



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 29th September, 2023**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Parents' Evening

As you'll have seen from last week's Key Dates section of the Newsletter, we will be holding our first Parents' Evening of the academic year on **Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October between 3.45pm and 6pm**. These will be face-to-face meetings in school. Teachers have already started communicating with you on Class Dojo to request your preferred date and time of appointment. Once we've received your preference, teachers will collate this information then provide you with an appointment time.

Educating your child is a partnership so it's expected that all parents/carers are able to attend. Not only will these meetings update you on your child's engagement, attitude, achievements and friendships, but they will also provide ideas of how to support your child at home. If the above dates/times are not convenient, please contact your child's class teacher when an alternative can be arranged.

Attendance Matters

In some classes, attendance is below our target of 97%. Please be reminded that school attendance can have a significant impact on a child's wellbeing, development and ability to access the curriculum. This is illustrated below:

Above 97%	Above 97%. Less than 6 days' absence a year: Excellent attendance! Pupils with this attendance should have access to the majority of the taught curriculum.
95% and below	95%. Less than 10 days' absence in a year: Attendance needs to improve! Pupils with this attendance are likely to access the majority curriculum but will miss out on important educational experiences.
90%	90%. 19 days' absence over the year: Pupils with this attendance are missing <u>1 month</u> of school per year and will miss key curriculum areas; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	85%. 29 days' absence in a year: These pupils are missing <u>6 weeks</u> of school per year, it will be very difficult for them to access the curriculum and achieve their best.
80% or below	80%. Pupils with this attendance are missing the equivalent of <u>1 day for every week</u> of school. It will be almost impossible to access all of the curriculum.

Attendance this week: 93.9%	
FS2KW	87%
FS2NM	89%
Y1LD	95%
Y1JS	91.7%
Y2JY	96.3%
Y2RT	92.3%
Y3RB	95.3%
Y3AN	98.7%
Y4BF	95.5%
Y4DK	96.7%
Y5SC	97.8%
Y5VD	94.8%
Y6LB	88.7%
Y6HG	95%

Attendance Matters



In the event you are having any problems that may impact your child's attendance, punctuality and learning, please contact Miss Wright our Attendance Officer or Mrs Brizzolara as we may be able to help.

Please also remember to report all absences. This can be done by phoning the school office; emailing the office (office24@st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk); via Dojo or by sending a message through Arbor. Please DO NOT contact your child's class teacher; instead, direct all messages to the Office.

School Dinners

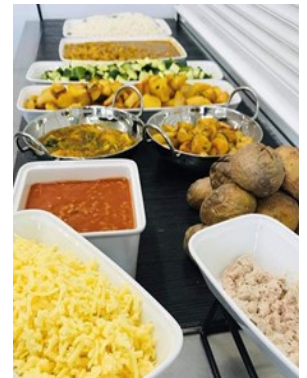
As we have officially entered autumn and the temperatures begin to fall, now might be a good time to switch from a packed lunch to school dinners.

If you think your child may be eligible for a Free School Meal, please [click here](#).

[Note that we use Derbyshire County Council for this service].

Our school meals form part of a healthy and balanced diet and are freshly-prepared each day. A copy of this term's delicious menu can be found [here](#).

For children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2, school meals are **completely free of charge**. For children in Year 3 to Year 6, the cost is **£2.45** each day unless eligible for a free school meal through pupil premium funding. School meals can be paid for easily using your Arbor account.



It's always worth checking if you're eligible for pupil premium funding. The process is quick and easy too. All you need is your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Reference Number, your surname and your date of birth. If eligible, school will be able to support you in other ways, for example by heavily subsidising the cost of trips and visits, including residential visits.

Liturgy of the Word

Year 6 staff and pupils prepared and delivered a beautiful Liturgy of the Word service based on 'Speak' the Word of the Week. As well as this, Tuesday was the Feast Day of Saints Cosmos and Damian. They were twins who studied medicine and devoted themselves to the rich and poor alike, accepting no money for their medical services. To represent the twin saints, two sets of twins (photographed here) introduced the Liturgy.



Join our Team!

At the end of this half term, three of our Midday Supervisors are retiring. As we are enjoying 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 hurry as the closing date for applications is **Monday 2nd October at 9am**.

Word of the Week

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

listen

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 3 October	Mass	Year 5
Tuesday 10 October	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 17 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3
Tuesday 7 November	Mass	Year 2

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

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.



NottAlone: It's OK to feel not OK

If you or anyone you know is struggling with their mental health and are in need of advice and help, NottAlone is a really good starting point. This comprehensive website provides local mental health advice, covering a range of areas from self-harm, to family separation, suicidal thoughts or worries about gangs/gang culture. Click [here to visit the NottAlone website](#).



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?
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
Friday 20 Oct	3.30pm	HALF TERM	SCHOOL	CLOSED
Monday 6 Nov	8.40am	School Re-opens		
Tues 7 Nov	1.45am—3pm	1, 2, 3, Magic Parent Workshop	School Hall	All parents
Tues 7 Nov	4.30pm—5.45pm	1, 2, 3 Magic Parent Workshop	School Hall	All parents