



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

**Newsletter Date:
Friday 2nd May, 2025**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Enrichment Opportunities

What a fabulous week of weather we've had! The timing has been perfect for our Year 2 children who visited Skegness on Tuesday as part of their Coastline topic. They spent time in the Aquarium and on the beach, and enjoyed fish 'n' chips for lunch!



The children were brilliantly behaved and represented our school so well. Huge thanks to the Year 2 team for organising and leading this trip. My thanks, too, for the parents who were able to give up their time to accompany us. It was also lovely for our Wellbeing Ambassadors to visit residents of Woodleigh Care Home as part of their Intergenerational Week.

Our Year 4 children have also had an exciting week as they enjoyed a three-day Residential visit to Ilam Hall in Derbyshire experiencing a range of outdoors activities, including walking, river dipping and teambuilding challenges. They've been sharing stories of their exciting adventures today! I was delighted to hear that the children's behaviour had been exemplary throughout too. Huge thanks to the staff team for giving up their time to provide such a wonderful experience for our children.

**Attendance this
week: 96.5%**

FS2KW 99.3%

FS2NM 96.9%

Y1BS 99.3%

Y1JY 95.2%

Y2GB 86.7%

Y2RT 96.3%

Y3RB 94.4%

Y3AN 98.4%

Y4AS 94.4%

Y4DK 99.4%

Y5BF 97.7%

Y5VD 98.1%

Y6LB 100%

Y6SC 95.5%



Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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 **Faith**. Having faith can be hard. It requires us to believe in those things we can't prove and see. St. Thomas is famous for not believing that Jesus had risen, but this reminds us all that even for Jesus' disciples, faith wasn't always easy. Faith is a gift from God and if we can find it, and hold on to it, faith will give us strength comfort, and hope.

School Uniform

In case you missed last week's Newsletter, children are now invited to wear their summer school uniform (just not next Thursday!). 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.

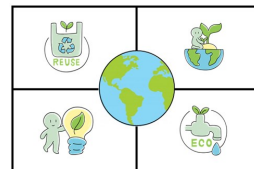
Class Photographs

On Thursday next week (8th May), the photographers will be in school to take class photographs. We ask that all children come into school wearing their WINTER school uniform. If your child usually has PE on a Thursday, please bring their PE kit into school separately in a bag. Many thanks in advance.

Eco Team's Eco Tip!

Recycling Saves Energy:

Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.



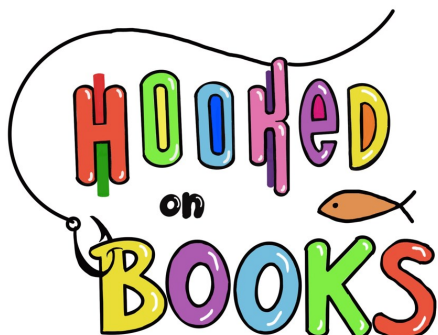
Statutory Assessments

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
8th May	Year 2BG
22nd May	Year 2RT
5th June	FS1 & FS2*
12th June	Year 6LB & 6SC*

Date	Year Group
19th June	Year 3RB
26th June	Year 3AN
3rd July	Year 4DK
10th July	Year 4AS
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?
Thursday 8 May	Morning	Class Photographs		Whole School
Wednesday 21 May	09.15—10.15	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 children
Tuesday 24 June	09:15—10:45	Sports Day	School Field	Nursery (am) & FS2NM
Tuesday 24 June	13:45—15:15	Sports Day	School Field	Nursery (pm) FS2KW
Wednesday 25 June	09.15—10.45	Sports Day	School Field	Year 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 25 June	13:45—15:15	Sports Day	School Field	Year 4, 5 and 6