



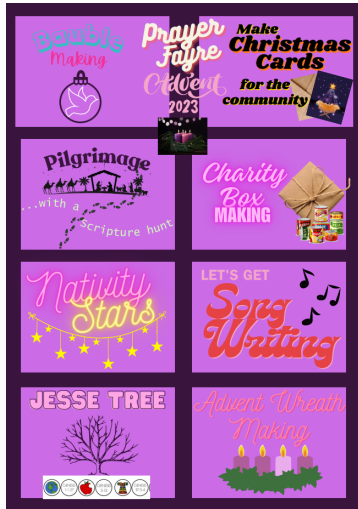
“We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives.”



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 24th November, 2023**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Catholic Life: Prayer Fayre



On Thursday, we held our Advent Prayer Fayre, which has ensured we are ready for the beginning of Advent next week. Many thanks to our Chaplaincy Team for planning, preparing and leading the various workshops. Their hard work has ensured that all children and staff in our school are ready to receive the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

As can be seen from the poster, the activities ranged from making Advent Wreaths and making nativity stars to going on a pilgrimage and making Christmas cards to give to the lonely or vulnerable in our parish community. All classes have also contributed to writing an Advent Prayer, which we'll say each day. This is below:

God our Father,

We come to you at Advent to help us prepare for the birth of Jesus.

As we celebrate this wonderful time, help us to remember the reason you sent your son.

We want to be like Jesus; show our virtues and following his footsteps.

Help us be what You want us to be as your children.

We want to help those in need at Christmas time.

We want to tell people about Jesus being born.

We will share your mission in the ways we think, speak and act.

God love us and bless us. Amen.

Attendance this week: 93.8%	
FS2KW	82%
FS2NM	90.5%
Y1GV	95.3%
Y1JS	95.5%
Y2JY	99%
Y2RT	95.3%
Y3RB	93%
Y3AN	84.7%
Y4BF	95.3%
Y4DK	97.3%
Y5SC	93.8%
Y5VD	97.9%
Y6LB	99.3%
Y6HG	94.3%

Catholic Life: Care Home Visit

On Wednesday, our Wellbeing Ambassadors visited some of the residents at Woodleigh, a local care home. The children spent time chatting, reading and colouring with the residents. It was lovely to receive an email from the care home praising our children. The visit was said to have 'lifted the spirits' of the residents and one in particular hadn't stopped talking about it all afternoon. How lovely that we were able to spread a little joy to others! We hope this will be the first of many visits to Woodleigh. Many thanks to the staff team there for making us feel so welcome.



Christmas Fayre

SPA are holding their Christmas Fayre on Friday 15th after school from 3.45pm. If you (or anyone you know) would be interested in running a stall, please let us know by contacting our School Office.



We're very lucky that Santa has been able to take time out of his busy schedule to visit on the day! We expect this will be quite popular so he will be in his grotto for much of the day from around 9.15am. A letter will be sent out next week so you can book a slot for your child to visit Santa. The cost of this will be £2.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, we are looking forward to becoming an OPAL school after the February half term (not January as announced in last week's Newsletter, apologies, I must've been too excited!). To help us prepare and get ready for launching this initiative, we need your help with donations.



If you have anything from these categories (or similar), please can you donate it for our new play project:

- small world (cars, dinosaurs, farm animals)
- construction (Lego or similar building toys)
- role play (dressing up/ fancy dress clothes, hats, handbags)
- dolls (and accessories)
- crafting; colouring books etc
- umbrellas
- playmats or small carpet offcuts
- pushchairs (full size ones)

We also want to collect larger items but will not be introducing these for a while so would ask you not to throw away drainpipes, tubing, piping, pallets, tyres (car, motorbike, tractor), planks, decking, small crates).

Word of the Week

Next week our Word of the Week is **Hope** 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 5 December	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 12 December	Mass	Year 3

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](#).**

For any prospective parents who would like to know more about our Reception classes, we have organised an Open Afternoon on Monday 18th December from 3pm until approximately 4pm. More details to follow.

After School Clubs: Lent Term

Many thanks to Miss Nicholls, our PE Leader, for organising After School Clubs for next half term. The clubs below will commence from Friday 5th January until we break up for February half term from 3.30pm —4.30pm.

Day of Week	Club/Activity	Who For?
Monday	Dodgeball	Year 3 & 4
Tuesday	Badminton	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday	Yoga	Year 1 & 2
Thursday	Indoor Athletics	Year 1 & 2
Friday	Dodgeball	Year 5 & 6

If you would like your child to have a place, please email office24@st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk stating your child's name, class and which club you'd like them to attend. Please note that places are on a first come, first served basis. The cost is £10 per child, per activity for the half term.

Once allocated a place, you will be informed. Following this, you will be able to make your payment via the Arbor App.

Join our Team - Final Call!

We're looking for a fun, kind and caring Midday Supervisor to join our team. This is a fixed term contract until the end of the academic year. To find out more [click here](#). Please hurry as the closing date for applications is **Monday 4th December at 9am**.



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
Monday 11 Dec	6pm—7pm	Carol Concert	St. Philip's Church	Year 3 & Year 4
Tuesday 12 Dec	9.30am & 2.15pm	Key Stage 1 Nativity	School Hall	Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 14 Dec	9.30am	Carol Concert	School Hall	Year 3 & Year 4
Friday 15 Dec	9.30am & 2.15pm	Foundation Stage Nativity	School Hall	Foundation Stage
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
Thursday 21 Dec	2.30pm	Carol Concert	St. Philip's Church	Year 5 & Year 6

Please remember that school closes for the Christmas break at 3.30pm on **Friday 22nd December**. We return on **Thursday 4th January, 2024** for the Lent Term.

Notts Help Yourself

Please see the information below from Nottinghamshire County Council.

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What's on the website?



- Childcare
- Nottinghamshire's Best Start in Life
- Family Hub Networks
- Local Offers for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Local Offer for Care Leavers.
- Support with Confidence scheme – information on Personal Assistants for people with care needs
- Services to help you stay in your own home or find a nursing home
- Activities to do out at home and out and about
- Training and Employment
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Cost of Living, Food and Financial Support
- and lots more

Don't like computers?

Teams at your local library or family hub/children's centre can support you to find what you need on the website or you can speak to one of our trained advisors on the phone at Nottinghamshire County Council's Customer Service Centre on **0300 500 80 80**

Can't find what you're looking for?

Let us know and we'll try and close that gap.

You can also give feedback on the services you've used through the "Rate and Review" button, where you can recommend providers to others, or make suggestions to improve services.