



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 17th 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 this 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 look forward to seeing you as we work together to transform our school for the benefit of our children.

Year 6 SATs

This week, Year 6 children have completed their statutory SATs assessment tests. The children's hard work and focus this week has been impressive. Thank you Year 6, this attitude is very promising. Many thanks to the Year 6 staff team for preparing the children for these tests. To celebrate the end of SATs and a busy term, both classes will hold a pyjama party on Thursday next week complete with popcorn and snacks!

School Uniform

Please be reminded that children are now invited to wear their summer school uniform (we just need the summery weather to arrive now!). Full details of our summer uniform expectations can be found [on our website](#). It is essential that all children wear the correct uniform so 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.

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: 95.1% | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| FS2KW | 96.6% |
| FS2NM | 97.2% |
| Y1GV | 97.0% |
| Y1JS | 93.4% |
| Y2JY | 99.0% |
| Y2RT | 93.0% |
| Y3RB | 97.5% |
| Y3AN | 97.1% |
| Y4BF | 95.0% |
| Y4DK | 98.4% |
| Y5SC | 99.7% |
| Y5VD | 79.3% |
| Y6LB | 97.0% |
| Y6HG | 99.7% |

Library Visits

| 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 |

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:

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](#).

Free School Meals

With costs continuing to rise, it's worth checking if you are eligible for Free School Meals. At present, every child receives a free school meal until the end of Year 2. However, children from Year 3 can also receive free school meals. Receiving a free school meal will save £2.60 per day/£13 per week. As well as this, all trips and visits are subsidised for Free School Meals pupils. To check if you're eligible and to apply, please [click here](#). As always, our Office Team will help you if needed. For all parents with a child currently in Year 2, I'd strongly advise that you check to see if you are eligible ready for when they move to Year 3.

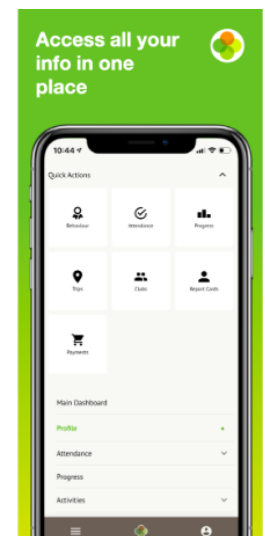
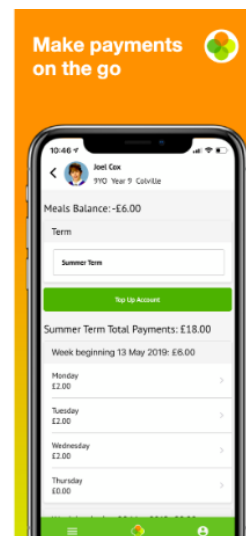
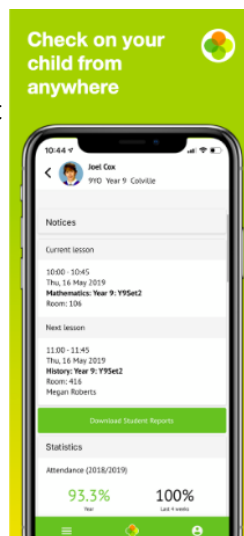


Arbor

There are just a few families who haven't yet downloaded and set up our payment and communication App, Arbor.

The App can be used to make instant payments. You can also check key information, such as your child's attendance figures. And, if you move house or change phone number, this can easily be updated via the App.

If you have any problems, just pop into Reception and we'll do our best to help.



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.

Word of the Week

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



PTA Notices

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.

Notts Help Yourself

In case you're not aware, nottshelpyourself.org.uk is a service provided by Nottinghamshire County Council that gives information about the council's services all in one place. The website is definitely worth a visit, covering matters from childcare, staying well, finding out about things to do and learning more about the local offer.



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? |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 NHS Height and Weight Check for Reception and Year 6 children that was due to take place on 23rd May has been cancelled. **This has been rearranged for Wednesday 5th June** taking place during school hours.

Half Term is coming...

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.**

Please note that next week's Newsletter will contain upcoming dates and events for the final half term of the year.