



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 11th October, 2024

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Harvest Festival Donations

Our School Councillors proudly handed over your generous donations to the Sherwood Forest Foodbank this week. These items were very gratefully received. Our children were keen that we continue to work with the Sherwood Forest Foodbank so we will now be a permanent collection point for donations throughout the year. If you'd like to make donations at any point, please deposit these in the crate provided in our entrance hall.



Attendance this week: 95.4%

FS2KW 100%

FS2NM 100%

Y1JY 87.7%

Y1JS 87.2%

Y2RB 93.8%

Y2RT 99%

Y3RB 94.8%

Y3AN 98.4%

Y4AS 96.3%

Y4DK 95.6%

Y5BF 92.8%

Y5VD 95%

Y6SC 99.4%

Y6LB 97.2%

World Mental Health Day

Today, we celebrated *Hello Yellow* to show all of our children that they are not alone with their mental health. We recognise that the world is a really tough place for children to grow up in today, which is why we believe today is so important to mark. All classes have explored the importance of recognising what can be done to support mental health. Across school, we've focused on what makes us happy and created drawings/doodles using [The Doodle Boy](#) as inspiration for this. We've all spent time outside as a reminder that nature and physical exercise have a direct impact on our mental health. And of course, we've all worn something yellow to brighten up the day even further!

If you're worried about your child's mental health, please share this with your class teacher or with Mrs Brizzolara, our Child & Family Support Worker. Please also be reminded that if you or anyone you know is struggling with their mental health and are in need of advice and help, NottAlone is a really good starting point. This comprehensive website provides local mental health advice, covering a range of areas from self-harm, to family separation, suicidal thoughts or worries about gangs/gang culture. Click [here to visit the NottAlone website](#).

October: the Month of the Holy Rosary **Phonics Workshops**

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 this month of October, we continue to invite 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.



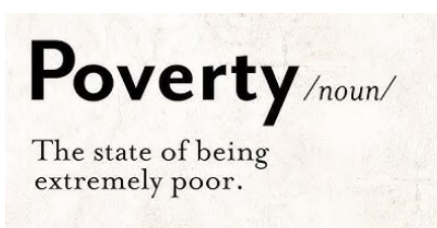
Huge thanks to those of you who were able to make it to one of our Phonics Workshops; we hope that the information shared has been insightful and has provided you with a greater understanding of how we teach children to read using phonics. We hope this has made you feel more confident with supporting your child to read at home. If you weren't able to make it, we will share the Power-Point presentations on our website and on the Dojo pages of Early Years and Year 1.

Parents' Evening

Next week is Parents' Evening. We're really looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's engagement, attitude, achievements and friendships. Please arrive just a few minutes before your appointment time (please check the date and time of your appointment on the Arbor app). Our Foundation and Key Stage 1 teachers will be in the Dining Room; please wait in the entrance hall to be called in. Our Key Stage 2 teachers will meet parents in the Main Hall. Please make your way straight into the Hall where seating will be provided. You will also be able to view your child's exercise books in their classroom either before or after meeting the teacher.

Word of the Week

Next week our Word of the Week is **Poverty** 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 15 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4
Tuesday 5 November	Mass	Year 3
Tuesday 12 November	Mass	Year 2
Tuesday 19 November	Mass	Year 1

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

Volunteers needed!

In November, we intend to produce a Remembrance display in our Liturgical Lounge. This will be to remember all who have served and continue to serve in the forces. We'd be very keen to crochet or knit a selection of poppies for this purpose but need your help! If you have the time and crochet or knitting skills, you're invited to join Mrs Shively in school on Monday and Tuesday next week from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. If you can help, we ask that you bring your own supplies. Thank you in advance.

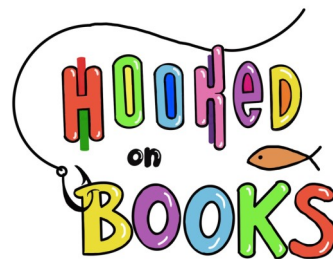


Hooked On Books

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. The dates for next term are below:

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

Next week's Hooked on Books is for Reception children. The session will start at **3pm in the Foundation Stage** classrooms so please arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time.



PTA Updates

You'll note that next week the PTA have organised an autumn disco for our children. (Please see Key Dates for times). They ask for a £2 voluntary donation for this event. There will be sweets and drinks available to buy at each disco too. Please also note that **next Friday** is a **non-uniform day** in exchange for sweets and chocolate which we'll use for our Christmas Fayre.

Toddler Tales

Just a reminder that if you (or someone you know) has a child aged 18 months to 3 years old and considering joining our Nursery, we'd love you to join us for our first session of the new school year on Wednesday 16th October @ 2pm. This is a fun, interactive session aimed at promoting an early love of reading. The theme for Wednesday's session is The Gruffalo with an autumn twist.

There will be hot drinks, juice and treats as usual plus a chance to chat to other parents. If you're able to make, please arrive at the Main Reception just before 2pm. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.



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 15th November: Year 2
Friday 22nd November: Year 3

Friday 29th November: Year 4
Friday 6th December: Year 5
Friday 13th December: Year 6



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 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
Friday 18 Oct	All Day	Non-uniform Day		Whole School
Thursday 7 Nov	All Day	Catholic Social Teaching Workshops	Classrooms	Whole School
Thursday 7 Nov	3.45pm—4.15pm	Y5 Residential Parents' Meeting	School Hall	Year 5 parents
Thursday 14 Nov	All Day	Catholic Social Teaching Workshops	Classrooms	Whole School
Friday 15 Nov	9am—9.30am	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 3 & Year 4

Please note that half term begins at 3.30pm on Friday 18th October. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th November at 8.40am.