



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 5th July, 2024**

# St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Transition

There was a really lovely buzz around school on Tuesday and Wednesday for our Transition Days. From speaking to many of the children and staff, I'm glad to hear that it was clearly a very positive couple of days. Many thanks to Miss Bowen for taking time to come and meet her new class. It's also been wonderful to welcome our new Nursery families into school over the last few weeks too; we look forward to working with you from September as you join our school community.

Our Year 6 pupils moving up to All Saints' were also engaged in Transition Days at their new secondary school. From speaking to the children yesterday morning as they came through the gate, they appear to have had an enjoyable couple of days, which is great to hear. They can now enjoy the last few weeks of primary school.

## Trust Parent Survey

Last week, the Trust launched their Trust-wide parents' survey. The purpose of this survey is to provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts on various aspects of our school. The questions cover a range of topics and will only take a few minutes to complete.



To complete the survey, please scan this QR code. Alternatively, you can access the survey by following this link:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/Hsz6pZsUyn>

Please note that the survey closes on 19th July. We really welcome your views.

Attendance this week: <b>95.7%</b>	
FS2KW	96.7%
FS2NM	93.7%
Y1GV	97.4%
Y1JS	99%
Y2JY	96.7%
Y2RT	93.3%
Y3RB	93.8%
Y3AN	97.7%
Y4BF	97.3%
Y4DK	94.4%
Y5SC	93.8%
Y5VD	97.1%
Y6LB	94.8%
Y6HG	94.6%

## Toddler Tales

Just a reminder that if you (or someone you know) has a child aged 18 months to 3 years old and considering joining our Nursery, we'd love you to join us for our final Toddler Tales session of the year on Wednesday 10th July @ 2pm. This is a fun, interactive session aimed at promoting an early love of reading. The theme for Wednesday's session is a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Children (and adults!) are welcome to bring their favourite teddy bear to join in.

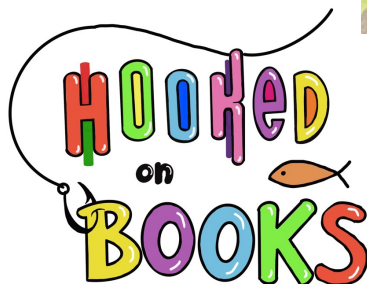
There will be hot drinks, juice and treats as usual plus a chance to chat to other parents. Feel free to bring along a small picnic if you wish. We're hoping for some good weather so that we can have our session outside.



If you're able to make it, arrive at the School Office just before 2pm on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Hooked On Books

Hooked on Books, our new family reading initiative, continued this week with our Year 2 children in Mrs Taylor's class. It was wonderful to see so many family members 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.



The initiative has been so successful that we will run this again from September with all year groups, starting with our Key Stage 2 children. More information about this will follow at the beginning of the new school term. Many thanks to the many parents and grandparents who've been able to join our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children over the last term. As can be seen from the photos, the children love having the opportunity to read with adults.

## OPAL

Please save the date for an upcoming OPAL 'Muddy Marathon' celebration fundraiser: Monday 22nd July. Our plans are shaping up nicely. The outline for the day is as below:

- In the morning, all children will access an obstacle course with their class. We will not add mud at this stage but they may get sprayed with a water pistol or too! In order to raise funds for our next giant sandpit project, we ask for a voluntary donation of £2 per child.
- We will arrange for families to buy tickets to join in the fun together in the afternoon or after school. Family tickets will be purchased via Arbor for just £5 and you will be able to choose a time suitable to you. Some obstacles will be muddy and wet. You can choose how immersed you get!



A map of the course will be provided so that you know what you are signing up for.

We are so proud of the play culture that has developed with your children and this will be a great time to showcase the fun we have and to include you too.

## Summer Fayre

The PTA's annual Summer Fayre takes place next Friday afternoon. A poster has been shared by the PTA with more information about the event. This is available to see on Class Dojo and has been displayed all around school. It'll be lovely to see you there!

## Lost Property

Over the last few weeks, there's been an increase of lost property. If you have items missing—school uniform, PE kits, lunchboxes, water bottles—it's likely they are in school. Please check the lost property trolleys under the veranda on the large playground. Furthermore, in order to reduce the amount of lost property, **please ensure your child's name is clearly marked in all belongings so missing items can be easily returned.**

## Reception places for next year

If you or anyone you know is looking for a Reception class place from September, please be aware that we only 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. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 9th July	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 23rd July	Leavers' Mass	Year 6

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 **Teaching** 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?
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
Thursday 18th July	9.15am & 3.45pm	Year 6 Play	School Hall	Year 6
Friday 19th July	From 3pm	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Reception Classes
Monday 22nd July	During School Day	Mini Muddy Marathon	In School	Year 1 — Year 6
Tuesday 23rd July	9.30am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	St. Philip's Church	Whole School
Thursday 25th July	During School Day	Taster Session	All Saints'	Year 5

Please also note that **school closes on Friday 26th July at 3.30pm** for the start of the summer holidays. Looking ahead to the new academic year, school re-opens for all children on **Wednesday 4th September at 8.40am**.