



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

**Newsletter Date:
Friday 9th May, 2025**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Year 6 SATs

Next week, our Year 6 children will sit their SATs tests which they've worked so hard to prepare themselves for. **It is essential that all Year 6 children are in school each day next week** as they only have one opportunity to complete the tests. Please keep our Year 6 children in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure their hard work and commitment to learning will pay dividends. The group have worked with our Chaplains, Clare and Luke this week, and have collectively written the prayer below which is so touching I had to share it with you all.

GRACIOUS GOD

As we begin this new day, we ask that you grant us:

- The courage of Mary to try our best and to say yes to each new challenge.
- The determination of David to believe in ourselves.
- The knowledge of St Thomas Aquinas to help us read our questions fully and double-check our work.
- The wisdom of St Paul to recognise that it is only natural to make mistakes.
- The perseverance of Job to never give up and remain calm.

LOVING GOD,

We thank you for:

- The gift of our teachers who have encouraged and supported us.
- The gift of being here when so many young people aren't given the right of education.
- The gift of the result we get because it helps us grow.

We ask that you remain with us throughout this day in our hearts and in our minds as we make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

AMEN



**Attendance this
week: 97.1%**

FS2KW 96.8%

FS2NM 97.6%

Y1BS 97.9%

Y1JY 98.4%

Y2GB 93.8%

Y2RT 96.7%

Y3RB 96%

Y3AN 100%

Y4AS 97.3%

Y4DK 93.4%

Y5BF 99.6%

Y5VD 100%

Y6LB 98%

Y6SC 93.5%

The children have asked if they can begin each day next week with this prayer, which is wonderful to hear. We're so very proud of our children's continued expression of faith.

**GOOD LUCK YEAR
6! You've *TOTALLY*
got this!**

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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. We also look forward to Year 3 and Year 4's Come & See Assembly next Friday at 9am in the School Hall. All are welcome to join us.

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Vocation**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. A vocation is God's call to each of us. It is the unique way that God has designed us to serve him and others. Finding our vocation can take time and discernment but our vocation is a reminder that we all have a special purpose in this world, and we are all called to do something significant with our lives.

Toddler Tales

Just a reminder that if you (or someone you know) has a child aged 18 months to 3 years, we'd love you to join us for our next Toddler Tales session on Wednesday 21st May @ 9.15am.

We're really excited to take Toddler Tales to our Forest Schools area for this session which will be based on the Julia Donaldson story, Stick Man.

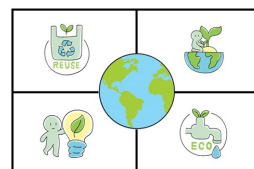
If you're able to make it, arrive at the School Office just before 9.15am. New faces are always welcome. Please note that as this session will be in our Forest Schools area, children will need to be dressed appropriately in clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Please also ensure your little one wears footwear that covers the toes too.



Eco Team's Eco Tip!

ECO Fact – National Walking Month

Did you know that swapping just one short car journey a day for walking can save up to **150kg of CO₂** a year? That's the same as charging **19,000 smartphones**! Walking not only keeps us healthy but also helps protect our planet by reducing pollution, traffic, and carbon emissions. Every step you take helps to cut air pollution, protect wildlife, and move us toward a cleaner, greener future — one walk at a time!



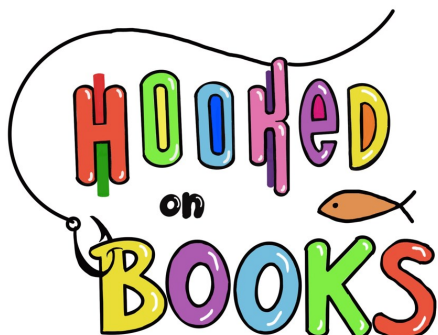
Statutory Assessments

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
22nd May	Year 2RT
5th June	FS1 & FS2*
12th June	Year 6LB & 6SC*
19th June	Year 3RB

Date	Year Group
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?
Friday 16 May	09:00—09:30	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 3 & Year 4
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
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
Friday 27 June	From 14:30	PTA Summer Fayre	School	Whole School