97.7%
Y2RT	98%
Y3RB	96.7%
Y3AN	96%
Y4BF	89%
Y4DK	92.7%
Y5SC	96.9%
Y5VD	95.8%
Y6LB	96%
Y6HG	98%



## Nut Free School

Since the beginning of this term, new pupils with severe nut allergies have joined our school. In response to this, we are now completely nut free due to these children's allergy being life threatening. The children suffer an allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and by breathing nut dust in the air. It really is that serious. Therefore, we are asking for all members of our school community to help minimise the risk to these children by:



- 1) Avoiding giving your child/children nuts or products that contain nuts in packed lunches.
- 2) Avoiding giving your child/children nuts or nut products including cereal bars that contain nuts for break-times.
- 3) Avoiding items that contains nuts when supplying us with cakes, treats etc. for birthday celebrations, sales or events.

Please note that where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, it will be removed politely and the member of staff will explain why this has been done. A message/call will then be made to the parent to explain why this has happened so they are fully informed and to remind them of the nut-free policy.

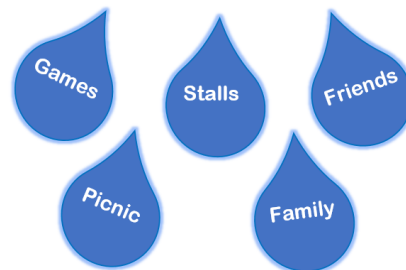
Thank you in advance for your efforts to protect these children.

## Parish Family Picnic

To celebrate the Season of Creation, a family picnic has been organised by Sr. Susan and members of our Parish. There'll be games, stalls and lots of fun to be had. The celebration will conclude with a thanksgiving liturgy for our creation. The event takes place **this Sunday from 2.30pm until 4.30pm on our school field**. Please use the Tesco entrance.



**Let Justice and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023



## Word of the Week

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



## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 26 Sept	Liturgy of the Word	Year 6
Tuesday 3 October	Mass	Year 5
Tuesday 10 October	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 17 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us in Church for each celebration above at 9.30am.

## 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 Tuesday 31st October, 2023.** Nottinghamshire applications can be made [here](#). Nottinghamshire County Council have produced this [factsheet](#) to make the process easier for you.

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 a member of the Year 6 team, or 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.



## Join our Team!

At the end of this half term, three of our Midday Supervisors are retiring from their roles—Linda Burnett, Joan Turton and June Bonser. As we enjoy our last few weeks working with these colleagues, this provides the opportunity for you or somebody you know to join our team as a Midday Supervisor. To find out more [click here](#). Please note that the closing date for applications is Monday 2nd October at 9am.

## Key Dates

See below for this term's Key Dates. We strongly advise that you check Class Dojo regularly to see notifications of other events, including specific year group activities and Class Charity Events.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
Sunday 24 Sept	2.30pm—4.30pm	Picnic in the Park	School Field	Parish Event
Wednesday 27 Sept	3.00pm—3.30pm	Phonics Information Workshop	School Hall	Reception class Parents
27—29 Sept		Residential Visit	The Mill	Year 3
Friday 29 Sept	2:50pm	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School
Wednesday 4 Oct	3.00pm—3.30pm	Phonics Information Workshop	School Hall	Year 1 Parents
Friday 6 Oct	All Day	Flu Vaccination Programme	Medical Room	Children with parental permission
Wednesday 11 Oct	From 9am	School Photographer	School Hall	Individual Photos
Tuesday 17 Oct	3.45pm—6pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School
Thursday 19 Oct	3.45pm—6pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School