



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



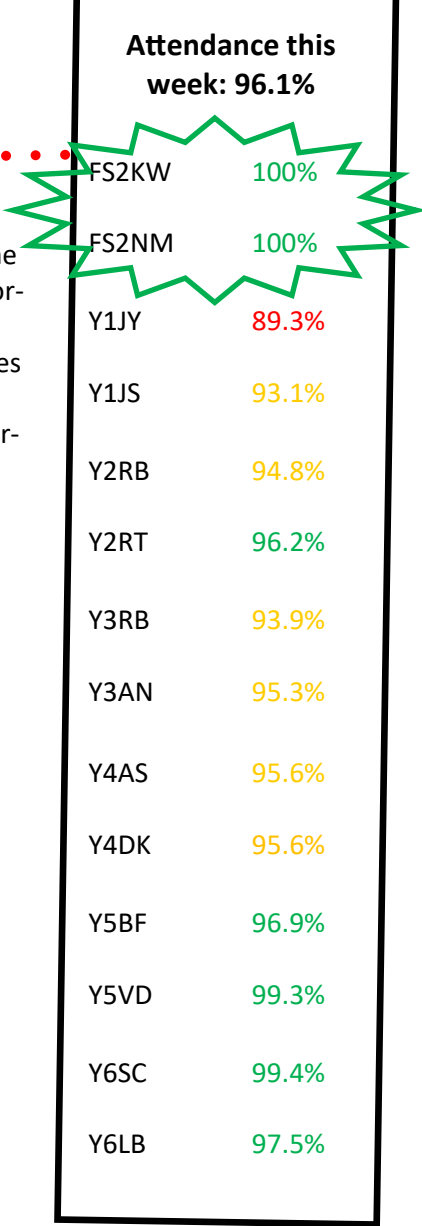
**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 4th October, 2024**

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

## Class Charities

As a Catholic school, one of our main objectives is to help our children understand the importance of charity. At the beginning of this term, all children were given the opportunity to research and present information to their peers about a charity of their choice. As has been the case in previous years, the response was incredible. All classes across school have now democratically adopted a charity to support this academic year. Many thanks to all the children who took the time to research and present information to their classmates about a charity of their choice — and to their parents for helping out too. This year’s charities we will support are:

Class	Charity
Nursery	Mansfield Wildlife Rescue
FS2KW	Nottingham Hospital Charity
FS2NM	St. John’s Ambulance
Year 1BS	Emily Harris Foundation
Year 1JY	Scottie’s Little Soldiers
Year 2RT	British Heart Foundation
Year 2RB	Cancer Research UK
Year 3AN	Dogs Trust
Year 3RB	Save The Children
Year 4DK	Brain Tumour Charity
Year 4AS	Blue Marine Foundation
Year 5VD	Cancer Research UK
Year 5BF	British Heart Foundation
Year 6SC	Hensell Goat Rescue
Year 6LB	GIST Cancer UK



Further details of fundraising events will follow from your child’s class teacher.

## Come & See Assembly

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and grandparents into school this morning for Year 5 and Year 6’s Come and See Assembly. This was an opportunity for the children to share what they have learnt in their first RE topic of the year. The children reminded us of the importance to love ourselves and to love others. We were also reminded of God’s unconditional love for us.

## October: the Month of the Holy Rosary

Catholics around the world dedicate the month of October to the Most Holy Rosary, primarily because the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is celebrated each year on 7th October. During the month of October, we will be inviting the children to join us each day as we pray the Rosary together and reflect on each of the mysteries. We invite you to do the same and take part in [The Rosary Challenge](#). If you do take part, we'd love to celebrate this in school so please do share any photographs or prayers.



## Homework Survey

Thanks so much to those of you who responded to our Homework Survey. We've had a phenomenal response. We will share the results with you next week. Our next steps will be to analyse the data and use this to help us as we review our Homework Policy. Please note that the survey has now been closed.

## Parents' Evening

Please be reminded that Parents' Evening will take place in just over a week's time: **Monday 14th October and Wednesday 16th October between 3.45pm and 6pm**. These will be face-to-face meetings in school. If you haven't already, please use the Arbor app to make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher.

Educating your child is a partnership so it is expected that all parents/carers are able to attend. Not only will these meetings update you on your child's engagement, attitude, achievements and friendships, but they will also provide ideas of how to support your child at home. If the above dates/times are not convenient, please contact your child's class teacher when an alternative can be arranged.

