



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 8th December, 2023**

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

## Our school Advent Prayer

This week, we lit the first candle of our Advent Wreaths throughout school—a candle to represent ‘Hope’. Throughout the week, we’ve been reflecting on Hope — our own hopes, hopes for our community and for the wider world. And, of course, our hope for the second coming of Christ.



Please find below our school prayer for Advent:

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: to live virtuously and follow in 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: 91.5%	
FS2KW	87.7%
FS2NM	83.7%
Y1GV	95%
Y1JS	85.5%
Y2JY	96%
Y2RT	95.3%
Y3RB	84%
Y3AN	98%
Y4BF	89.7%
Y4DK	91.3%
Y5SC	88.4%
Y5VD	96.1%
Y6LB	96%
Y6HG	94.3%

## 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. This means our lunchtimes will become much more exciting. 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, puzzle 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).



## 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.

## Year 3 & Year 4 Carol Concert



As part of the Cathedral Service's School Singing Project, our Year 3 and 4 pupils have been invited to take part in a Carol Concert performance at St. Philip Neri Church on Monday. For parents of children in Year 3 and Year 4, your child will be accompanied by school staff and taken to St. Philip's Church at 3.45pm for rehearsals. They should also bring a drink and snacks with them. The Concert will begin at 6pm and you are warmly invited to attend. Children should then be collected following the Concert which will end at approximately 7pm. Many thanks to Christopher Davis, the Choral Director for the Diocese of Nottingham for organising and leading this very special event.

## Vacancies

Currently we have two vacancies within school. To access these adverts, please visit the following links:



[Full Time Class Teacher \(Fixed Term Contract\)](#)

[Midday Supervisor \(Fixed Term Contract\)](#)

## Word of the Week

Next week our Word of the Week is **Peace** 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 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](mailto: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.

## The Lime Trees



Wrap around care for our school is provided by the Lime Trees. Places can be booked by contacting them on 0115 9313562. Wrap around care is available each morning from 7.30am and every afternoon from 3.30pm until 6pm. See [our website](#) for more details or visit The Lime Trees' own [website](#).

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<https://www.st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk/>

## 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?
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—5pm	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.

# nottshelpyourself.org.uk

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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.