



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 1st March, 2024**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Catholic Life: The Season of Lent

This week, we have continued our Lenten journey, focusing on the word "fasting" where we've been encouraging each other to *fast* from the things that hurt ourselves, others or our planet and to *feast* on things that help us, each other and our world. We've found this really beneficial to do and say nicer things. Why not join us? What might you *fast from* and *feast on* this weekend?



I'd like to also express my thanks and gratitude to our School Chaplains and the Chaplaincy Team for planning and delivering our *Lent Prayer Fayre* this week. All children took part in a range of activities to know more and embrace the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. We are also using Lent as an opportunity to pray the Our Father more regularly and are reflecting more deeply on this prayer as we journey towards Easter.

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, we are delighted to be supporting the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), in particular, the SVP volunteers in our own Parish. SVP volunteers are dedicated to tackling poverty and do this by providing practical assistance to those who need it. More information about the SVP can be found on their [website](#). We are looking forward to welcoming Mary Smith and Mary Ellerby into school on Monday to lead an assembly and share more about their work as SVP volunteers. Following this, each class will organise a fundraising activity with all proceeds being donated to the SVP in our Parish. Class teachers will share more information about fundraising projects on Class Dojo. Thanks for your support and generosity.

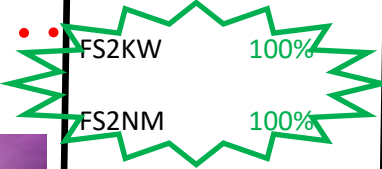
World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March which we're delighted to be supporting. The theme we will explore is based on reading at bedtime. For this day, we invite children to come to school in their pyjamas/comfy bedtime clothes, bringing with them a favourite story from home and a cuddly toy if they wish. *Please do not feel the need to buy anything new for this.*

We would also be grateful if families could share with us a photograph of you sharing a story before bed. Please send these in to your child's class teacher via Dojo as we aim to create a display in school to showcase this.

Each child will have the opportunity to share their favourite stories during specially dedicated reading time in their classes during the day. We would really appreciate it if you could work with your child to chose a story and rehearse a sentence from it that they could present confidently to their class mates. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Attendance this week: **96.5%**



FS2KW 100%

FS2NM 100%

Y1GV 94.8%

Y1JS 96.5%

Y2JY 96.9%

Y2RT 93.7%

Y3RB 93.4%

Y3AN 97.4%

Y4BF 95.7%

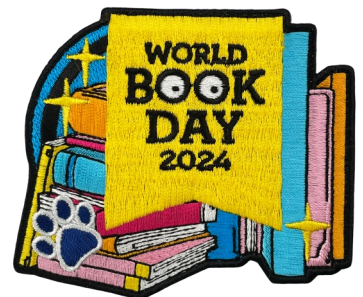
Y4DK 94.7%

Y5SC 97.5%

Y5VD 95%

Y6LB 98.7%

Y6HG 96.6%



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place at the end of this term on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March. These will be face-to-face meetings in school. Please complete the usual form, which requests your preferred date and time of appointment.

Y3 Come & See Assembly

Many thanks to our Year 3 children who presented their RE learning in a special Come & See Assembly yesterday. I was very proud of how well the children sung and professed their faith. It was wonderful to welcome into school parents, grandparents and one of our Trust Directors, Mr Nigel Stevenson.

Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle Tickets are now on sale to purchase tickets for the PTA's annual Easter Egg raffle. Tickets will be on sale until Thursday 28th March: 20p a ticket or £1 a strip. The Raffle will be drawn at the end of this term. We would also appreciate all donations of Easter Eggs too. The PTA also have little knitted chicks on sale; these can be bought for just £1 from Mrs Banks.

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 5 March	Liturgy of the Word	Year 2
Tuesday 12 March	Mass	Year 1
Tuesday 19th March	Mass	Year 1—Year 6

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

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Almsgiving**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



Food Hygiene Rating



Last week, a Food Safety Officer from the Local Authority visited our school kitchen for a routine, unannounced food hygiene inspection. I'm delighted to say that we have retained the highest Food Hygiene Rating of 5, which means that hygiene standards are very good. My sincere thanks to our wonderful kitchen team for this achievement.

Key Dates

See below for some of next 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?
11 Mar — 13 Mar		Residential Visit	Mount Cook	Year 4
19th Mar & 21 Mar	From 3.45pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall & Dining Room	Reception — Y6
Tuesday 26 March	From 9am	Class Photographs	School Hall	Whole School
Thursday 28 March	3pm	Stations of the Cross Presentation	School Hall	Key Stage 2