



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



**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 21st July, 2023**

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

### **Final Newsletter of the Year**

...and just like that, another school year has (nearly) come to an end. And what a year it has been! The community of St. Philip Neri with St. Bede is so incredibly special. It genuinely is a privilege to be the Headteacher of our wonderful school. On behalf of the staff team and governors, I'd like to thank you all for the unwavering support you give our school; we are so grateful for all that you do. You are your child's first educators; it is an honour and a privilege to work in partnership with you to do all we can so that your child blossoms and thrives. I also wish to pay homage to our children who have yet again proven how truly amazing they are. Their confidence, resilience, energy and enthusiasm is genuinely inspirational.

I also wish to thank our incredibly wonderful staff team who work tirelessly to nurture, inspire and shape our children to be the best version of themselves, and to our governors whose support, advice and dedication is resolute. For the staff who are leaving us at the end of this academic year to begin new challenges, thank you for everything you have done for our school. Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Graham, Mrs Harris and Mrs Mellor. Please don't be strangers. I also wish to express my thanks to Miss Sembi who has been supporting our Year 5 pupils this year. We wish her the very best for the future.

At the end of the day next Tuesday, we'll also wave goodbye to our Year 6 children and their families. This group of Year 6 pupils have been truly outstanding. We are so proud of what they have achieved and the delightful, charming young people they have become. We wish them every success in their new adventure and hope they enjoy and relish all the opportunities that secondary education will bring.

This means we also say goodbye to some families for the last time too. To the: *Anish, Bajowska, Ball, Bartkun, Berresford, Booth, Bray, Cattnach, D'Souza, Dembicka, Durkin-Wood, Freestone Wright, Gasecki, Gogo, Graves, Hall, Hogan, Idasiak, Jackiewicz, Jinks, Jobi, Kay, Keijzer, Mackie, Noszczyk, Rajewski, Rasinska, Repjahs, Sebastian, Sheldon, Sidibeh, Sledz, Sluja, Sniadach, Vincent-Bromley, Walker, White, Wronska, Wrzesniewski* and *Xavior* families, you will be greatly missed.

To our other Year 6 families with siblings, we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you next year.

Please remember that the **final day of this academic year is Tuesday 25th July**. On behalf of us all, have a very happy, peaceful summer holiday. **We look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 7th September.**

### **Summer Fayre**

HUGE THANKS to the PTA for organising our Summer Fayre which took place today in the School Hall. Good fun was had by all. We'll let you know how much was raised next week. Thank you for supporting this event; it was really lovely to see the Hall so full.

**Attendance this week:**

**91.8%**

FS2KW	90.7%
FS2TG	79.7%
Y1RB	88.9%
Y1CG	91.7%
Y2JY	97.0%
Y2RT	93.0%
Y3GM/ZJ	92.4%
Y3AN	93.5%
Y4NQ	97.8%
Y4DK	87.6%
Y5SC	91.0%
Y5VD	97.3%
Y6HG	86.9%
Y6LB/NS	97.5%



## Summer Reading Challenge



The annual Summer Reading Challenge is back in all libraries across Nottinghamshire. This year, the Challenge will celebrate play and participation, encouraging children to get involved in games and sports in any way that best suits them.

To take part, sign up at your local library and collect your child's Ready, Set, Read collector folder. Then, borrow books and get reading! Record the books read on their folder. For every book read, children will pick up stickers (some are smelly!) along with other rewards. They'll also help the Ready, Set, Read! team weave through the obstacle course. Every child who completes the challenge, by reading 6 library books, receives a medal and certificate. It's all free, fun and a great way to keep children reading over the summer holidays. There's also a Mini Challenge for under 3s. [Click here](#) to find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge. Happy reading!

### Mass

You are welcome to join us in St. Philip's church on Tuesday 25th July at 10.30am for our Year 6 Leavers' Mass.

### Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **happy** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship on Monday and Tuesday.



### Can you help?

One of our children, Henry, in Foundation Stage has been selected to compete in the British Transplant Games for QMC Hospital in July. This is all subsidised by a charity called the [Kinder Fund](#) for Transplant Games. They pay for Henry and his family to go to the games and stay over whilst he competes. The charity is currently asking for donations to help towards this. If you're able to help, Henry's family would greatly appreciate it. More details can be found [here](#).





## The Great Early Years Outdoor Project!

A final reminder before the end of the academic year that we are restocking and re-organising our Foundation unit and need your help please! Our aim is to develop the outside areas, sourcing as many "loose parts" as we can through our school community. In the spirit of reducing, reusing and recycling, we want to appeal to you for any items from home that might ordinarily be thrown away. We would appreciate items such as:

- (clean) hardware such as nuts and bolts to enhance fine motor skills
- pots and pans and utensils for new mud kitchens
- cable drums of any size
- tyres
- items left from a garden project including clean pebbles, gravel, rocks (to make dinosaur and fairy gardens)
- compost
- flowers, herbs, grasses or plants that can be replanted and grown in different areas outside
- artificial plants (especially the ones that look like succulents)

If anyone has a crafty family member, that can turn a pallette into a music wall, a broom handle into a wellington book rack, or would be inclined to cut up some branches into counting pieces, that would also be amazing.



If you have ANYTHING that you think you might be able to donate, please send Mrs Shively a photograph so we do not double up on items. Please do not be offended if your offerings are not accepted this time as a similar request will be put out again in the future for the rest of school! Thank you for your kind donations so far.

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