



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 7th February, 2025**

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

## Children's Mental Health Week

This week is *Place2Be's* Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself*. Many thanks to our Wellbeing Ambassadors, led by Mrs Hunt and Mrs Berry, who have organised a range of wellbeing activities. Throughout the week, all children have taken time out from class to walk a mile around our track, simply talking to each other and recognising the beauty of nature around us.



The Wellbeing Ambassadors also planned and led *Wellbeing Wednesday* too where all children were given time to engage in activities to promote mental health. This involved making positive affirmations, exploring feelings through stories, playing board games, building with Lego and using Play-Doh to develop an awareness of our bodies and feelings.

## NottAlone: it's OK to feel not OK

With this week's focus being on mental health, please be reminded of the NottAlone service offered by Nottinghamshire County Council. 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. Support is available for adults and children alike so please do [click here](#) to find out more.

## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 4th March and Thursday 6th March. These will be face-to-face meetings in school and will also provide you with the opportunity to see your child's work in their books. It's quick and easy to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher using the Arbor app.

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. Many thanks in advance for ensuring that you make an appointment to meet your child's teacher.

Don't forget parents' evening!

Attendance this week: 94%	
FS2KW	97.6%
FS2NM	100%
Y1BS	97%
Y1JY	98.7%
Y2GB	95.7%
Y2RT	96.7%
Y3RB	92.5%
Y3AN	93.5%
Y4AS	92.2%
Y4DK	96.3%
Y5BF	88.1%
Y5VD	93.4%
Y6LB	89.4%
Y6SC	87.7%

## Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **Diversity**. This word will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

**DIVERSITY**

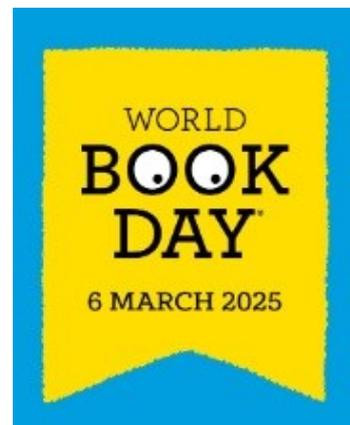
## Come & See Assembly

Many thanks to Year 1 and Year 2 for sharing their learning in their RE topic at this morning's Come & See Assembly. It was great to welcome so many parents/carers and grandparents into school. We were very proud of our children for professing their faith so confidently.

## World Book Day: 6th March

We wanted to give advanced notice of our plans for celebrating World Book Day, 2025 which will be held on Thursday 6th March. This year, we'd love to invite our children to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters or as a favourite author. Please be reminded that this doesn't have to be a shop-brought costume. There are lots of really good ideas online for creating a home-made costume using items you may already have available at home. Some examples can be [found here](#). Alternatively, if your child would prefer to come to school in pjs for the day, that is also fine.

We have lots planned to promote a love and reading and to make the day memorable, more of which will be shared nearer the time.

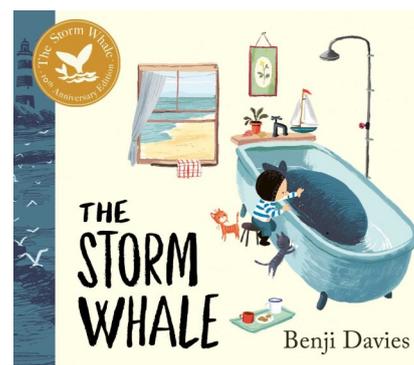


## Toddler Tales

Just a reminder that if you (or someone you know) has a child aged 18 months to 3 years old, we'd love you to join us for next week's Toddler Tales session, which takes place on **Wednesday 12th February @ 9:15am** where our session will be an Under the Sea theme based on Benji Davies' beautiful story, 'The Storm Whale'.

For those of you who don't know, Toddler Tales is a fun, interactive way to promote an early love of reading. The sessions also provide us with a good opportunity to get to know the children who may be considering joining our Nursery. New faces are very welcome.

We'll have tea, coffee, juice and treats aplenty and you'll also have the chance to chat and get to know other parents. See you there!



**Toddler Tales**

## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

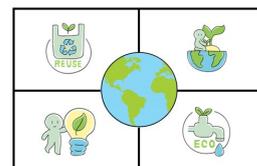
Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 11 February	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4
Tuesday 25 February	Mass	Year 3
Tuesday 11 March	Mass	Year 2

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

## Eco Team's Eco Tip!

**Protect wildlife**

Avoid littering as it can harm animals and pollute natural habitats.