## Word of the Week

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



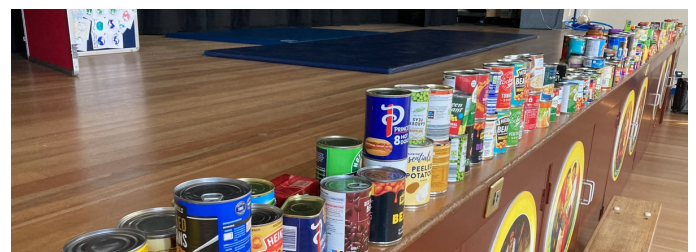
## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 8 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 15 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4
Tuesday 5 November	Mass	Year 3
Tuesday 12 November	Mass	Year 2

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

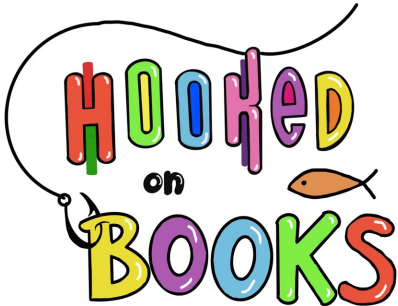
## Harvest Festival

As the Season of Creation comes to an end, we ended this special time today with our Harvest Festival celebration. Huge thanks for your food donations which will be donated locally to the Sherwood Forest Foodbank. Many thanks to Mrs Wood too for organising today's Harvest Festival event which included performances, a barn dance and face painting.



## Hooked On Books

We're really excited to restart our family reading initiative Hooked on Books for this academic year. Hooked on Books is an opportunity for parents/carers/grandparents to come along 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. Please see this term's dates for your child's class below:



Date	Year Group
10th October	Year 2RB
11th October	Year 2RT
18th October	Early Years

Date	Year Group
7th November	Year 3RB
8th November	Year 3AN
14th November	Year 4AS
15th November	Year 4DK
21st November	Year 5VD
22nd November	Year 5BF
28th November	Year 6LB
29th November	Year 5SC

Each session will start at 3pm in the Hall/the Hub, so please arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time and the class teacher will be there to greet you. (Nursery and Reception classes session will be in their classroom).

## OPAL Open Afternoon

It was wonderful to welcome parents and grandparents into school on Tuesday afternoon for our OPAL Open Afternoon. Here, we were able to share more about OPAL Lunchtimes and the positive impact it is having on our children's play literacy and their social and emotional health.



It was a real treat to see our children having such fun in the rain too! I think Bobby, our OPAL Mentor summed it up perfectly when he told me: "I've never seen such joy on a group of children before!"

As we move into the wetter months, we want to ensure that the children can continue to enjoy their lunchtime OPAL play outdoors, whatever the weather. To help with this, we kindly remind you of the importance of sending your child to school with wellies, a waterproof coat, and waterproof trousers. Having the right gear means the children can stay warm and dry while making the most of their playtime, even on rainy days.

## Mansfield Library Visits

We are delighted to confirm that we have arranged for each class to conduct further visits to Mansfield Library this year as this was so well received last year. The aim of these sessions is to continue to promote reading for pleasure across school and to remind children of all that Mansfield Library has to offer. Your child is encouraged to bring their Library Card with them so they can return or take out books when they visit. The visits will all take place during the school day on the dates below.



Friday 8th November: Year 1	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November: Year 4
Friday 15th November: Year 2	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December: Year 5
Friday 22nd November: Year 3	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December: Year 6



## School Dinners

With the noticeable change in the weather and the beginning of autumn, now might be a good time to switch from a packed lunch to school dinners. Our school meals form part of a healthy and balanced diet and are freshly-prepared each day. A copy of this term's delicious menu can be found [here](#).



If you think your child may be eligible for a Free School Meal, please [click here](#).

*[Note that we use Derbyshire County Council for this service].*

For children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2, school meals are **completely free of charge**. For children in Year 3 to Year 6, the cost is £2.60 each day unless eligible for a free school meal through pupil premium funding. School meals can be paid for easily using your Arbor



It's always worth checking if you're eligible for pupil premium funding. The process is quick and easy too. All you need is your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Reference Number, your surname and your date of birth. If eligible, school will be able to support you in other ways, for example by heavily subsidising the cost of trips and visits, including residential visits.

## Year 6 Parents — Secondary Applications

For parents of pupils in Year 6, please ensure you 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.



## 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!

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
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 our children with this wonderful opportunity.

## Feel Good Families

The Life Education Centre have now delivered three of their sessions as part of the Feel Good Families programme. However, it's not too late to join. Each meeting takes place on Tuesday at 9am in school (see details below). If you'd like to join us, please ask for further details at Main Reception .

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