



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 13th September, 2024**

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

## Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted to receive an email from Mansfield Library informing us that our school came out on top for both total sign ups and finishers to the Summer Reading Challenge. More than half the children who signed up went on to complete the Challenge and earn their medal. What fantastic news! Well done to all of our children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge and earned a medal — we’re all very proud of you and hope you’ve enjoyed reading over the holidays.



There’s always lots going on at Mansfield Library, for adults as well as children. To find out more about what’s on offer, please [click here](#). If Mansfield Library is not your nearest library, you can find out more about your local one [here](#).

Research shows that regular reading is proven to improve life chances. Please do all that you can to find time to read with your child—just 5 or 10 minutes a day makes such a difference and opens up a world of fantasy and imagination.

Attendance this week: 97.5%	
FS2KW	100%
FS2NM	99.1%
Y1JY	96.7%
Y1JS	96.9%
Y2RB	97.9%
Y2RT	91.9%
Y3RB	98.7%
Y3AN	95.5%
Y4AS	100%
Y4DK	95%
Y5BF	99%
Y5VD	96%
Y6SC	99.4%
Y6LB	99.4%

## Charlie’s Making A Splash!

Charlie, one of our Year 6 pupils, is taking on a swim for dementia in memory of his Momma. If you’re able to make a donation, I know Charlie would really appreciate it. More details about this can be found on his [Just Giving page](#). Good luck, Charlie!

## Class Charity Homework

Children throughout school have been tasked to choose a charity and conduct research into the work they do. They will be asked to present this information to their classmates next Friday. Thanks in advance for your help with supporting your child conduct their research. We will involve you in voting for each class charity too — more details will be shared next week.

## Year 6 Parents — Secondary Applications

For parents of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to apply for a secondary school place. **It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of Thursday 31st October, 2024.** Nottinghamshire applications can be made [here](#). Nottinghamshire County Council have produced this [factsheet](#) to make the process easier for you.

For the overwhelming majority of you who will be applying for a place at All Saints', please note that you must complete a **Supplementary Form** from All Saints' **as well as** the **Local Authority application form**. Information on admissions to All Saints' can be found here: <https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/information/admissions/>.

If you are having any difficulties, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team, or to Mrs Shivley or Mr Steele who will be only too happy to help. It is important to note that if a late application is made, then this will not be considered until all other applications have been allocated; this means you may not be allocated a place in your preferred choice of school. Parents are notified of which school is assigned on 3rd March, which is National Offer Day.



## Advanced Notice of New Fencing Works

After various meetings with the local council, the DfE, our Trust and contractors, we've finally been given the "green light" for work to begin on improving the security of our school site. The works will consist of:

- erecting 6ft green fencing along the perimeter of the school car park and installing new 6ft entry/exit gates;
- removing the wooden fencing that borders our Foundation Stage field and Tesco, and replacing this with 6ft green slatted fencing;
- removing the older green fencing at the end of our school field that borders with Westfield Lane and replacing with new, green slatted fencing.

After an initial meeting with the contractors this week, this work is due to begin at the start of October and is expected to be completed within a month. We anticipate that the works cause very little disruption but once it begins, we will keep you updated if alternative plans or arrangements will be required.

As you can imagine, this is an expensive project so, on behalf of our school leaders and governors, I'd like to express my thanks to our Trust, the local council and the DfE for enabling this to go ahead to make our school even safer.

## Word of the Week

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

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## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 24 Sept	Mass	Year 1—Year 6
Tuesday 1 October	Mass	Year 6
Tuesday 8 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 15 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4

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

## Key Dates

See below for this half term's Key Dates. We strongly advise that you check Class Dojo regularly to see notifications of other events, including specific year group activities and Class Charity Events. Please note that new events may appear each week so please check back each week in case new events appear!

