



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 20th October, 2023**

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

## End of Half Term

We’ve made it to the end of a very busy first term, which seems to have flown by really quickly. Thank you for your support this term with ensuring your child is in school and here on time, and for your help with hearing your child read and complete their weekly homework tasks.



From us all, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term break; we hope you manage to spend some quality family time together. Please be reminded that school re-opens on Monday 6th November at 8:40am.

## Parents’ Evening



Many thanks to the overwhelming majority of you who were able to attend Parents’ Evening this week. A close partnership between home and school really does help children flourish and achieve their full potential. For those of you unable to make an appointment, staff from the School Office will be in touch to arrange a meeting after Half Term.

## The Big Ambition

The Children’s Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children and young people across the country about what they need to make their lives better. The survey collects information from children about their schools, communities, family life and the wider world, as well as what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams and aspirations.



As we approach a General Election, it is a crucial moment to take children and young people’s voices to policymakers and the Government, to make sure they are heard. The survey is for all children and young people aged 0 to 18. Children aged 6 to 18 can complete the survey themselves. For those who may need additional support or for children under six parents and other adults can complete the survey on their behalf.

The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition). Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your child’s views. The survey is open until Friday 15th December.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Attendance this week: 94.2%	
FS2KW	90.9%
FS2NM	91.5%
Y1LD	92.6%
Y1JS	95.7%
Y2JY	95.4%
Y2RT	92.7%
Y3RB	93.4%
Y3AN	96.9%
Y4BF	93.1%
Y4DK	93.2%
Y5SC	98.1%
Y5VD	94.0%
Y6LB	95.1%
Y6HG	96.3%

## Positive Parenting: 1-2-3 Magic Workshops

I am delighted to be able to welcome Alison Hardwick, from Nottinghamshire County Council's Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team to deliver a parent workshop, based on a simple parenting programme called 1-2-3 Magic after half term.

The *magic* of **1-2-3 Magic** is that it is the world's simplest parenting program! The create of 1-2-3 Magic, Dr. Thomas W. Phelan, a clinical psychologist, breaks the complex job of parenting down into **3 simple steps**:

1. Getting your kids to **stop** doing the things you don't want them to do (tantrums, whining, etc.)
2. Motivating your kids to **start** doing the things you want them to do (cleaning up, homework, etc.)
3. Bonding with your kids (**the best part!**)

With these 3 steps, **which you can start using in your house right away**, 1-2-3 Magic has helped millions of families grow stronger and more connected, with happier parents and, most importantly, happier kids!

Alison will deliver the session twice: once at 1.45pm and again at 4.30pm on Tuesday 7th November. There's no need to book, just turn up ready for the workshop.

## Word of the Week

Next week our Word of the Week is **Change** 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 7 November	Mass	Year 2
Tuesday 14 November	Mass	Year 1
Tuesday 21 November	Mass	Year 6
Tuesday 28 November	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5

## 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?
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

Nativity Dates: To help you prepare, please put our Nativity/Carol Concert dates in your diaries.

**Foundation Stage Nativity:** Friday 15th December @ 9.30am and 2.15pm; **Key Stage 1 Nativity:** Tuesday 12th December @ 9.30am and 2.15pm; **Year 3/4 Carol Concert:** 11th December @ 6pm and 14th December at 9.30am; **Year 5/6 Carol Concert:** Thursday 21st December at 2:30pm.