



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 19th July, 2024**

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

## Year 6 Play

Well done to our Year 6 children as they took to the stage to perform their end of year Play which took the audience on a journey of crime and punishment from the Romans to the 20th century. The children rose to the occasion and did themselves proud. I'd also like to thank Miss Wayte who wrote the script based on the children's current history topic; this really brought their learning to life.

## OPAL Muddy Marathon

We're really excited for Monday as it's the day of our OPAL Muddy Marathon. Huge thanks to Mrs Shivley for organising this event, raising funds for a giant sandpit. All children will be taking part wearing their PE kits – please remember to bring a change of clothes 'just in case'! Years 1 to 6 will take part during the morning. If you're able to make a donation, that would be much appreciated and can be done on Arbor. Alternatively, we will have bucket collections on the front and back gate for the rest of the term too.

To support and encourage your child, you too can join in this 'mud, glorious mud' experience with them by buying a family ticket. You choose an afternoon time slot to collect your child and join them on the obstacle course – they will certainly enjoy seeing you as wet and muddy as them! You can then take them home when you have finished. To take part please apply for a family ticket by emailing the School Office: [office24@st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office24@st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk) giving your child's name and the timeslot of your choice. We will then send you confirmation and you will be able to pay for the ticket, which costs £5, using Arbor.

**Attendance this week: 94.2%**

FS2KW	93.3%
FS2NM	95.2%
Y1GV	94.1%
Y1JS	96.1%
Y2JY	93.7%
Y2RT	90.7%
Y3RB	99.1%
Y3AN	94.2%
Y4BF	88.7%
Y4DK	95.9%
Y5SC	95%
Y5VD	96.5%
Y6LB	91%
Y6HG	94.7%

**Mini Muddy Marathon 2024**  
**MONDAY 22ND JULY**  
**RAISING FUNDS FOR A GIANT SANDPIT!**  
**CELEBRATING SIX MONTHS OF SUCCESSFUL LUNCHTIME PLAY AND LEARNING!**  
**CLASS EVENTS HELD IN THE MORNING**  
**FAMILY SLOTS AVAILABLE IN THE AFTERNOON**

Time slots are: 2.00-2.15; 2.15-2.30; 2.30-2.45; 2.45-3.00 and 3.00-3.15. The fun continues after school with time slots of 3.45 - 4.00; 4.00-4.15 and 4.15-4.30 also available.

Everyone taking part will be awarded a certificate and a finish photo will be sent to you on dojo. Please see the last page of this Newsletter for a map of the course.

Many thanks to our PTA who will also selling ice pops during the family event.

## 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 wet and 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.



## 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, which will be our final Mass of the school year.

## Word of the Week

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



## Parish Summer Fayre

Please see details below of the Parish Summer Fayre taking place TOMORROW from 11am. All warmly welcome.



### SUMMER FAYRE

ON SATURDAY 20 JULY 11AM – 3PM

AT ST PHILIP NERI CHURCH PARISH HALL,  
3 CHESTERFIELD ROAD SOUTH, MANSFIELD, NG19 7AB.

Entry 20p – 50p Per Family

Indian Food



Hand bags & Jewellery

Bric-a-Brac

Irish Coffee

Children's Tombola

Greeting Cards

Bottle Stall

Plants & Tools

Books & CD's



Refreshments

Ice Cream

Games

Tombola

Face Painting



Cakes & Preserves

Children's Toys

Grand Raffle – First Prize £100 to be drawn at 2.30pm  
plus many more prizes

## Staff Changes

At the end of this school year, we say goodbye to some staff members. Firstly, to Mrs Helen Swan who has been a TA in our school for the last 13 years. After a few health issues this year, Mrs Swan has made the difficult decision to leave. However, we thank her most sincerely for the love, help and kindness that she has shown to all the children who have been in her care. Thank you, Mrs Swan. We also say goodbye to Mrs Brooks and Miss Andrews, two of our Midday Supervisors. Thank you to them both for their service to our school.

I would also like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Dean who has been covering Miss Galvin who continues to recover from surgery, and to Miss Wayte who has been teaching Year 6 for much of this year. Both teachers have worked really hard to really give the pupils in their classes their all. Thank you, both.