## Former Staff News

We regret to inform you of the sad passing of Jane Burke, a former teacher at St. Bede's, who died on 29th January. Jane joined our school in 1968 and remained here for more than 20 years. She led our Foundation Stage before leaving to become a Deputy Headteacher and then a Headteacher in Staveley until she retired. May she rest in peace.

Please also be informed of the sad passing of John O'Neill, a former Chair of Governors at our school. He died on 28th January. May he rest in peace.

## Governor Vacancy

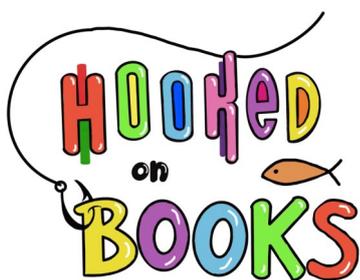
Please be reminded of the email sent last week to notify you that we have a parent governor vacancy and therefore invite you to stand for election as parent governor or nominate another parent to do so. Our governors are the 'eyes and ears' of the Trust Board and have delegated responsibilities to support the Headteacher strategically. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Local Governing Body's work. Committee meetings are half termly, usually held at 5.30pm in school lasting for up to two hours.

We would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills: a strong commitment to ensuring there are high aspirations for all children in our school; a commitment to supporting the Headteacher to achieving the best possible outcomes for all the pupils; to be willing to commit their time to undertake training, visits and monitoring exercises and then provide feedback in governors meetings; to be naturally inquisitive; to have the ability to question and analyse; to have good interpersonal skills and a willingness to learn. However, training is available for all governors and there is an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training, as well as having a commitment to attend other training as necessary.

More information, including the Nomination Form, can be found in the email. Thanks in advance.

## Hooked On Books

Our Hooked on Books initiative has been really well received so far this term for our Year 1 classes. 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
13th February	Year 3RB

Date	Year Group
27th February	Year 3AN
6th March	Year 4DK
13th March	Year 4AS
20th March	Year 5VD
27th March	Year 5BF
3rd April	Year 6LB & 6SC

Each session will start at 9am so please arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time and the class teacher will be there to greet you. Please note that the **Y3RB** session next week will take place **3pm**, not 9am.

## Key Dates

As well as checking the dates below, 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?
Wed 12 February	9.15am—10.15am	Toddler Tales	The Hub	Parents & Toddlers
<del>Thurs 13 February*</del>	<del>6.00pm—8.00pm</del>	<del>PTA Family Bingo Night</del>	<del>School Hall</del>	<del>Whole School</del>
Tuesday 4 March	3.40pm—6.00pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School
Thursday 6 March	3.40pm—6.00pm	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 21 March	9.00am—9.30am	Choral Verse	School Hall	FS2, Y1, Y2
Friday 28 March	9.00am—9.30am	Choral Verse	School Hall	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

**\*Please be aware that the PTA have POSTPONED the Family Bingo Night due to take place on 13th February. This event will now take place on Thursday 24th April.**

Please note that the our next INSET Day is on Friday 14th February. Therefore, the Half Term holiday begins on Thursday 13th February at 3.30pm. We return to school on Monday 24th February, 2025 at 8.40am. Term dates, including INSET days, can be found [here on our school website](#).

February 3rd-7th 2025

# 6 great moments



01 Wheels

The children can navigate around the site on many types of wheeled items; go-karts, scooters, wheelchairs, pushchairs and wobble cars.



02 Mr Stuffington

We love our newest team member. The aim for children playing with Mr Stuffington is that he HAS to stay clean - so no puddles or mud!



03 The craft table

The children are quite independent about managing the painting area, currently run by Maisey in Y5. They use the wallpaper rolls to do group murals then recycle their work.



04 Rough play

We have some new noodles and children of all ages are having a good go at bopping each other - lots of giggles from pupils and staff.



05 Dino land

The tiny dinosaurs found a volcano in the sandpit today and left their tracks as they explored! This sand play was photographed by our Play Detectives.



06 Slides

The children have found different ways to make the slide stable enough to slide down safely.

# KIDS HALF TERM Activity Club

18th & 19th  
February

Drop off - 0900  
Collection - 1500



£20

Per Child, Per Day  
Meals, Snacks  
and Drinks  
Included

**Children Aged 5 to 11**  
**A Variety of Activities Available**  
**Throughout the Campus**

**Sports, Crafts, Drama,**  
**Computing, and more.**



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