



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 19th April, 2024**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Welcome Back

Welcome back and Happy Easter! Even though the chocolate eggs and decorations have disappeared from the shelves and our homes, the Church continues to celebrate the season of Easter until the feast of Pentecost. During this season of joy, we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life and promise this brings to us all. We also look forward to the welcome return of some much needed sunshine, light and warmth!



School Uniform

Please be reminded that children are now invited to wear their summer school uniform. Full details of our summer uniform expectations can be found [on our website](#). We thank you in advance for adhering to our school's dress code. If you need any help with sourcing any aspects of our school uniform, please ask a member of the Office Team who will be happy to help.

PTA: Cakes for Breaks

At the end of the last half term, the PTA met and decided that fundraising efforts will go towards paying for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 to attend Mansfield Palace Theatre in December to watch the pantomime, Aladdin. One of the monthly fundraising ideas is *Cakes for Breaks*. The PTA would really appreciate any donations of cakes — shop brought or homemade — to sell at Breaktime on Friday 26th April. Each cake will be sold for 50p. If you could bring any donations into school on the morning of 26th April, these will be most gratefully received.

OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning)

Unbelievably, OPAL has now been in operation for a half term! It's really flown by. From speaking to the children, they are loving the enhanced lunchtime provision. One child told me this week: "OPAL is the best. It makes lunchtime the best hour of the day!" Another said, "It's brilliant. I love having so much choice...I can decide whether to wear my wellies and go on the field, or to have fun riding a bike or trike, or to get dressed up and pretend I'm a princess! It's great!" What lovely feedback!

If at all possible, could we please request any items that can be used as blankets. This may include curtains, bed sheets, rugs, mats or carpet off cuts. Dressing up is also proving to be very popular, particularly with the older children, so any dress up items in larger sizes would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help. We're in the process of adding an OPAL section to our school website. Once completed, we'll be able to share photographs of lunchtimes to give you a glimpse of what's on offer.

Attendance this week: 94.7%	
FS2KW	97.9%
FS2NM	97.3%
Y1GV	86.7%
Y1JS	97.7%
Y2JY	96%
Y2RT	86.7%
Y3RB	93.4%
Y3AN	98.1%
Y4BF	89%
Y4DK	98.4%
Y5SC	95.6%
Y5VD	93.4%
Y6LB	95%
Y6HG	99%



Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 23 April	Mass	Year 6
Tuesday 30 April	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Thursday 9 May	Mass	Whole School
Tuesday 14th May	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4
Tuesday 21st May	Mass	Year 3

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 **Vocation**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Class Photographs

As you'll have seen on Dojo, the Class Group Photos are now available to purchase online. Please login to your child's Class Dojo page to find the website and access code. If you wish to order a photo, please do so before the deadline of Sunday 28th April.

Key Dates

See below for this term's Key Dates. Please also 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 22 April	From 9am	Earth Day (see Dojo for more details)	School Hall	Whole School
Tuesday 23 April	Lunchtime	Special St. George's Day Lunch	Dining Room	Whole School
Wednesday 24 April	3:45pm	Football Match - St. Philip's vs Sutton Road	School Field	Football Team
Thursday 25 April Friday 26 April	All Day	Shining A Light Workshop	Classroom	5VD 5SC
Friday 26 April	2:45pm	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Year 1 — Year 6
Friday 26 April	9.30am—10.30am 2.15pm—3.15pm	Stay and Play	Foundation Unit	Nursery and Reception
Thursday 9 May	9.30am	Feast of the Ascension	St. Philip's RC Church	Reception — Year 6
Friday 10 May	3pm	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 2
Monday 13 May— Friday 17 May	All Week	Year 6 SATs Week	School	Year 6
Sunday 19 May	12.15am—3.30pm	OPAL Development Project	School Field (via Tesco gates)	Parent & Staff Volunteers
Wednesday 22 May	2pm—3pm	Toddler Tales	School — The Hub	Parents and Toddlers
Thursday 23 May	From 9.15am	NHS Height and Weight Check	Meeting Room	Reception & Year 6
Friday 24 May	All Day	British Values Day	Classrooms	Whole School