



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 3rd February, 2023

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Phonics e-Books

In case you missed the last Newsletter, please be reminded that all children in Foundation Stage and Year 1 are issued with a Collins eBook each week using the login details that you were previously provided with. The login page can be found [here](#).



The books assigned are linked to your child's phonics. Each book allocated is the same one that they have been reading in class. Re-reading this book develops fluency and confidence in reading, which we hope supports our children to develop a sense of achievement and a love of reading. Thank you for your support with this. For further information relating to eBooks and for help logging in, please [click here](#).

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any further information or help.

The Season of Lent

To mark the beginning of Lent, we held two very special Ash Wednesday services in school—one for Foundation & Key Stage 1 children, and one for Key Stage 2. All children received the ashes, which had been blessed during the celebration of Mass at All Saints'.



As you will have already heard, we are delighted to be supporting CAFOD by taking part in their Big Lent Walk; this started on Ash Wednesday to coincide with the beginning of Lent. As a school, we aim to walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty. This distance will be shared by all children from Nursery to Year 6. We are not asking for sponsorships for this event as we know that times are hard but we are asking for donations. All money raised will be donated to CAFOD to support our global neighbours to live life to the full. Please bring any money into school where it can be added to each class' CAFOD pot. £10 can provide four palm trees to protect land from extreme weather, £26 can help to build raised beds that protect vegetables from flooding. More information can be found here: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/big-lent-walk>. Thank you so much for your support.

Congratulations Mrs Quin!

During Half Term, Miss Hurcum celebrated her wedding. I know you'll join your congratulations with ours as we wish the new Mr and Mrs Quin a very long, and happy married life together.



First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers our 38 children who will begin the First Holy Communion programme this weekend. Their journey begins this Sunday with their Enrolment Mass.



Attendance this week:

96%

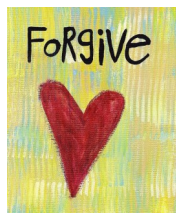
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Y1CG	92.6%
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Y2RT	93.8%
Y3GM/ZJ	92.6%
Y3AN	97.4%
Y4NQ	99.1%
Y4DK	96.7%
Y5SC	100%
Y5VD	95.3%
Y6HG	95.6%
Y6LB/NS	98.4%

Redecoration

For anyone who has entered school using our Main Reception in the last few days, you will notice that the communal areas of our school are looking much fresher as the painters are making their way through the building. This is giving our school environment a much-needed lift! Once the painting has been completed, we have lots of plans to enhance the environment, some of which has already been done. Exciting times!

Word of the Week

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



Holy Mass

Year 6 will celebrate **Holy Mass** at St. Philip's RC Church next **Tuesday at 10:30**. As always, you are most welcome to join us. Mass will be celebrated with **Year 5** on Tuesday 7th March at 10:30am.

World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day **next Wednesday**. World Book Day is a great opportunity for children of all ages to come together and share the joy of reading for pleasure.

As part of these World Book Day celebrations, we invite all children to come to school wearing their pyjamas (or comfortable clothes) along with slippers and a teddy bear. *Please do not feel the need to buy anything new for this.* Throughout the day, we will invite children to take part in a range of activities and will celebrate the beauty of bedtime stories.



Diary Dates

Please find some key dates below of events taking place before Half Term:

Date	Time	Event	Classes Involved
Wednesday 1st March	All Day	World Book Day	Whole School
Friday 3rd March	3:00pm	Choral Verse Assembly for Parents	FS & Key Stage 1
Friday 10th March	3:00pm	Come & See Assembly for Parents	Year 3
6th March—10th March		Residential Visit	Year 5
Friday 17th March	3:00pm	Choral Verse Assembly for Parents	Key Stage 2
Tuesday 21st March	3:45pm—6:00pm	Parents' Evening	Whole School
Thursday 23rd March	3:45pm—6:00pm	Parents' Evening	Whole School
Friday 31st March	3:00pm	Easter Presentation for Parents	Key Stage 2