



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 6th October, 2023**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Parents' Evening

Please be reminded that Parents' Evening will take place in just over a week's time: **Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October between 3.45pm and 6pm**. These will be face-to-face meetings in school. If you haven't already, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange a date and appointment time.



Appointment slips are available for the office upon request, or you can contact teachers using Class Dojo. 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.

Little Acts of Kindness

In order to support our families with the rise in the cost of living, the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust has a 'Little Acts of Kindness Fund' to offer financial support for all registered pupils who attend a Trust school. The Fund supplements families who need support in paying for:

- Curriculum trips and residential visits;
- Other educational visits and trips;
- School uniform, shoes or sports/PE kit;
- School meals;
- Educational equipment.
- Travel to and from school.



Please note that all payments are discretionary and if awarded, do not need to be repaid. Pupils may be eligible for grants from the fund if: household income is below £25,000; a pupil whose parents are currently claiming other means-tested benefits including: Income Support, Working Tax Credit/ Child Tax Credit, Income Based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Universal Credit – who is not entitled to free school meals; or at the decision of the Headteacher or the Trust's Head of Finance, any pupil who does not fall under the categories listed above, but consider themselves to be in financial hardship. Further details of the Little Acts of Kindness Fund can be found [here](#) along with the Application Form which can be downloaded to apply.

Attendance this week: 94.9%

FS2KW	92.7%
FS2NM	96.3%
Y1LD	96.3%
Y1JS	95.3%
Y2JY	90.7%
Y2RT	88%
Y3RB	92.3%
Y3AN	96.7%
Y4BF	95.2%
Y4DK	94.3%
Y5SC	99.1%
Y5VD	97%
Y6LB	96.7%
Y6HG	97.3%

Lost Property

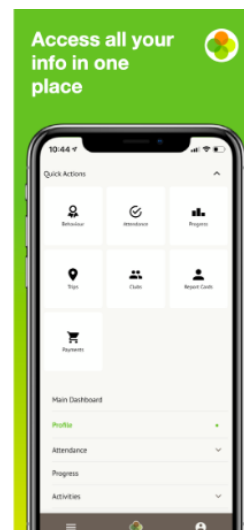
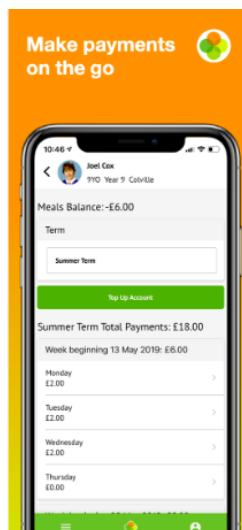
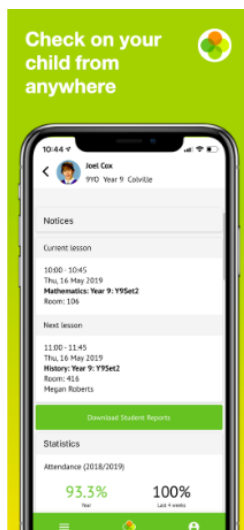
Please check the trolley outside the Dining Room as we have a growing number of lost property items not named.

Arbor

There are still a few 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 the Office and we'll do our best to help.



Come & See Assembly

This afternoon, we welcomed parents into school for our first Come & See Assembly of the year, led by Year 6. This was an opportunity for our oldest children in school to share what they have been learning in their current RE topic. It was very humbling to see the children confidently express their faith through music, dance and drama. Well done to both Year 6 classes.

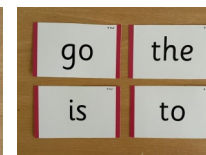
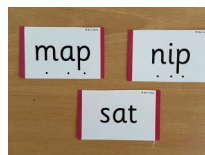
School Photographer

The School Photographer is in school next Wednesday to take individual photographs. We ask that **all children are wearing their full winter uniform** if they have PE.

Phonics Workshops

Many thanks to the parents/carers from Reception and Year 1 for attending the Phonics Workshops. We hope that you found the sessions to be useful and informative. If you were unable to attend, please check the Reception and Year 1 Class Dojo pages as copies of the presentations can be found here.

For all parents of children in Reception and Year 1, please remember that your child's Reading Practise e-book can be found [here](#). Login details have already been shared. If you're having difficulty logging on, please get in touch with your child's teacher.



Word of the Week

Next week our Word of the Week is **Rosary** 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 10 October	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 17 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3
Tuesday 7 November	Mass	Year 2
Tuesday 14 November	Mass	Year 1

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

In case you missed last week's Newsletter, I think this resource is worth sharing again. 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 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
Wednesday 8 Nov	9am & 3pm	Early Reading Workshop	School Hall	Nursery Parents
Wednesday 15 Nov	9.15am—10.15am	Toddler Tales	School Field	Parents & Toddlers