



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 22nd November, 2024**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

OPAL Lunchtimes

They say a picture paints a thousand words—and I think the photograph below does exactly that! It's been wonderful to watch the children have fun in the snow, which has all been possible because you have provided your child with the appropriate clothing. As winter draws nearer, please ensure your child has wellington boots, waterproof trousers and a suitable coat so they can continue to play in the wonderful outdoors.



Attendance this week: 95.4%

FS2KW 97.6%

FS2NM 100%

Y1BS 90.9%

Y1JS 96.7%

Y2RB 91.4%

Y2RT 93.3%

Y3RB 89.9%

Y3AN 96.4%

Y4AS 96.1%

Y4DK 97.7%

Y5BF 95.7%

Y5VD 95.7%

Y6LB 96.9%

Y6SC 97.7%

Word of the Week

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

This Sunday's 11am Mass at St. Philip's will involve the children and young people of our parish. You are warmly invited to attend.



Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 26 November	Liturgy of the Word	Year 6
Tuesday 3 December	Mass	Year 5
Tuesday 10 December	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 17 December	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3

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

Catholic Life: Prayer Fayre



With Advent just around the corner (starting on Sunday 1st December), our Chaplaincy Team have worked with Clare Lund, our Chaplain, to plan this year's *Prayer Fayre*. The group got together to explore, plan and prepare a range of activities that would help all pupils in school to prepare for the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

As can be seen from the poster, the activities chosen range from making Advent Wreathes and making nativity stars to going on a pilgrimage and making Christmas cards to give to the lonely or vulnerable in our parish community. Each class will visit the *Prayer Fayre* on Wednesday next week so we can begin Advent the following week ready to prepare for the birth of Our Saviour.





Many thanks to our Chaplaincy Team and to Clare Lund our Chaplain for planning and preparing this most special of days. As you'll already know, all classes in school will showcase either a Nativity Play or a Carol Concert as part of our Advent preparations. Please do take note of the date/time of these events which can be found in the Key Dates section of this Newsletter.

Applying for a Reception place 24-25

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 [web-site](#)** but please do contact the school office if you need any help or advice.

Considering listing only ONE school?

Robin lives in the catchment area of a popular primary school.

-  Parent applies on time listing 1 preference for an out of catchment school
-  On National Offer Day, the preferred school is oversubscribed (*more applications than places available*) and a place cannot be offered for Robin
-  A place cannot be offered at the catchment school as it is also oversubscribed with preferences
-  Robin is offered a place at a school over 6 miles away - the next closest with places available



Apply online at:
nottinghamshire.gov.uk/admissions
 • Apply on time • Use all 4 preferences
 • Check the admission criteria

Mansfield Library Visits

So far this term, our Year 1, 2 and 3 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 29th November	Year 4
Friday 6th December	Year 5
Friday 13th December	Year 6



The Lime Trees



Wrap around care for our school is provided by the Lime Trees. Places can be booked by contacting them on 0115 9313562. Wrap around care is available each morning from 7.30am and every afternoon from 3.30pm until 6pm. See [our website](#) for more details or visit The Lime Trees' own [website](#).

Key Dates

See below for this 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?
Tuesday 26 Nov	1.30pm—5.15pm	Pantomime Visit	Palace Theatre	Year 1 — Year 6
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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ADVICE LINE 0300 123 5436

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



HEALTH FOR TEENS WEBSITE

A health website for young people aged between 11 and 19 years.
www.healthforteens.co.uk



HEALTH FOR KIDS WEBSITE

A health website for children and families offering advice and signposting.
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



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.