## Class Charities

HUGE thanks for your generosity over the last few weeks as lots of classes have engaged in charitable acts for their Class Charities. As well as this, we've had our PTA Summer Fayre and have the Muddy Marathon next week. We know money is tight so really appreciate your giving and kindness. Next year, we'll ensure we spread out our charity events more evenly across the year.

## 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](#).



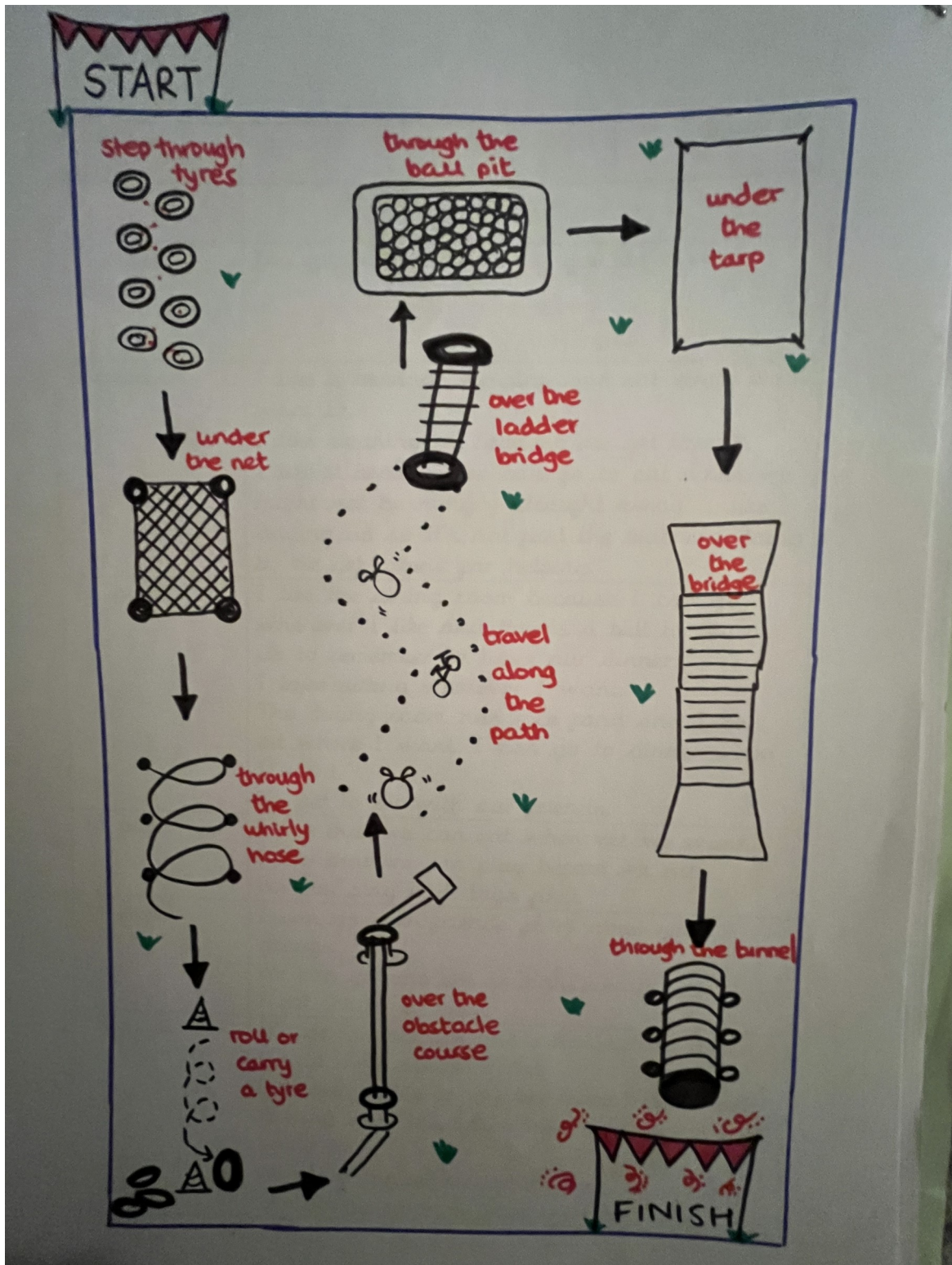
## Key Dates

See below for next week's key dates. Please also check Class Dojo to see notifications of other events, including specific year group activities and Class Charity Events.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
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**.

# 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.