



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 3rd May, 2024**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

OPAL Development Project

Please be reminded that you are warmly invited to join us in school on the afternoon of Sunday 19th May from 12.30 - 3.30pm to help us develop our next OPAL phase. Our intention is to turn the pallets and sinks into mud kitchens and have a go at clearing out the polytunnel to make it a good-looking, useable space to grow plants and vegetables, and make it a space to relax and draw too.



We will hold a short meeting after school on Tuesday 14th May at 3.45pm to see how many volunteers are available and to outline a plan. A meeting beforehand would also allow you to have a look at what we are making and decide on the tools you may want to bring along. For anyone who is not available at this time, please contact Mrs Shivley to discuss how you would be able to contribute. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please also remember that we would appreciate your donations of 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 so any dress up items (particularly larger sizes) would be very much appreciated.

Are you looking for a Piano?

One of our long-standing families in the St. Philip’s Parish have contacted school to ask if any of our families would like to receive their treasured piano. The family are hoping that the piano will go to a family who will get much joy from playing their beloved instrument. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further details. Many thanks to the kind parishioner for consider a family from our school to take possession of their dearly-loved piano.

The Lord’s Prayer Project: a message from our Hub Chaplains

In case you missed last week’s Newsletter, please see this message from our Hub Chaplains, Clare and Luke: “Looking ahead to the Jubilee Year of Prayer in 2025, we are encouraged to explore, extend and excite our own prayer lives by focusing on prayer in new or varied ways. As a diocese, we are encouraged to listen to and pray the **Our Father** in all the languages available to us. As a Hub, in order to unite with a project running throughout the diocese, we would like to invite each child to **create an artistic version of the prayer on A4 paper**. Designs can be a celebration of **the prayer in every language spoken in your family home**, as well as writing **modern-day interpretations of the prayer**. Clare and Luke, our Hub Chaplains will be collecting artwork and designs of the prayer, to share and present as a Hub, as a celebration of this special, central prayer, given to us by Jesus. A useful link to help with praying the prayer in different languages can be found [here](#). Please ensure designs are in school by **Wednesday 8th May**, so they can be collected and collated by the Chaplains and sent to the Diocese. We look forward to seeing your designs and encourage you to spend time praying this beautiful prayer as family and school community”.

Attendance this week: 94.5%	
FS2KW	95.4%
FS2NM	97.3%
Y1GV	96.9%
Y1JS	89%
Y2JY	98%
Y2RT	88%
Y3RB	96.3%
Y3AN	97.4%
Y4BF	91.7%
Y4DK	96.6%
Y5SC	94.1%
Y5VD	96.6%
Y6LB	96.7%
Y6HG	89%

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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. We look forward to seeing you at Mass this Thursday to mark the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Word of the Week

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



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?
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

Statutory Assessments

In the next few weeks, some of our pupils will complete national assessments. It is imperative that children are in school for these tests. The key dates are as below:

Year Group	Assessment	Dates
Year 1	Phonics Screening Check	Between 10th June and 14th June
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	Between 3rd June and 14th June
Year 6	KS2 SATs	Between 13th May and 17th May

Bank Holiday

Please remember that **school will be closed on Monday** due to the Bank Holiday. Enjoy the long weekend. Let's hope the weather is kind! We will see you at 8.40am on Tuesday 7th May when school reopens.

