



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 5th May, 2023

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Well done Year 6!

This week, Year 6 children have completed their statutory SATs assessment tests. The children's hard work, focus and commitment to their learning has been extremely impressive. Thank you Year 6; you've been brilliant. Many thanks to the Year 6 staff team and parents for preparing the children so well for these tests. Both classes will hold a pyjama party on Monday to celebrate!

We continue to keep our Year 2 children in our thoughts and prayers as they continue with their SATs, which are being administered in small groups.

Parent Voice Group

Our next Parent Voice Meeting takes place next week on **Wednesday 9am**. The focus of this meeting is to discuss **Communication**. We look forward to hearing your views and suggestions. As always, there will be a warm welcome and a biscuit or two! If you're not able to make it to the meeting but would like to share your views, please email any comments to Office24@st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk.



Key Dates

Please find below some of this term's key dates. Please accept my apologies as there was an error with the Mass date in last week's Newsletter. The correct date is below:

Date	Time	Event	Location	Classes Involved
Thursday 18th May	9.30am	Whole School Mass (Led by Year 6)	St. Philip's Church	Year 1 — Year 6
Tuesday 16th May	AM	First Holy Communion Retreat	St. Joseph's, Langwith Junction	Various
Friday 19th May	2:50pm	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	2RT and 2JY
Tuesday 23rd May	10.30am	Chaplains Mass	St. Philip's Church	Various
Friday 26th May	3.30pm	Half Term Begins		Whole School

Following the Half Term break, please be reminded that **Monday 5th June is an INSET Day**; school will therefore be closed to all pupils on this day. **The final term of the year will begin on Tuesday 6th June.**

Attendance this week:

91.7%

FS2KW	60.0%
FS2TG	89.6%
Y1RB	98.3%
Y1CG	98.1%
Y2JY	94.6%
Y2RT	86.6%
Y3GM/ZJ	90.9%
Y3AN	91.9%
Y4NQ	95.7%
Y4DK	97.0%
Y5SC	95.4%
Y5VD	98.3%
Y6HG	88.3%
Y6LB/NS	99.2%

More Baby News!



We are delighted to share the news that Miss Gina Robinson, our Midday Supervisor, gave birth to her son on Tuesday evening. Welcome to world, Rory Philip Cresswell. I'm delighted to report that Mum and baby are doing really well, even though Rory came 10 days early! We can't wait to meet him.

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **Example** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 18th May at 9.30am to mark the Ascension, which is a holy day of obligation.** As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us in Church.

Pupil Attendance Policy

After the Half Term break, our current Attendance Policy will be replaced by a new Attendance Policy, which is to be implemented across all Our Lady of Lourdes Trust schools. If you would like to preview this new Policy before it is officially implemented, it can be viewed here on our website.

In the meantime, please be reminded that family holidays should not be taken during school time and will not be authorised. In line with Nottinghamshire County Council guidelines, a Penalty Notice (fine) can be issued if an unauthorised holiday is taken in excess of 3 days/6 sessions (over a 6-week rolling period).

Free School Meals

With costs continuing to rise, it's worth checking if you are eligible for Free School Meals. At present, every child receives a free school meal until the end of Year 2. However, children from Year 3 can also receive free school meals. To check if you're eligible and to apply, please [click here](#). As always, our Office Team will help you if needed. For all parents with a child currently in Year 2, I'd strongly advise that you check to see if you are eligible ready for when they move to Year 3.



Arbor

There are still some families who haven't yet downloaded and set up our payment and communication App, Arbor.

The App can be used to make instant payments. You can also check key information, such as your child's attendance figures. And, if you move house or change phone number, this can easily be updated via the App.

If you have any problems, just pop into Reception and we'll do our best to help.

