



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 12th July, 2024**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Summer Fayre

HUGE THANKS to the PTA for organising our Summer Fayre which took place today. Good fun was had by all. We'll let you know how much was raised next week. Thank you for supporting this event; it was really lovely to see so many of you there.



Trust Parent Survey

The Trust's parents' survey is still open. This is a great way for you to share your thoughts and views on various aspects of our school. The questions cover a range of topics and will only take a few minutes to complete. We thank you in advance for taking the time to provide us with your feedback.



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: 94.4% | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| FS2KW | 89.9% |
| FS2NM | 98.4% |
| Y1GV | 91.1% |
| Y1JS | 96.5% |
| Y2JY | 97% |
| Y2RT | 91.8% |
| Y3RB | 90.9% |
| Y3AN | 96.5% |
| Y4BF | 97% |
| Y4DK | 90.3% |
| Y5SC | 90.9% |
| Y5VD | 97.1% |
| Y6LB | 98.3% |
| Y6HG | 95.7% |

Toddler Tales

Great fun was had at yesterday's Toddler Tales session. We will be back with more in the new school year. More details to follow once settled back in September.



Toddler Tales

Good Luck, England!

Wishing the England team every success in the Euro 24 final this Sunday against Spain. Let's hope they bring it home! COME ON ENGLAND!!



Liturgy of the Word/Mass

| Date | Type of Service | Who's Involved? |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tuesday 23rd July | Leavers' Mass | Year 6 |

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for the Leavers' Mass. However, please note that there is no service taking place next week.

Word of the Week

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



OPAL Muddy Marathon — raising funds for a giant sandpit

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 two! In order to raise funds for our next giant sandpit project, we ask for a minimum voluntary donation of £2 per child. Pupils have been asked to ask family to sponsor them.
- 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



A map of the course is attached to the end of this Newsletter 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.

OPAL Waterproof Trousers

From September, we intend to make a slight addition to our Uniform & Presentation Policy by asking that each child brings a pair of waterproof trousers to school. This is to help you by reducing the likelihood of your child getting their school uniform muddy while accessing OPAL play provision at lunchtime. There's a wide range of options available; anything like the examples shown in this image would be suitable. Please don't spend much—you'll find well priced ones on apps such as Amazon, Vinted, Temu or Shein.



Class Charities

Many thanks for your generosity over the last few weeks as lots of classes have engaged in charitable acts for their Class Charities. We know money is tight so really appreciate your giving and kindness.

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.**

Nottinghamshire Libraries: Summer Reading Challenge

Produced by The Reading Agency and run in partnership with libraries across the country the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) is a great way to keep children reading over the summer. Taking part can help avoid the potential dip in reading levels over the long summer break and provides free fun for 4 – 11 year olds.

This year's challenge is **Marvellous Makers**. Themed around creativity, imagination and the power of reading, children will help our Marvellous Makers who are part of their local creative club locate some missing items to complete their creations.

The challenge runs in Nottinghamshire libraries from 6 July until 1 September.

How does the Challenge work?

- Children sign up at their local library for FREE and receive a collector's poster.
- Children borrow and read at least six library books, of their choice, during the summer - collecting stickers and other incentives along the way.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge receive a certificate and medal.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to talk to children about the books they have read.

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge and the activities planned by logging onto the [Summer Reading Challenge website](#).

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.

