



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 8th 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 "almsgiving". Our week began with a special assembly led by Mary Smith and Mary Ellerby, two volunteers from our local St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). At this assembly, our volunteers shared information about St. Vincent de Paul, explaining that he was a French Priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity.



Our volunteers explained that the core purpose of the SVP Society is to live out the same values as St. Vincent de Paul. Mrs Smith and Mrs Ellerby shared some recent examples of how they have done this. Their work includes purchasing a cooker for a single mother unable to afford a new one; paying for a family to go on a much-needed holiday to Mablethorpe; visiting the sick and housebound, and taking the lonely and elderly out for day trips. I offer my sincere thanks to Mrs Smith and Mrs Ellerby for taking the time to talk to us and sharing their important work.

We are delighted to be supporting the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) as part of our Lenten almsgiving. This week, each class organised fundraising activities with all proceeds being donated to our local SVP volunteers. Many thanks to the children and teachers for their efforts and creativity. We've had classes walking a mile a day, others decorating and selling biscuits, hot chocolate on sale, and decorated candles and tea-light holders! We also offer a sincere THANK YOU for your support and generosity. We will, of course, share the total amount raised.

If you'd like to find out more about the SVP, please visit their [website](#). Additionally, if you would like to become involved with our local SVP, please do let us know and we'll pass your details on. They are a small group of volunteers who would be most grateful for any help and support.

World Book Day

Yesterday was World Book Day. Nearly everyone came to school in their comfy pyjamas/comfy bedtime clothes. It was great to see such a range of favourite books and to be able to meet so many cuddly friends from home too!

You will have received a World Book Day voucher (or you can download one from [here](#)) which can be redeemed until 31st March, 2024. A full list of the £1 books available can be found [here](#).

Many thanks for sharing with us a photograph of you sharing a story with your child before bed. The response has been incredible. If you haven't yet sent us your photo, please send these in to your child's class teacher via Dojo by next Wednesday as we aim to create a display in school to showcase reading at bedtime.

Attendance this week: 95.6%

FS2KW 97.9%

FS2NM 99.4%

Y1GV 95.5%

Y1JS 99.4%

Y2JY 95.3%

Y2RT 92.7%

Y3RB 91.6%

Y3AN 94.2%

Y4BF 94%

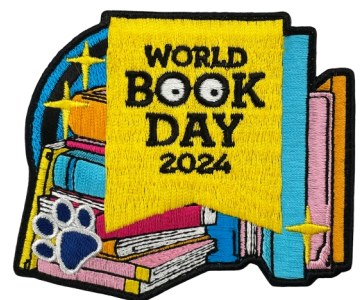
Y4DK 93.1%

Y5SC 96.9%

Y5VD 93.1%

Y6LB 98.7%

Y6HG 97.9%



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. We're trialling use of Arbor for booking appointments so would greatly welcome your feedback with how effective and user-friendly this new system is.

Y4 Residential Visit

Many of our Year 4 children will go on an exciting Residential Visit next week in the Peak District. They have an action-packed few days ahead of them! I know they'll have the most amazing time. We keep our Year 4 children in our prayers in the hope that they have a wonderful time and that the weather is kind!

Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle Tickets continue to be on sale to purchase tickets for the PTA's annual Easter Egg raffle. Tickets will be on sale until **Thursday 21st 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 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.

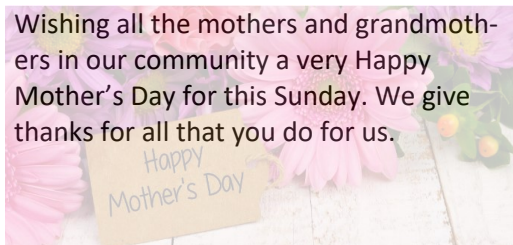
Word of the Week

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



Mothers' Day

Wishing all the mothers and grandmothers in our community a very Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday. We give thanks for all that you do for us.



*"Of all the special joys in life,
The big ones and the small.
A mother's love and tenderness
Is the greatest of the all."*



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