



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

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Friday 28th March, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Catholic Life: The Season of Lent

As our Lent preparations have continued, I'd like to express my thanks and gratitude to our School Chaplains and Chaplaincy Team for planning and delivering our *Lent Prayer Fayre* this week. All children took part in a range of activities to help them know and embrace the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. The children visited a series of 'stations' each providing the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God.



As next week is our final week of the Lent Term, we will conclude our Lent preparations. On Monday, our week will begin with a special Palm Sunday celebration, On Wednesday, Year 3 & 4 pupils will retell the Easter story in song and verse (parents welcome), and our Chaplaincy Team will share their Stations of the Cross service on Friday afternoon (again, parents welcome).

PTA Easter Egg Raffle

We're just days away from our PTA's annual Easter Egg raffle! Tickets continue to be on sale until next Wednesday: 20p a ticket or £1 a strip. Huge thanks for your support with this year's Raffle.

Choral Verse

Once again, our School Hall was jam-packed this morning with parents and grandparents to watch the choral verse performances of our Key Stage 2 children. As with last week's performance, the children's confidence and enthusiasm was impressive. Particular thanks to Miss Young and Mrs Kerr for organising and leading this event.

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 1 April	NONE	NONE

Please note that there is no Mass next week. Dates for next half term's Masses will be shared in next week's Newsletter.

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **Sacrifice** where we will reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus and what it means for our lives. The sacrifice of Jesus is a reminder that we are all loved by God, and that we too, are called to live our lives as humble servants. This word will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Attendance this week: 97%

FS2KW	97.3%
FS2NM	98.3%
Y1BS	97.3%
Y1JY	99.4%
Y2GB	90.3%
Y2RT	96.7%
Y3RB	97.8%
Y3AN	98.1%
Y4AS	98.8%
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Y5VD	95.6%
Y6LB	98.1%
Y6SC	93.9%

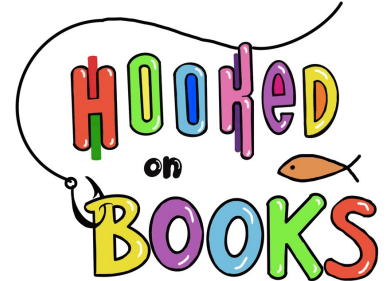
Cereal Box Dominoes

Thanks so much for the cereal boxes already donated, which will all be handed over to the Sherwood Forest Foodbank as part of our Lenten Almsgiving. Before having them over, we'll hold a cereal box dominoes challenge on Wednesday but to make this more effective, we'd really appreciate more cereal box donations.

If you haven't yet donated a full, unopened box of cereals, please consider doing so and bringing the box into school on Monday morning. More details can be found on the poster on page 4 of this Newsletter. Thanks so much in advance for your generosity.

Hooked On Books

Our final Hooked on Books session this term takes place for our **Year 6 pupils next Thursday morning at 9am**. 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 arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time and the class teacher will be there to greet you.



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

Toddler Tales

It was wonderful to welcome so many toddlers and their families to our Easter-themed Toddler Tales session on Wednesday. From the photos below, it looks like great fun was had! The next Toddler Tales session will take place on **Wednesday 21st May at 9.15am** in school. We'd be absolutely delighted if you could join us. The sessions are open to anyone with a child aged 18 months to 3 years old.



Online Safety & Cyber Security Training

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 parental controls for iPhone Apps. This week's guide (which can be found on the last page of this Newsletter) is about parental controls for android phones. The guidance supports you to choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't.

Separately, Nottinghamshire Police have made us aware of a training session they are holding for parents and carers to provide information and support if you have children using devices (phones, tablets or computers). The aim of the session is to educate parents/carers on best practice when it comes to basic online security and keeping accounts private. A further talk will also share the Cyber Choices programme, which was created to help children to make informed choices and to use their cyber skills in a legal way.



Free cyber security
training for
parents and carers

This session is FREE to attend and will take place on Microsoft Teams on **Thursday 3rd April between 5pm and 6pm**. If you'd like to attend, please register for the event here: [Cyber Security Training for parents/carers - Thurs 3rd April 2025 \(17:00-18:00\)](#)

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?
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	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
Wednesday 21 May	9.15—10.15am	Toddler Tales	The Hub	Toddlers & Parents

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 for
Wednesday 2nd April



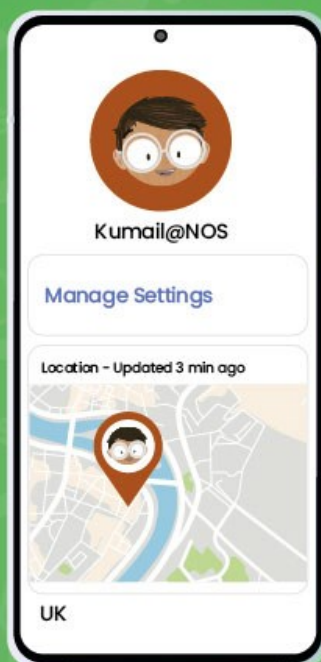
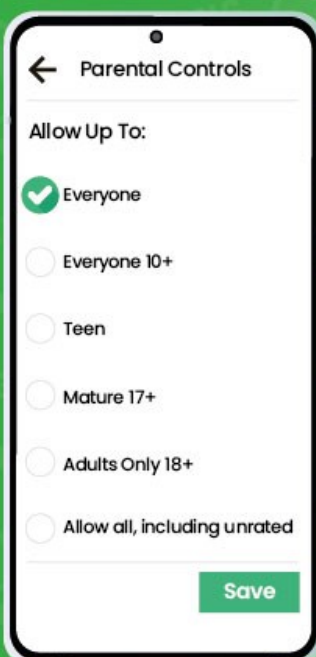
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How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS to limit age-inappropriate CONTENT Android Phone



The settings on an Android device allow you to prescribe certain rules for when your child is using it. For example, you can block specific types of content to reduce the risk of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate material (music with explicit lyrics, for instance, and games, TV shows or movies that are unsuitable for young people). There are two ways to access parental controls on an Android phone: through Google Play or via the Google Family Link app. You can also lock your changes behind a PIN, so your child (or anyone else) can't change them back.



Set up parental controls with Google Family Link

- 1 On your phone, install Google Family Link for Parents
- 2 Tap Open and review the information
- 3 Tap Get Started
- 4 Tap Next to set up your child's device
- 5 On your child's phone, download Google Family Link for Children & Teens and enter the Family Link setup code provided
- 6 On your phone, open the Family Link app
- 7 Tap your child's name
- 8 Tap Manage Settings
- 9 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 10 Tap the content you would like to restrict
- 11 Choose how to filter or restrict access

Set up parental controls with Google Play

- 1 Open the Play Store app
- 2 Tap Menu (represented by three horizontal lines)
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Parental Controls
- 4 Enable Parental Controls
- 4 Create Pin
- 4 Tap the content you would like to restrict
- 4 Choose how to filter or restrict access



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