



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 4th April, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Catholic Life: The Season of Lent

With the coming of the end of term, our Lent preparations in school have drawn to a close. We began the week with a jubilant Palm Sunday celebration. Following this, our Year 3 & 4 children retold the story of Holy Week through verse and song, all Key Stage 2 children have enjoyed a Last Supper celebration and today, our Chaplaincy Team shared a very solemn Stations of the Cross service. As ever, it's been wonderful to welcome parents and grandparents into school to join us for these events.



May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued engagement and support. Your investment and involvement in school life makes a huge difference. Thank you for all that you do to support your child's learning, for joining us in school to attend events and celebrations, engaging with Parents' Evenings, and for your generosity, most recently with Easter egg donations as well as food items to be donated to the Sherwood Forest Foodbank as part of our Lenten almsgiving. From us all, we wish you a happy, fun-filled Easter break with (hopefully) plenty of sunshine!

Please note that 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](#).

Attendance this week: 95%

FS2KW	92.2%
FS2NM	97.6%
Y1BS	95.7%
Y1JY	94.5%
Y2GB	94%
Y2RT	87.7%
Y3RB	91.9%
Y3AN	96.8%
Y4AS	96.6%
Y4DK	96.6%
Y5BF	97.1%
Y5VD	94.7%
Y6LB	98.1%
Y6SC	97.1%

Our Parish: Holy Week Mass Times

Date	Time	Mass/Service
Mon 14th April	6pm	Mass @ St Philip Neri
Tues 15th April	7pm	Service of Reconciliation @ St Philip Neri
Wed 16th April	11.30am	Chrism Mass @ St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
Wed 16th April	7pm	Passover Meal @ St Teresa's (ticket only)
Holy Thursday	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper @ St Philip Neri

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Good Friday	3pm	The Lord's Passion@ St Philip Neri
Good Friday	7pm	Stations of the Cross in each church
Holy Saturday	11am & 4pm	Blessing of Food @ St Joseph's, Shirebrook
Holy Saturday	7pm	Easter Vigil @ St Philip Neri
Easter Sunday	9am 11am 5pm	St Philip Neri St Patrick's & St Philip Neri St Philip Neri

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 29 April	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 6 May	NONE	NONE
Tuesday 13 May	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 20 May	NONE	NONE
Friday 23 May	Mass (Led by Y3)	Year 1 —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

Following the Easter break, our Word of the Week will be. Alleluia, which means 'Praise the Lord!' At the Easter Vigil, we use this word for the first time since the beginning of Lent to show that we can now celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his victory over death.

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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!

On Tuesday 22nd April (our first day back), children are invited to come into school wearing play-out clothes. This is to celebrate Easter and also to celebrate the opening of our Forest Schools area at

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
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