



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 26th July, 2024**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Final Newsletter of the Year

...and just like that, another school year has come to an end. And what a year it has been! It is such an honour and privilege to be the Headteacher of our wonderful school to serve this very special community. On behalf of the staff team and governors, thank you for the unwavering support you give our school; we are extremely grateful for all that you do. We relish every moment of working in partnership with you to do all that we can so you child blossoms and thrives, academically as well as socially, morally, emotionally and spiritually. I also wish to pay homage to our children who have yet again proven how truly amazing they are. Their warmth, confidence, resilience, energy and enthusiasm is genuinely inspirational.

I also wish to thank our exceptional staff team who work tirelessly to nurture, mold and inspire our children to be the best version of themselves, and to our governors whose dedication, support and commitment to our school is resolute. For the staff who are leaving us at the end of this academic year to begin new challenges, thank you for everything you have done for our school and for our children — both past and present. We wish you the very best for the future; please don't be strangers.

And finally, we say a special goodbye to our Year 6 children and their families. We are so proud of what they have achieved and pray that they continue to build on these successes in their secondary school. May they enjoy and relish all the opportunities that secondary education will bring.

This means we also say goodbye to some families for the last time too. We thank you for your continued support and engagement with school. Please know that you will be greatly missed. To our other Year 6 families with siblings, we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you next year.

On behalf of us all, have a very happy, peaceful summer holiday. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Key Dates

Please also note that school is now closed for the summer holidays. School re-opens for all children on **Wednesday 4th September at 8.40am**.

In case you haven't yet seen, our school calendar is available for you to view on [our website](#). This contains details of next year's INSET days and half term dates, which may help you with booking holidays etc.

Attendance this week: 92.3%

FS2KW	90.5%
FS2NM	94.2%
Y1GV	91.1%
Y1JS	90.6%
Y2JY	92.7%
Y2RT	93.8%
Y3RB	94.7%
Y3AN	94.8%
Y4BF	86.7%
Y4DK	92.2%
Y5SC	87.5%
Y5VD	88.1%
Y6LB	97.7%
Y6HG	98%



OPAL

Thank you for the Muddy Marathon enthusiasm and support on Monday - we raised a total of £818.54! Many thanks for your generosity. A great time was had as you'll see from the photos below! We will begin the building of our new giant sand-pit during the holidays. On the first Friday back, our children will be reminded of our play expectations of OPAL in our first assembly of the new school year. They will be invited to come in play clothes on Friday 6th September in return for loose parts. Mrs Shivley will send out a list of ideas when we return in September.



We're starting to put together our diary dates which we'll share at the beginning of the next term but please save the date: we are going to host an OPAL day for parents on Tuesday October 1st ,1-3pm. You will be able to join the children in their lunch play and see what all the fuss is about!

As always, please remember us when having a clear out. Some of our soft toys are getting tired and some need to retire, pogo sticks and scooters have been worn out and dressing up has now seen better days! Any donations will be gratefully received. We hope the Outdoor Play and Learning philosophy stays with your children over the holidays and that you all have many adventures.



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 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](#).

