



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 14th June, 2024

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Statutory Assessments

Mrs Steele (our Phonics Leader) and the whole Key Stage 1 team are so proud of the children who took their Phonics Screening Check this week. They were all absolute superstars! As a reward for their hard work, the children enjoyed a biscuit! Once all the assessments have been completed, they will also receive a special certificate in assembly for being such confident readers. The children's phonics score will be shared in their school reports as the pass mark has not been released yet.

We also very proud of our Year 4 children who have been completing their Multiplication Time Tables Check over the last two weeks. The children have approached these checks with confidence and courage. Well done Year 4! Each child's results from this check will be shared in end of year reports.

Interested in becoming a Governor?

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising academic standards. The role of the governing body is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school. Time and time again, OfSTED note that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management, which includes the governing body. School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability. They are appointed to work with the Headteacher to ensure that there are high aspirations for all children in the school and are committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for all pupils.

There are two types of governor: foundation and parent. Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop (see back page of this Newsletter for an invitation to find out more about this role). Parent governors are self-nominated or nominated by other parents. We currently have one parent governor vacancy.

As of last Thursday, all parents are invited to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. No special qualifications are needed but it is vital that you have a keen interest in our school and are prepared to play an active role in the Local Governing Body's work. Please see the letter that was emailed again today from our Chair of Governors for more details. Note that the closing date for receiving nomination forms is Friday 21st June.

Reception places for next academic year

If you or anyone you know is looking for a Reception class place from September, please be aware that we have a few places left. As a school that is always oversubscribed, anyone wanting a place in our school is urged to do so quickly while spaces remain. We're happy to arrange visits and tours of the school; please get in touch with the school office to discuss this further.

Father's Day

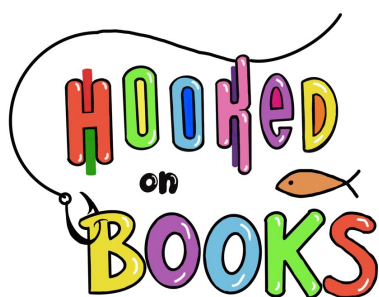
Wishing all the Dads and important male figures in our school community a very happy Father's Day on Sunday.

Attendance this week: 94.1%	
FS2KW	92.7%
FS2NM	91.5%
Y1GV	95.5%
Y1JS	93.9%
Y2JY	92.7%
Y2RT	92.6%
Y3RB	94.7%
Y3AN	95.2%
Y4BF	97.3%
Y4DK	94.7%
Y5SC	96.6%
Y5VD	92.9%
Y6LB	96.0%
Y6HG	91.4%

Hooked On Books

Last week, we launched our new family reading initiative with Year 1JS called Hooked on Books, and this week, it was the turn of Year 2JY! It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents come into school and enjoy some quality time sharing our new treasure chests of stories with their children and to stay to listen to a class story at the end of the session together too. As you'll see from the photographs, the children had a lovely time reading with their adults.

Date	Year Group
20th June	Nursery & FS2
27th June	Year 1GV
4th July	Year 2RT



We're looking forward to the next sessions with Foundation and Key Stage One as timetabled in the chart above. Each session starts at 2:45pm so please arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time and the class teacher will be there to greet you. Next week's session will take place within the Foundation Stage classrooms.

First Holy Communion

Huge congratulations to the 43 children who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at Mass tomorrow. I'm in no doubt that it'll be a truly wonderful celebration of these wonderful young people's commitment to their faith. We pray that, through returning regularly to the feast of the Holy Mass, they are strengthened by the Eucharist.

Y5 Residential Visit

Huge thanks to the Year 5 staff team for giving up their time to take our Year 5 children to Perlethorpe on their Residential Visit this week. They had a brilliant time conducting various activities in the river and enjoyed a night-hike and eating marshmallows from the BBQ. The children were impeccably mannered which was noted by the Centre Staff. Well done children. I'm sure they will all sleep well this weekend!

Attendance Matters

Please be reminded that a Leave of Absence Request Form must be completed whenever your child will not be in school, for example to attend a funeral, a religious celebration or a family holiday. This is regardless of whether the absence is likely to be authorised or not. Please collect these forms from the office *before the absence*.

PTA Coffee & Cake

Year 1 & Year 2 parents/carers, you are most welcome to join us next Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm to come into school and enjoy coffee & cake with your child. All proceeds for the PTA raising money to fund our Year 1—Year 6 trip to the Pantomime at Christmas. Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received. Please drop these off next Thursday.

OPAL

OPAL continues to grow from strength to strength and is having a huge impact on children's enjoyment of lunchtimes. We've recently updated the OPAL section of our website to give you a glimpse of what lunchtimes look like. [Click here to see more.](#)

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 18th June	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4
Tuesday 25th June	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3
Tuesday 2nd July	Mass	Year 2
Tuesday 9th July	Liturgy of the Word	Year 1?

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for each celebration.

Word of the Week

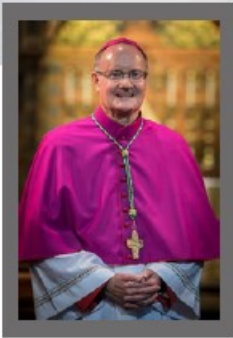
Next week, our Word of the Week is **Think, Speak, Act** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Key Dates

See below for the key dates for the first half of the new school term. 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 21st June	During School Day	Visit to Mansfield Library	Mansfield Library	Year 3
Friday 21st June	2.45pm	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 1
Tuesday 25th June	9.15—10.45	Sports Day	School Field	Nursery am & FS2NM
Tuesday 25th June	1.45—3.15	Sports Day	School Field	Nursery pm & FS2KW
Wednesday 26th June	9.15—10.45	Sports Day	School Field	Year 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 26th June	1.45—3.15	Sports Day	School Field	Year 4, 5 and 6
Friday 28th June	During School Day	Visit to Mansfield Library	Mansfield Library	Year 2
Tuesday 2nd July	All Day	Transition Day	In School	Whole School
Wednesday 3rd July	All Day	Transition Day	In School	Whole School
Friday 5th July	During School Day	Visit to Mansfield Library	Mansfield Library	Year 1
Monday 8th July	During School Day	Transition	All Saints'	Year 5
Wednesday 10th July	2pm until 3pm	Toddler Tales	The Hub	Parents and Toddlers
Friday 12th July	2.15pm	PTA Summer Fayre	In School	Whole School
Friday 19th July	From 3pm	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Reception Classes

CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS



Calling Foundation Governors

An invitation for you!

Date & Time

Thursday 27 June 2024
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue

VIRTUAL - Microsoft Teams

*Christ is the foundation
of the whole educational enterprise
in a Catholic school.*

The Catholic School, §34

Calling Foundation Governors...

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?

If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you.

Bishop Patrick McKinney is seeking practising Catholics to appoint as new foundation governors to our diocesan schools. Foundation governors play a vital role in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our schools.

This event is designed to provide information about the role of a foundation governor, the application process and the support offered.



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Lincoln and Lincolnshire



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and Stockport



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and Rutland

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