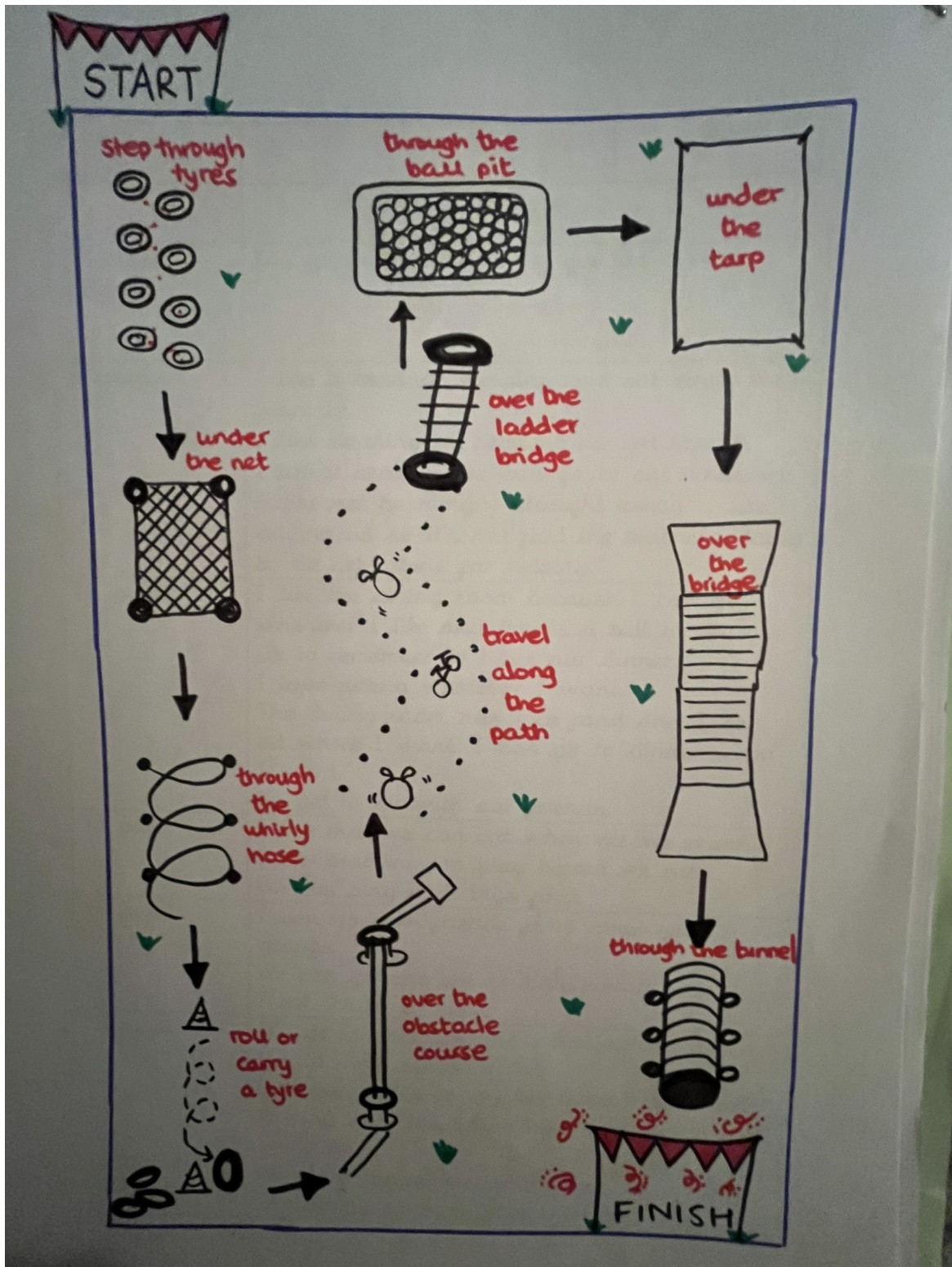
| Date | Time | Event | Location | Who's Involved? |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Thursday 18th July | 9.15am & 3.45pm | Year 6 Play | School Hall | Year 6 |
| Friday 19th July | From 3pm | Come & See Assembly | School Hall | Reception Classes |
| Monday 22nd July | During school Day & 3.30 – 4.30pm | 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 | 9.30–10.30am | End of Year Choir Performance | School Hall | Year 3 & Year 4 |
| 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**.



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St. Philip's first OPAL celebration: Mini Muddy Marathon 2024



Tickets for a family (£5)

You will be able to book and pay on Arbor. You can gather your family for a 15 minute session on the obstacles. Ice pops are being sold alongside the event. You can have a family photo taken at the end and are then welcome to take your (muddy) selves home via the Tesco gate.