



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 25th April, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

The late Holy Father, Pope Francis



POPE FRANCIS
REQUIESCAT IN PACE

We continue to be deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Pope Francis on Easter Monday, and continue to pray for the happy repose of his soul. As recognised in the statement made by the Bishop of Nottingham, "the Pope has left an indelible mark on the Church and the world, as a man of great warmth and humility who made use of his global prestige to highlight and to listen to the concerns of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world. The loss of the Holy Father will be deeply felt in all of our diocesan communities and well beyond, but I believe his legacy will live on." We thank Pope Francis for his valiant service and for highlight his concerns of the poorest and most marginalised people as well as his concerns for Earth, our common home.

All children were informed on Tuesday morning of the Pope's death with a prayer table established in our Sacred Space inviting the children to pray and remember him. All classes have also had the opportunity to consider his life and legacy during class-based celebration of the word this week. On Tuesday next week, the Bishop will address all schools throughout the diocese following the Pope's funeral. We will, of course, continue to involve our children in the church's journey over the next few weeks and months as we mourn the death of Pope Francis and look ahead with hope and faith to the selection of a new leader for our church.

The clergy of our Parish warmly invite you to join us to pray for Pope Francis. At 6pm today (Friday 25th April) in St. Philip's Church on the eve of the Holy Father's funeral, a liturgical service (Vespers) will take place. On Sunday 27th April at 5pm, a Requiem Mass will be offered at St. Philip's Church for Pope Francis, RIP. On Monday, 5th May at 10am there will be a Mass of the Holy Spirit as the Cardinals prepare to elect a new Pope. You are also warmly invited to sign the Book of Condolence at St. Philip's Church.

Welcome Back

Welcome back and Happy Easter! Even though the chocolate eggs and decorations start to disappear from the shelves and our homes, the Church continues to celebrate the season of Easter until the feast of Pentecost. During this season of joy, we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life and promise this brings to us all. We can also enjoy the welcome return of sunshine, light and warmth!

Attendance this week: 95.8%

FS2KW	95.7%
FS2NM	98.1%
Y1BS	97.1%
Y1JY	95.7%
Y2GB	93.6%
Y2RT	91.6%
Y3RB	93.4%
Y3AN	97.3%
Y4AS	95.4%
Y4DK	96.6%
Y5BF	98%
Y5VD	95.7%
Y6LB	98.6%
Y6SC	94.4%



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

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Mercy**. Mercy is God's love and forgiveness in action. We see this gift in a powerful way during Eastertide as we remember what Jesus did for us out of love. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday and it is a reminder that we must be merciful to others, just as God is merciful with us.



School Uniform

Please be reminded that children are now invited to wear their summer school uniform. Full details of our summer uniform expectations can be found [on our website](#). We thank you in advance for adhering to our school's dress code. If you need any help with sourcing any aspects of our school uniform, please ask a member of the Office Team who will be happy to help.

School Dinners

A new term sees the launch of a new school dinner menu. Please visit [our website](#) to see this term's menu. Here, you will also find details about eligibility for free school meals, which may be of particular interest to parents of children in Year 2 as, once children enter Year 3, school meals are no longer funded unless entitled to free school meals.

Trust, School and Home Agreement

Please be reminded of the [Trust, School and Home Agreement](#) which recognises the importance of work together in order for our children to be successful and prepared for the next stages in their life. This document outlines clearly the expectations of the Trust, School, our Pupils and Parents/Carers, and can be found on our website. Although you will have already seen this document, please take a few minutes to remind yourself of the contents of this so that we can all continue to maintain highly positive relationships with each other for the good of our children.

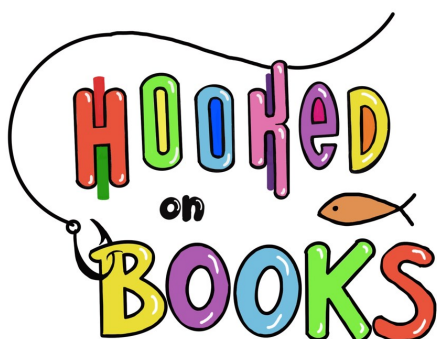
Statutory Assessments

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

Hooked On Books

We're really excited to restart our family reading initiative Hooked on Books for another term. 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	Date	Year Group
1st May	Year 1BS & 1JY*	19th June	Year 3RB
8th May	Year 2BG	26th June	Year 3AN
22nd May	Year 2RT	3rd July	Year 4DK
5th June	FS1 & FS2*	10th July	Year 4AS
12th June	Year 6LB & 6SC*	24th July	Year 5BF & 5VD

Each session will start at 9am in the Dining Hall (or in classrooms if marked with an Asterix) so please arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time and the class teacher will be there to greet you. We're really excited for you to join us.

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 regularly! Dates for Sports Day and the Summer Fayre will be shared in next week's Newsletter.

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
Tuesday 3 June	During School Day	RISE Theatre Visit	School Hall	FS2 to Year 6
Friday 6 June	During School Day	Forest Schools Special 6s	Holy Trinity, Newark	Year 6
Saturday 21 June	10:00	First Holy Communion	St Philip's Church	First Holy Communion

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Monday 5th May for the Bank Holiday. Looking further ahead, school closes on Friday 23rd May at 3.30pm for Half Term and reopens at 8.40am on Monday 2nd June.