



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 18th October, 2024**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

End of Half Term

We’ve made it to the end of a very busy first term, which seems to have flown by really quickly. Thank you for your support this term with ensuring your child is in school and here on time, and for your help with hearing your child read and complete their weekly homework tasks.



From us all, we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term break; we hope you manage to spend some quality family time together. Please be reminded that school re-opens on **Tuesday 5th November** at 8:40am.

Harvest Festival Donation

It was wonderful to receive an email from the Sherwood Forest Foodbank this week thanking us for the Harvest Festival donations. They informed us that the food weighed in at 152.95kgs which equates to approximately 474 meals for local people in crisis. What an amazing achievement! Huge thanks to everyone once again for your donations; this truly is faith in action.

Please be reminded that we are a permanent collection point for the Sherwood Forest Foodbank so if you have any items to donate, these can be dropped off in our Main Reception. To find out more about Sherwood Forest Foodbank, click [here](#).

Parents’ Evening

Many thanks to the overwhelming majority of you who were able to attend Parents’ Evening this week. A close partnership between home and school really does help children flourish and achieve their full potential. For those of you unable to make an appointment, staff from the School Office will be in touch to arrange a meeting after Half Term.



Charlie’s Swim for Dementia

Last month, I shared with you information that Charlie, one of our Year 6 pupils, is taking on a swim for dementia in memory of his Great Grandma. I just wanted to update you as Charlie has managed to raise £405 to date—and has received a medal for reaching over £200! This is amazing, Charlie. We’re all very proud of him. 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](#). Keep going, Charlie! [Click here](#) to find out more about the Alzheimer’s Society Swim for Dementia.

Attendance this week: 95.2%

FS2KW	99.5%
FS2NM	98.3%
Y1JY	96.3%
Y1JS	93.1%
Y2RB	95.2%
Y2RT	98.7%
Y3RB	91.6%
Y3AN	94.5%
Y4AS	95.3%
Y4DK	99.4%
Y5BF	90%
Y5VD	94.7%
Y6SC	90.9%
Y6LB	98.1%



Word of the Week

When we return, our Word of the Week will be **Accompaniment** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Accompaniment is the act of walking with someone on their journey. It is how we, as followers of Christ, show support and love for others. We are called to accompany others on their journey of faith, both in good times and in bad, just as the Holy Spirit watches over each of us in our own lives.

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 5 November	Mass	Year 3
Tuesday 12 November	Mass	Year 2
Tuesday 19 November	Mass	Year 1
Tuesday 26 November	Liturgy of the Word	Year 6
Tuesday 3 December	Mass	Year 5

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

Toddler Tales

It was great to hold our first Toddler Tales session of this academic year. Toddler Tales is a fun, interactive session aimed at promoting an early love of reading for children aged 18 months to 3 years. The theme for Wednesday's session was The Gruffalo with an autumn twist! As you can see from the photos below, a brilliant time was had! Our next Toddler Tales session will take place on **Wednesday 11th December at 9.15am**.



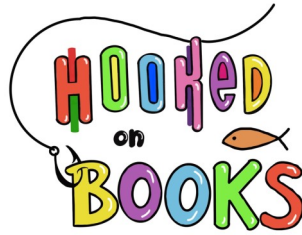
Toddler Tales



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



Mrs Jefferies' Maternity Leave

I know you will join your well-wishes with ours as we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Jefferies who has now commenced her maternity leave. We can't wait to meet the littlest Jefferies.

We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Heather Bovell who joins us after Half Term; she will be teaching in Year 1BS, covering Mrs Jefferies' maternity leave. I know she will be made to feel very welcome.

Year 6 Parents – Secondary Applications

For parents of pupils in Year 6, this is your final reminder 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/>.

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.

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



Key Dates

See below for next half term's Key Dates that are already in the School Diary. 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?
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
Friday 6 Dec	2.30pm—4.30pm	Christmas Fayre	School Hall	Whole School
Tuesday 10 Dec	9.30am—10.15am	KS1 Nativity Play	School Hall	Year 1 & Year 2
Tuesday 10 Dec	2pm—2.45pm	KS1 Nativity Play	School Hall	Year 1 & Year 2
Wednesday 11 Dec	9.15am—10.15am	Toddler Tales	The Hub	Toddlers from 18 months to 3 years
Wednesday 11 Dec	5pm—6pm	Carol Concert	St. Philip's Church	Year 3 & Year 4
Wednesday 18 Dec	9.30am—10am	Foundation Nativity Play	School Hall	Nursery & Reception
Wednesday 18 Dec	2pm—2.30pm	Foundation Nativity Play	School Hall	Nursery & Reception
Friday 20 Dec	2pm – 2.45pm	Carol Concert	St. Philips' Church	Year 5 & Year 6

Please note that the Advent Term ends at 3.30pm on Friday 20th December. We return to school on Monday 6th January, 2025 at 8.40am. Term dates, including INSET days, can be found [here on our school website](#).