



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

**Newsletter Date:
Friday 23rd May, 2025**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

End of Half Term

Please be reminded that school is now closed for the Half Term holiday. Have a wonderful break; we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd June at 8.40am.

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	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

Staffing Update

Mrs Phillips, our SENCo currently on Maternity Leave, was due to return to school this week. However, after much consideration, she has made the difficult decision to not return. Mrs Phillips feels that managing the demanding role of SENCo, together with a long commute and raising three children will be too challenging. Whilst we're sad that Mrs Phillips is not returning, we fully understand her reason for not doing so. On behalf of the whole school community, I'd like to thank Mrs Phillips for her tireless service to our school since 2013 and wish her well. She will be missed and certainly not be forgotten. I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Stimpson, who has been covering Mrs Phillip's maternity, has been appointed as our SENCo on a permanent basis.

Towards the end of June, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Quin who returns from maternity leave. Until the end of the academic year, Mrs Quin will perform the role currently being conducted by Mrs McCay; therefore, she will cover Miss Moody's class on a Monday, Miss Nicholls' class on a Tuesday and will work across the Foundation Stage classes each Wednesday. The return of Mrs Quin means that we say *goodbye* and *thank you* to Mrs McCay for her service to our school over this last year. Mrs McCay's final day is 11th June. We wish Mrs McCay all the best in her new role.

Walk To School Week

This week has been Walk to School Week. To those of you who were able to take part—thank you. Please also be reminded of the Walk Notts Festival which continues right the way through May. Visit www.walknotts.org.uk to find out more.

**Attendance this
week: 95.3%**

FS2KW	90%
FS2NM	95.9%
Y1BS	97.3%
Y1JY	92.8%
Y2GB	98%
Y2RT	94.7%
Y3RB	92.9%
Y3AN	93.5%
Y4AS	95.1%
Y4DK	97.2%
Y5BF	98.1%
Y5VD	98.4%
Y6LB	93.4%
Y6SC	96%

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 10 June	Liturgy of the Word	Year 1
Tuesday 24 June	Mass	Year 6
Tuesday 1 July	Mass	Year 5
Tuesday 8 July	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for each celebration. **Please note, Year 1's service will be in our School Hall.**

Word of the Week

After Half Term, our Word of the Week is **Communication**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. Communication can take many forms in the world today. It is our way of building relationships and sharing the good news of our faith with others. During the week, we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message we share.

Toddler Tales



Thank you so much to those families that joined us for Toddler Tales on Wednesday afternoon. Great fun was had exploring the theme of the Stick Man in our Forest School and field. If you have a toddler, it's definitely worth making a note in your diary of the next session, which will take place on Wednesday 16th July @ 9.15am for a seaside themed session.



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.

Children's News

Congratulations to **Fox in Year 4** who achieved phenomenal success at an Open Meet swim event at the week-end. Fox, who is a member of Mansfield Swimming Club, won an astonishing 8 gold medals as well as 2 further gold medals as part of the relay team. Fox also managed to achieve a new personal best for the 100m freestyle race, completing it in just 1.12 minutes! This makes Fox the fastest 9 year old in the 100m freestyle in Britain! It's no wonder Fox also won the overall award for Top Junior female. We're so very proud of you, Fox. Huge congratulations from us all. You can read more about the open meet [here](#).

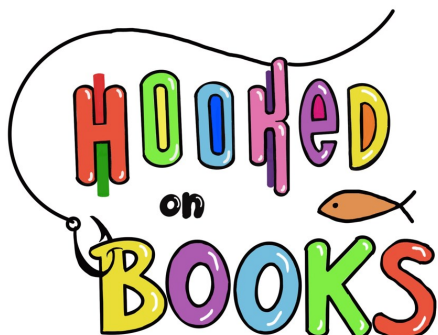


Separately, congratulations to Rome and his teammates who play for Quarrydale United Under 8s who successfully made it through to play against Barcelona. The team have been in Spain this week for their match. What an incredible experience! We wish Rome and his team the very best of luck.



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
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. Please note that the FS1 & FS2 session will take place at 3pm. 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?
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
Tuesday 8 July	All Day	Transition to next class		Whole School
Wednesday 9 July	All Day	Transition to next class		Whole School
Friday 11 July*	From 14:30	PTA Summer Fayre	School	Whole School

* Please note the date change from the previous Newsletter

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.



THERE ARE WONDER WORLDS



AND A SENSORY WALL



A PLACE TO PLAY MUSIC



AND A WATERFALL.



FORESTS SCHOOLS IS OPEN -



WE HOP ALONG THE
PATHS



PLAY AND WORK WITH
NATURE



HAVING MANY LAUGHS.



WE LOOK AFTER OURSELVES



AND EACH OTHER TOO



IT'S TIME TO DO THIS



AT PLAYTIME TOO.