



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

**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 17th November, 2023**

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

## Anti-Bullying Week



As you know, this week is Anti-Bullying Week. It was great to mark this in the usual way along with most other schools in the country by wearing odd socks to illustrate that we are all different and unique, made in the image of God.

Throughout the week, teachers have delivered activities to remind children what bullying is — **when someone seeks to harm us Several Times On Purpose** — and to know that this is unacceptable. Teachers have also shared our [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) so all children know how to respond if they suspect bullying or are being harmed or bullied.

### What is Bullying?



- SEVERAL
- TIMES
- ON
- PURPOSE

## Attendance & Punctuality

Average attendance so far this year is 94.5%; this is just below National figures of 94.9% but lower than our target of 97%. At the end of half term, letters were sent home to all families with concerning attendance; the attendance of these pupils is now being reviewed. Where there has been little or no improvement, parents will be invited to attend an Attendance Improvement Meeting.

We appreciate that this time of year can be tricky with illnesses; however, children who do not attend school regularly often struggle to catch up with work missed or become anxious learners. With this in mind, we are hopeful that attendance rates improve across this half term. We are already seeing an improvement this week, which is great.

Attendance this week: 96%	
FS2KW	98.7%
FS2NM	93.7%
Y1GV	97%
Y1JS	92.3%
Y2JY	96.6%
Y2RT	93.7%
Y3RB	91.3%
Y3AN	96.7%
Y4BF	99%
Y4DK	98%
Y5SC	97.5%
Y5VD	94.5%
Y6LB	99.3%
Y6HG	96.7%

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Please remember that we are here to help. In the event you are having any problems that may impact your child’s attendance, punctuality and learning, please contact Mrs Wright our Attendance Officer or Mrs Brizzolara.

Please also remember to report all absences. This can be done by phoning the school office; emailing the office ([office24@st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office24@st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk)); via Dojo or by sending a message through Arbor. Please DO NOT contact your child’s class teacher; instead, direct all messages to the Office.

## Clothing/Lost Property

Once again, the amount of lost property is beginning to build. If children's possessions are clearly labelled with their name, staff endeavor to return this. However, most of the items in the Lost Property area do not contain names. If your child has recently lost an item of clothing, you're welcome to check our Lost Property trolley on the Key Stage 2 playground under the veranda.

Please also ensure your child brings a coat with them each day. Although the weather is now much colder, the children still play outside so it's essential they come to school each day with appropriate clothing.

## Year 6 Residential Visit

It's been wonderful to welcome our Year 6s back from their week-long Residential Visit to the Briars this afternoon. From the conversations I've had with the staff, they've had a truly wonderful time.

During their spiritual retreat, the children were tasked to become Agents of Love. They've looked at how they can do this, living virtuously using Christ as the example. They all 'passed' and have graduated during a special ceremony this morning.

Huge thanks to the staff team who gave up their time to accompany the children, and to the team at the Briars for leading the retreat. Thanks must also go to the children who were exemplary and described as 'the best group so far this year'! Amazing! I think they will all sleep very well tonight!



## Toddler Tales



It was fabulous to welcome children to our first ever Toddler Tales session on Wednesday. Great fun was had reading Goldilocks & The Three Bears and playing in the porridge oats!

The next Toddler Tales session will be on Wednesday 24th January and will take place at Mansfield Library for a special 'Rattle, Rhyme & Roll' session. More information will follow for parents wishing to attend.

## Word of the Week

Next week our Word of the Week is **Youth** 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 21 November	Mass	Year 6
Tuesday 28 November	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 5 December	Mass	Year 4

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for each celebration.

## Applying for a Reception place 2024-25

If your child turns 5 between 1st September 2024 and 31 August 2025 and you require a school place for September 2024, you can now apply for their place. The application window will be open until the deadline of Monday 15th January 2024. Applications can be made quickly and easily through the [Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Hub](#). Please also remember to submit a Supplementary Information Form if you wish for a school place to be considered under a faith criterion. Please note that you MUST include the supporting evidence with this form. If you are unable to locate the required faith evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised in good time for a 'copy' certificate to be supplied. **All the details and relevant forms can be found on the Admissions section of our [website](#).**

### Considering listing only ONE school?

Robin lives in the catchment area of a popular primary school.



Parent applies on time listing 1 preference for an out of catchment school



On National Offer Day, the preferred school is oversubscribed (*more applications than places available*) and a place cannot be offered for Robin



A place cannot be offered at the catchment school as it is also oversubscribed with preferences



Robin is offered a place at a school over 6 miles away - the next closest with places available



Apply online at:  
**[nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions](https://nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions)**  
• Apply on time • Use all 4 preferences  
• Check the admission criteria

### PTA Updates

Our PTA have set a date for the **Christmas Fayre—it'll be on Friday 15th December from 3.45pm** in the School Hall and Dining Room. If you (or someone you know) would like to run a stall, please email the office so we can pass the details on to our PTA team. There will be the chance to meet Santa at the Fayre too; more details will follow.

To support this event, we ask that each child can bring a bottle on Thursday 7th December for our bottle tombola (this is our Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner day). On Friday 15th December, the day of the Fayre, children are invited to bring chocolate/sweets to be used as gifts from Santa! The PTA will send reminders on Dojo over the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for your support.

### 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?
Thursday 7 Dec	All Day	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day (Bring a Bottle)		Whole School
Friday 15 Dec	3.45pm	PTA Christmas Fayre	School Hall & Dining Room	Whole School
Monday 18 Dec	2pm	Visit to Pantomime Beauty & The Beast	Mansfield Palace Theatre	Year 1—Year 6

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.

## Healthy Family Team

The Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust shared two posters with information about the Healthy Families Team. Please see below and overleaf with more information about the services that you can access.



# THE HEALTHY FAMILY TEAM "WHAT DO WE DO?"

The Healthy Family Team (HFT), previously known as Health Visitors and School Nurses, work with families with children aged between 0 and 19 years.



Routine healthy child development reviews will be offered to all children at:

- Antenatal,
- Birth to 14 days,
- 6-8 weeks,
- 1 year
- 2- 2½ years.

Information is also shared with parents/carers at Year 1 and Year 7 in school. A digital health questionnaire is also offered to students in Year 9.



If you need information, advice or support, please contact us.

**ADVICE LINE**  
0300 123 5436



**PARENTLINE**  
TEXT 07520 619919





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The advice line offers advice and support over the telephone.  
Open Monday - Friday  
9am - 4.30pm



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## PARENTLINE TEXT 07520 619919

A confidential text messaging service for parents and carers across Nottinghamshire.



## CHATHEALTH 07507 329952

A confidential text messaging service for young people aged between 11 and 19 years.  
Open Monday - Friday,  
9am - 4.30pm



## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTHCARE WEBSITE

Our website to share all our information.  
[www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](http://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



## HEALTH FOR TEENS WEBSITE

A health website for young people aged between 11 and 19 years.  
[www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)



## HEALTH FOR KIDS WEBSITE

A health website for children and families offering advice and signposting.  
[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)



## HEALTH FOR UNDER FIVES WEBSITE

A health website for families with children under 5 years, offering advice and signposting.  
[www.healthforunder5s.co.uk](http://www.healthforunder5s.co.uk)



The HFT send information to parents/carers about their services at school Year 1 and Year 7 and carry out a review via a digital health questionnaire at Year 9.