



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 21st March, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Catholic Life: The Season of Lent

This week, we have continued our Lenten journey, focusing on the word *fasting* where we've been encouraging each other to *fast* from the things that hurt ourselves, others or our planet and to *feast* on things that help us, each other and our world. We've found this really beneficial to do and say nicer things. Why not join us? What might you *fast from* and *feast on* this weekend?



I am also very grateful to Canon John and Fr Liam for visiting school on two separate occasions this week to enable children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who make their first confession yesterday. Both priests reported how prepared the children were.

PTA Easter Egg Raffle

Please be reminded that Monday is a non-uniform in exchange for an Easter Egg. All donated Easter Eggs will then be used as prizes for our Easter Egg Raffle, which will be held on the last week of this half term. Raffle Tickets will be on sale from Monday: 20p a ticket or £1 a strip. Thanks in advance for your support with this year's Raffle.



Choral Verse

It was delightful to see our School Hall full this morning with parents and grandparents to watch our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children's choral verse performance.

In an effort to develop pupils' oracy skills, each class practise and recite a chosen poem. I was so impressed with the children's confidence and enthusiasm as they presented their poems. Next Friday morning will be the turn of our Key Stage 2 children.

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 25 March	NONE	NONE
Tuesday 1 April	Mass	Year 6

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

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **Almsgiving** which is the practice of giving to those in need. It is a way of showing love and compassion to others. Almsgiving is an important part of Lent as it allows us to share with those in need and to be an example of mercy in the world.

This word will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Attendance this week: 97.6%

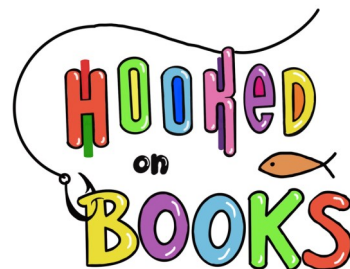
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Y4AS	96.9%
Y4DK	97.8%
Y5BF	92.4%
Y5VD	95.9%
Y6LB	99.4%
Y6SC	97.1%

Hooked On Books

Our Hooked on Books initiative continues this half term for our Year 4, 5 and 6 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	Start Time & Place
27th March	Year 5BF	9am, Dining Hall
3rd April	Year 6LB & 6SC	9am, Dining Hall

Please arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time and the class teacher will be there to greet you.



Online Safety

The National College have produced some helpful guides for internet use, which are beneficial for both children and adults. Last week's guide provided information about Facebook. This week's guide (which can be found on the next page of this Newsletter) is about parental controls for iPhone Apps. The guidance supports you to choose which apps and features appear on your child's Apple device and which ones don't. .

Toddler Tales

The next Toddler Tales session will take place on **Wednesday 26th March at 9.15am** in school. We'd be absolutely delighted if you could join us for a special interactive Easter-themed session. These sessions are open to anyone with a child aged 18 months to 3 years old.

We are particularly excited to be welcoming Lisa Wood from the Ladybrook Family Hub who will join us and be on hand to chat with to offer advice or support regarding children starting Nursery in the next few months.

If you and your little one can make it, please arrive at the school office just before 9:15am. New faces are always welcome.



First News

Please be reminded that we subscribe to First News, which is a national newspaper for children. It contains a wide range of articles, from politics to sport, the environment to showbiz. It also contains puzzles, competitions and more. There really is something for everyone. A new edition is released every Friday. The newspaper can be found here: digitaledition.firstnews.co.uk. You will then need to enter **VIBE5823** to login. It can also be downloaded via the First News app.



Statutory Assessments

During the Pentecost Term, some of our pupils will complete national assessments. It is imperative that children are in school for these tests. The key dates are as below:

Year Group	Assessment	Dates	Further Information
Year 1	Phonics Screening Check	Between 9th June and 13th June	Information for Parents Leaflet
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	Between 2nd June and 13th June	Information for Parents Leaflet
Year 6	KS2 SATs	Between 12th May and 16th May	Information for Parents Leaflet

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 26 March	10.00am—12pm	Pantomime Visit	All Saints'	Year 5
Thursday 27 March	During School Day	Lent Retreat	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 28 March	9.00am—9.45am	Choral Verse	School Hall	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Tuesday 1 April		Adoration	St Philip's Church	Y3 & Y5
Wed 2 April	10.30am—11am	Resurrection Rocks!	School Hall	Year 3 & Year 4
Thursday 3 April		Adoration	St Philip's Church	Y4 & Y6
Thursday 3 April	During School Day	School Trip	Wakefield	Year 5
Friday 4 April	9.00am—9.30am	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 4 April	2.30pm—3pm	Stations of the Cross	School Hall	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Thursday 24 April	6pm—8pm	PTA Family Bingo	School Hall	Whole School
Tuesday 29 April	During School Day	School Trip	Skegness	Year 2
30 April—2nd May		Residential Visit	Ilam Hall	Year 4
Thursday 8 May	Morning	Class Photographs		Whole School

Please note that the Easter holidays begin on Friday 4th April at 3.30pm. We return to school on Tuesday 22nd April, 2025 at 8.40am. Term dates, including INSET days, can be found [here on our school website](#).



CEREAL BOX DOMINOES



THANK YOU!



This Lent, we are going to be doing something really exciting in school... CEREAL BOX DOMINOES!!

Over the next few weeks, we challenge you to bring in a full box of cereal to donate to the foodbank.

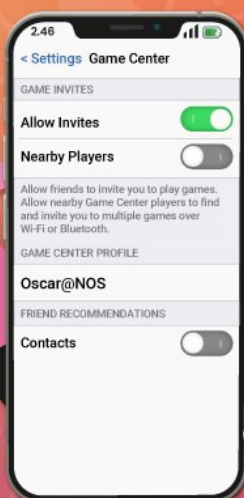
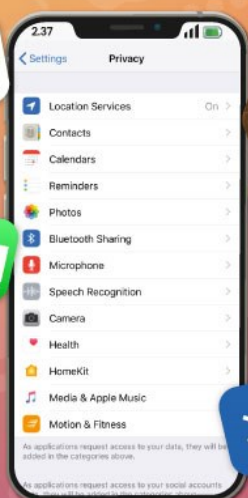
We will line up all the donated cereal boxes like dominoes in a long chain across the school. When the final box is placed, we will knock them down and watch them fall like a giant domino rally!

After the fun, all the boxes will be donated to families in need through our local food bank.

Please bring all Cereal Boxes into school between
Monday 24th and Thursday 27th March

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

