



**We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives: Think, Speak, Act.**

**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 15th November, 2024**

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

## Welcome Back!

Although it seems like a long time ago, I hope that you all managed to have a restful half term break! It has been wonderful to welcome you all back to school this term. Please be reminded that **all children should now be wearing their winter uniform**. For full details, please check the uniform section of our website which can be found [here](#).



Please also pay attention to the expectations for PE uniform too. Teachers will speak to you separately if your child is not adhering to our Uniform Policy.

## Anti-Bullying Week



This week is Anti-Bullying Week. Along with most other schools in the country, we have marked this in the usual way of inviting all children to wear odd socks to illustrate that we are all different and unique, made in the image of God.

### What is Bullying?



- SEVERAL
- TIMES
- ON
- PRUPPOSE

Throughout the week, teachers in all classes have spend time ensuring children know that **bullying is when someone seeks to harm us Several Times On Purpose**. We have also shared with children our [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) and have used this to remind children how to recognise bullying and how to respond if they suspect bullying or are being harmed or bullied.

**Attendance this week: 97.2%**

FS2KW	99%
FS2NM	96.5%
Y1BS	94.3%
Y1JS	96.7%
Y2RB	98.6%
Y2RT	99.7%
Y3RB	96.8%
Y3AN	99.4%
Y4AS	95.6%
Y4DK	96.9%
Y5BF	96.9%
Y5VD	95%
Y6LB	96.6%
Y6SC	100%

## Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Youth** 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 19 November	Mass	Year 1
Tuesday 26 November	Liturgy of the Word	Year 6
Tuesday 3 December	Mass	Year 5
Tuesday 10 December	Mass	Year 4

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

## Applying for a Reception place 2024-25

If your child turns 5 between 1st September 2025 and 31 August 2026 and you require a school place for September 2025, you can now apply for their place. The application window will be open until the deadline of Monday 15th January 2025. Applications can be made quickly and easily through the [Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Hub](#). Please also remember to submit a Supplementary Information Form if you wish for a school place to be considered under a faith criterion. Please note that you MUST include the supporting evidence with this form. If you are unable to locate the required faith evidence, please contact the parish where your child was baptised in good time for a 'copy' certificate to be supplied. **All the details and relevant forms can be found on the Admissions section of our [website](#)** but please do contact the school office if you need any help or advice.

## Early Years Open Day

If you have family, friends, work colleagues or neighbours needing a school place for Nursery or Reception class in the next academic year, please let them know about our Open Day, which takes place next week:



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St Philip Neri with St Bede  
Catholic Primary and Nursery

### OPEN DAY

Thursday 21 November 2024



Tours at 9.15am–10.15am and  
1.30pm–2.30pm

at St Philip Neri with St Bede Catholic  
Voluntary Academy, Rosemary Street,  
Mansfield, NG19 6AA.

Come and see why our school is a  
fantastic choice for your child

Find out more: [tinyurl.com/SPNSB2425](https://tinyurl.com/SPNSB2425)

*'School leaders place a high priority on the promotion of pupils' spiritual life and wellbeing. Pupils say that they enjoy the trips to the coast and to landmarks in their local area.'*

Ofsted quote 2023



## Staff Updates

It's with great sadness I inform you that Mr Martin, our wonderful sports coach, is leaving us next week. His last working day is Friday 22nd November. Mr Martin is about to embark on ministry work for his church in New Zealand—a chance he absolutely could not turn down! Whilst we'll miss him very much, we also wish him well in his ministerial work. We thank God that Mr Martin has listening to his calling to carry out this important work. I'd like to thank Mr Martin for all he has done for our school. A new sports coach, Miss Allured will join us from January to replace Mr Martin. In the interim, Mr Cameron Evans will teach PE in the mornings and Miss Meg Perkins will teach afternoon PE lessons and lead after school clubs along with Mr Scott.



I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Jefferies gave birth to a very healthy baby boy on Sunday 27th October. Max Robert Jefferies was born at 3.59am weighing 7lb 15oz. Mum and baby came to see us earlier in the week and both are doing really well.



## PTA Updates

Huge thanks for the donation of bottles yesterday, which will be used for the bottle tombola at the PTA Christmas Fayre. Please make a note in your diary that the Christmas Fayre will be on **Friday 6th December from 2.30pm** in the School Hall and Dining Room. If you (or someone you know) would like to run a stall, please email the office so we can pass the details on to our PTA team. There will be the chance to meet Santa at the Fayre too; more details will follow.

