



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

**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 16th May, 2025**

## St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

### Well done Year 6!

This week, Year 6 children have completed their statutory SATs assessment tests. The children's hard work, focus and commitment to their learning has been extremely impressive. Thank you Year 6; you've been absolutely brilliant. Many thanks to the Year 6 staff team and parents for preparing the children so well for these tests. The results of the tests will be made available in July.

After the Half Term break, 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	<a href="#">Information for Parents Leaflet</a>
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	Between 2nd June and 13th June	<a href="#">Information for Parents Leaflet</a>

### CAFOD LiveSimply Award Success

I am delighted to confirm that we have successfully achieved the CAFOD LiveSimply award. This award recognises that we are living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with communities locally and around the world who experience poverty.

The award was presented to us last week after we have successfully planned and implemented faith inspired actions that highlighted the importance of caring for people and the planet. Our actions continue to have a positive impact throughout the school, in our local community, and globally too, as we reach out to make a difference.

You can find out more about how we've been living simply by visiting our website to see our [Action Plan](#). Many thanks to our pupil voice groups — both children and staff leaders — who've worked together to help us achieve this award.



### Walk To School Week

Next week, we want to encourage as many of our families as possible to take part in Walk To School Week. It would be wonderful to see as many of our families walk, bike or scoot to school rather than using the car. Each teacher will be tracking the different ways of travelling to school during the week so we can celebrate our efforts together. Please also be reminded of the Walk Notts Festival which continues right the way through May. Login to Class Dojo to see Miss Nicholls' post from Wednesday to find out more, or visit [www.walknotts.org.uk](http://www.walknotts.org.uk)

**Attendance this week: 96.7%**

FS2KW	97%
FS2NM	95.7%
Y1BS	95.3%
Y1JY	94.5%
Y2GB	98.7%
Y2RT	98.7%
Y3RB	93.2%
Y3AN	95.5%
Y4AS	95.5%
Y4DK	99.3%
Y5BF	98.1%
Y5VD	97.2%
Y6LB	99.7%
Y6SC	95.5%

## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Friday 23 May	Mass (Led by Y3)	Year 1 —Year 6

We'd be delighted if you could join us for our celebration of Mass next Friday to celebrate the Feast Days of St Philip Neri and St Bede. Families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church next Friday morning. Many thanks in advance to Year 3 who will lead our celebration.

## Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Witness**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. Witness is the sharing of our faith with others. It is a way of testifying to the truth of Jesus Christ and the Gospel message. Our witness can be a way of celebrating the hope and joy that we have in Jesus and a way of powerfully sharing the good news with those around us.

## 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 next 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.

## PTA Facebook Page

Our PTA have launched a new [Facebook page](#). Click the hyperlink or search *Friends of St Philip Neri* to find and like their page. Here, they'll keep you updated with PTA dates and events. Please spread the word!

## Eco Team's Eco Tip!

**ECO Fact – Water waste adds up**  
A dripping tap can waste up to 5,500 litres of water a year. Fix those leaks to save water!



## Mansfield Library Visits

We are delighted to confirm that we have arranged for each class to conduct further visits to Mansfield Library next half term as this was so well received earlier in the year. The aim of these sessions is to continue to promote reading for pleasure across school and to remind children of all that Mansfield Library has to offer. Your child is encouraged to bring their Library Card with them so they can return or take out books when they visit. The visits will all take place during the school day on the dates below:



Friday 6th June, am: Year 2RT & Year 5VD

Friday 6th June, pm: Year 2GB & Year 5BF

Friday 13th June, am: Year 6LB & Year 3RB

Friday 20th June, am: Year 1BS & Year 4DK

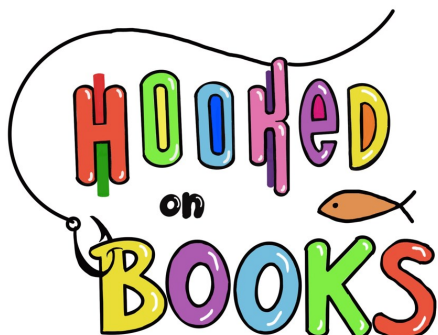
Friday 20th June, pm: Year 1JY & Year 4AS

Friday 4th July, pm: Year 6SC & Year 3AN

We're also excited to give our children the chance for some buddy reading in these visits. That's why each class has been paired up with another class from a different year group. We've listened to the children who have requested this after we did something similar on World Book Day.

## Hooked On Books

We're really excited to continue 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.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
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

Please note that school closes next Friday (23rd May) at 3.30pm for the end of May half term holidays. We reopen at 8.40am on Monday 2nd June. Looking further ahead, our final day of this academic year is Friday 25th July. See [our website](#) for full details.



## OPAL Lunchtime Fun

As we near the end of another half term, here are some OPAL highlights to share!



A SUNNY NEW TERM ...



OPAL LUNCHES RULE.



HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS



HAVING FUN AT SCHOOL.





FORESTS SCHOOLS IS OPEN -



WE HOP ALONG THE  
PATHS



PLAY AND WORK WITH  
NATURE



HAVING MANY LAUGHS.





THERE ARE WONDER WORLDS



AND A SENSORY WALL



A PLACE TO PLAY MUSIC



AND A WATERFALL.





WE LOOK AFTER OURSELVES



AND EACH OTHER TOO



IT'S TIME TO DO THIS



AT PLAYTIME TOO.