Please also note that, for this academic year, our Virtues Assemblies and Come & See Assemblies will take place in the mornings. This is because we recognise that afternoon events do not work for everyone.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 17 Sept	All Day	Educational Visit	Bolsover Castle	Year 2
Tuesday 17 Sept	From 9.00am	Feel Good Families	The Hub	Parents & Grandparents
Monday 23 Sept	From 1.30pm	Coffee & Chat	In School	All Parents
Wednesday 25 Sept	3.00pm—3.30pm	Phonics Information Worksp	School Hall	Reception class Parents
Friday 27 Sept	9am—9.45am	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School
Tuesday 1 Oct	1.00pm—3.00pm	OPAL Open Afternoon	School	Year 1 — Year 6
2 Oct — 4 Oct		Residential Visit	The Mill	Year 3
Friday 4 Oct	9.00am—9.45am	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 5 & Year 6
Wednesday 2 Oct	3.00pm—3.30pm	Phonics Information Workshop	School Hall	Year 1 Parents
Monday 7 Oct	All Day	Flu Vaccination Programme	Medical Room	Children with parental permission
Wednesday 9 Oct	3.00pm—3.30pm	Phonics Information Workshop	School Hall	Nursery
Thursday 10 Oct	From 9am	School Photographer	School Hall	Individual Photos
Monday 14 Oct	3.40pm—6pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School
Wednesday 16 Oct	2.00pm—3.00pm	Toddler Tales	The Hub	Parents with Toddlers
Wednesday 16 Oct	3.40pm—6pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School
Thursday 17 Oct	1.45pm —2.30pm	PTA Disco	School Hall	Foundation Stage
Thursday 17 Oct	2.30pm —3.30pm	PTA Disco	School Hall	Key Stage 1
Thursday 17 Oct	3.30pm —4.30pm	PTA Disco	School Hall	Key Stage 2

Looking further ahead, please note that half term begins at 3.30pm on Friday 18th October. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th November at 8.40am. Please also note that the PTA have kindly booked tickets for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 to go to Mansfield Palace Theatre to watch this year's pantomime, Aladdin. Many thanks to the PTA for providing this wonderful opportunity for our pupils.

## Feel Good Families

Huge thanks to Mrs Brizzolara for organising the Life Education Centre to come and work with our community over the next few weeks with their Feel Good Families programme. Please find more details on the next two pages. If you'd like to join us, please complete the short form on Dojo or just ask at Main Reception for a paper copy.

# FAMILY LEARNING

WITH LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

## FEEL GOOD FAMILIES



Find out the 10 secrets of successful and enjoyable parenting



Pamper yourself with some Aromatherapy.

Help your children make healthy choices



Talk to other parents about the joys and pains of parenthood

Have a bit of time-out with a cup of tea and a chat

**HAVE FUN!**

**All mums, dads, grandparents, and carers are welcome!**

Come join us at St. Philipneri on Tuesday mornings at 9am

Web: [www.lecn.co.uk](http://www.lecn.co.uk)  
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## Feel Good Families

Session		What it's all about...	
1	Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction	The attention switch Ignoring undesirable behaviour
2	Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Increasing Desirable Behaviour	Positive things about being a parent Giving positive attention, attends and praise Understanding behaviour reinforcement
3	Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	Decreasing Undesirable Behaviour	Solving problem behaviours (ABC of behaviour) Giving effective commands, Time out, withdrawal of privileges
4	Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	Behaviour Management	Children's rights and responsibilities Managing anger. Peaceful problem solving
5	Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Health and Wellbeing	What does healthy mean? The Eatwell Guide The importance of sleep
6	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Drug Awareness	What is a drug? Talking to your children about drugs and ways to help prevent future drug misuse Risk and protective factors
7	Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Stress Management	What is stress? Understanding coping strategies 5 steps to emotional well-being
8	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Aromatherapy	Introduction to Aromatherapy and its benefits Hand massage

If you would like to come and join **Feel Good Families**, please return this completed slip to your child's class teacher: Please provide us with your email so we can send you course information.

Child's Name:	INSERT CHILD'S NAME
Child's Class:	INSERT CHILD'S CLASS
Parent / Carer Name:	INSERT PARENT / CARER NAME
Telephone:	INSERT TELEPHONE NUMBER
Email:	INSERT EMAIL