## Fr. Paul Smith

On September 3rd, we were delighted to welcome Fr Paul Smith back to our parish. It was confirmed last week that Fr Paul's ministry with St. Philip's will come to an end on November 25th 2024, when he will take up his new appointment as Parish Priest of St. Patrick's, Leicester, and Divine Infant of Prague Syston. It has been such a privilege to work with Fr Paul for the past few months. We thank him for celebrating Mass with our children and for enhancing RE learning with many of our classes. On behalf of us all, we wish Fr Paul every blessing as he begins his ministry in Leicestershire.



## CSI Inspection

Last week, we welcomed two inspectors to conduct a Catholic Schools Inspection. These routine inspections occur approximately every four years. As part of this inspection, the team review the provision, outcomes and leadership of three key areas: Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. We were delighted to be able to share with the inspectors all the wonderful things that happen in our school to make it the very special place of learning that it is. Our children spoke to the inspectors with confidence about the many opportunities they have to develop their faith and about their learning in and enjoyment of RE lessons. As a staff team, we were exceptionally proud to our children profess their faith and talk so favorably about their school. I also wish to pay homage to the wonderful staff team who shone, despite the pressure of being observed and questioned.

Many thanks to those of you who found the time to complete the parent survey or to speak with the inspectors at the end of the school day on Thursday. As ever, your feedback is much appreciated. At this stage, I am unable to provide any further details about the outcome of the inspection but look forward to being able to share the report in a few weeks time.



## Mansfield Library Visits

So far this term, our Year 1 and Year classes have made visits to Mansfield Library. 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. We're very lucky to live so close to such a valuable resource. For the remaining sessions, 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:

Date	Year Group
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 this half term's Key Dates that are already in the School Diary. We strongly advise that you check

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
Thursday 21 Nov	8.45—12pm	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass	Holy Trinity, Newark	Children who received the Sacrament last year
Thursday 21 Nov	9.15am—10.15am 1.30pm—2.30pm	Early Years Open Day	Foundation	Parents of children seeking an Early Years school place
Thursday 21 Nov	3pm—3.30pm	Hooked On Books	Dining Room	Y5VD
Friday 22 Nov	3pm—3.30pm	Hooked On Books	Dining Room	Y5BF
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](#).

## Healthy Family Team

The Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust shared two posters with information about the Healthy Families Team. Please see below and overleaf with more information about the services that you can access.

  
Nottinghamshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

# THE HEALTHY FAMILY TEAM "WHAT DO WE DO?"

The Healthy Family Team (HFT), previously known as Health Visitors and School Nurses, work with families with children aged between 0 and 19 years.



Routine healthy child development reviews will be offered to all children at:

- Antenatal,
- Birth to 14 days,
- 6-8 weeks,
- 1 year
- 2- 2½ years.

Information is also shared with parents/carers at Year 1 and Year 7 in school. A digital health questionnaire is also offered to students in Year 9.



If you need information, advice or support, please contact us.

**ADVICE LINE**  
0300 123 5436



**PARENTLINE**  
TEXT 07520 619919

  
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The advice line offers advice and support over the telephone.  
Open Monday - Friday  
9am - 4.30pm



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## PARENTLINE TEXT 07520 619919

A confidential text messaging service for parents and carers across Nottinghamshire.



## CHATHEALTH 07507 329952

A confidential text messaging service for young people aged between 11 and 19 years.  
Open Monday - Friday,  
9am - 4.30pm



## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTHCARE WEBSITE

Our website to share all our information.  
[www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](http://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



## HEALTH FOR TEENS WEBSITE

A health website for young people aged between 11 and 19 years.  
[www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)



## HEALTH FOR KIDS WEBSITE

A health website for children and families offering advice and signposting.  
[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://www.healthforkids.co.uk)



## HEALTH FOR UNDER FIVES WEBSITE

A health website for families with children under 5 years, offering advice and signposting.  
[www.healthforunder5s.co.uk](http://www.healthforunder5s.co.uk)



The HFT send information to parents/carers about their services at school Year 1 and Year 7 and carry out a review via a digital health questionnaire at Year 9.