



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 10th 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.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme for 2024 is 'Movement: moving for our mental health', so we are going to be encouraging every class to take 30 minutes to do some movement every day.



It would be brilliant if you'd be able to join in at home and try and do some movement everyday to boost your mental health. The Mental Health Foundation have written some tips to get you started, which can be found [here](#). We are also asking that all children wear something green next Friday to celebrate a week of moving for our mental health. This could be a green accessory or item of clothing.

Toddler Tales

If you (or someone you know) has a child aged 18 months to 3 years old, we'd love you to join us for a Spring-themed session on Wednesday 22nd May @ 2pm in school where we will be focusing on the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. There will be hot drinks, juice and biscuits available plus a chance to chat to other parents.

For those of you not already aware, Toddler Tales is a fun, interactive way to promote an early love of reading. The sessions also provide us with a good opportunity to get to know the children who may be considering joining our Nursery.

If you're able to make it, arrive the school office just before 2pm on 22nd May and Mrs Steele and Mrs Brizzolara will be there to welcome you.



Attendance this week: 95.3%	
FS2KW	99%
FS2NM	96.7%
Y1GV	97.1%
Y1JS	89.9%
Y2JY	98.8%
Y2RT	89.6%
Y3RB	94.5%
Y3AN	99.2%
Y4BF	94%
Y4DK	98.4%
Y5SC	98.4%
Y5VD	93.4%
Y6LB	97.1%
Y6HG	88.8%

Library Visits

To continue to promote reading for pleasure across school, we are excited to confirm that we have arranged for each class from Reception to Year 5 to visit Mansfield Library after Half Term on the following dates:

Date	Year Group
7th June	Year 5
14th June	Year 4
21st June	Year 3
28th June	Year 2
5th July	Year 1
12th July	Reception

The class visits will take place during school hours, beginning with an introduction to what the library has to offer, followed by a game/activity led by one of the Librarians. The children will then be given time to browse the shelves and choose some books to borrow (if they have a Library Card).

To enable as many children as possible to borrow books during their visit, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the simple [membership form](#). Once your child is registered, they will then be able to bring their membership card to their visit and choose books to borrow. Please also note that if your child has had a library card in the past but hasn't been for a while, you are asked to still complete the form as accounts that have been inactive since pre-Covid may have been removed.

To find out more about Mansfield Library and what's on offer, please [click here](#). If Mansfield Library is not your nearest library, you can find out more about your local one [here](#).

First News

Please be reminded that we subscribe to First News, which is a national newspaper for children. It contains a wide range of articles, from politics to sport, the environment to showbiz. It also contains puzzles, competitions and more. There really is something for everyone. A new edition is released every Friday. The newspaper can be found here: digital-edition.firstnews.co.uk. You will then need to enter **VIBE5823** to login. It can also be downloaded via the First News app.



Statutory Assessments

From next week, 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

Please keep our Year 6 children in your thoughts and prayers next week as they undertake their SATs in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading and Maths. Best of luck, Year 6. Use this time to shine!

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.

PTA Notices

The PTA are excited to share that they have raised a total of £1250 following their recent fundraising activities — the Easter Egg raffle, *cakes for breaks* last month and the recent Foundation Stage *stay and play* session. All money raised will go towards paying for all Year 1 to Year 6 children next year going to watch the pantomime at Mansfield Palace Theatre.

Upcoming events this term are cakes for breaks, KS1 afternoon tea and on the 12th July is the summer fayre. If any parents are interested in helping with these events the **next PTA meeting will be Monday 20th May**, after school. All invited.

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 13 May— Friday 17 May	All Week	Year 6 SATs Week	School	Year 6
Friday 17 May	All Day	Go Green for Mental Health Awareness Day	School	Whole School
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

Please note that the last day of this half term is Friday 24th May. As Monday 3rd June is an INSET Day, **school will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 4th June at 8.40am.**

Word of the Week

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



Y2 Come & See Assembly

Many thanks to our Year 2 children for sharing their learning in their RE topic. It was great to welcome so many parents/carers and grandparents into school. It was delightful to see how confidently our Year 2 children profess their faith. Particular thanks to Miss Young and the Year 2 team for working with the children to plan and prepare their assembly.