



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 6th June, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Welcome back!

The final half term of the year is already upon us. Where has the school year gone?! It's been wonderful to welcome you all back following the May half term holiday. I hope you all enjoyed the break and the long, Bank Holiday weekend. There's a real sense of calm and purpose around school, which is a very positive way to begin the last term of the school year. This term promises to be as productive and exciting as ever; please do check the Newsletter and Class Dojo regularly for news and updates. Please see over-leaf for a list of events and dates already in the diary. You'll also find details below of this term's Mass/Liturgy of the Word rota too.

Well done to our wonderful Year 4 children who have completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week. They seemed to have almost enjoy taking the Check, which is testament to how well prepare they were for this. Many thanks to the Year 4 team for preparing the children so well. Next week is Year 1's opportunity to shine as they will take their Phonics Screening Check.

RISE Theatre Visit

On Tuesday, we welcomed Millie and Rosie from the RISE Theatre Company. It was an exciting, interactive day of performance and workshops for the whole school exploring themes around the environment, climate change, God's love for each of us and how we can care for God's planet. This event really helped us to consider further how Catholic Social Teaching calls us to be stewards of the Earth.



Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 10 June	Mass	Year 1
Tuesday 17 June	Mass	Year 2
Tuesday 24 June	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 1 July	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 15 July	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3
Tuesday 22 July	Leavers' Mass	Year 6

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for each celebration.

Attendance this week: 95.6%

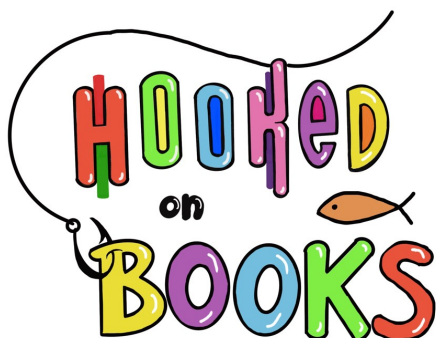
FS2KW	94.8%
FS2NM	96.4%
Y1BS	95.7%
Y1JY	94.8%
Y2GB	99.3%
Y2RT	99.3%
Y3RB	93.7%
Y3AN	92.2%
Y4AS	98.1%
Y4DK	95%
Y5BF	95.6%
Y5VD	94.7%
Y6LB	95%
Y6SC	94%

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Pentecost**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. Pentecost is where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and they were filled with the Spirit and began to speak in other languages. This day is often referred to as the Church's birthday as it marks the moment when the disciples were inspired to go out into the world to share the good news, and to bring people to Christ.

Hooked On Books

We're really excited to continue our family reading initiative Hooked on Books, which 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
12th June	Year 6LB & 6SC*	3rd July	Year 4DK
19th June	Year 3RB	10th July	Year 4AS
26th June	Year 3AN	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.

Mansfield Library Visits

We are delighted to confirm that we have arranged for each class to conduct further visits to Mansfield Library this 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:



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.

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

NottAlone: It's OK to feel not OK

Please be reminded of the Nottinghamshire County Council's NottAlone service for you or anyone who is struggling with their mental health and are in need of advice and help. This comprehensive website provides local mental health advice, covering a range of areas from self-harm, to family separation, suicidal thoughts or worries about gangs/gang culture. Click [here to visit the NottAlone website](#).



School Dinners

Please be reminded that our school meals form part of a healthy and balanced diet and are freshly-prepared each day. A copy of this term's delicious menu can be found [here](#). **For children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2, school meals are completely free of charge.** For children in Year 3 to Year 6, the cost is £2.60 each day unless eligible for a free school meal through pupil premium funding. Find out if you're eligible by clicking [here](#). The process is quick and easy too. All you need is your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Reference Number, your surname and your date of birth. If eligible, school will be able to support you in other ways, for example by heavily subsidising the cost of trips and visits, including residential visits.

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?
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	09.00—09.30	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 4 July	09.00—09.30	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 1 & Year 2
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
Friday 18 July	09.00—09.30	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School
Thursday 24 July	09.15—09.45	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Foundation Stage

Please note that our final day of this academic year is Friday 25th July. See [our website](#) for more information including details of the holiday pattern for the next academic year. We are in the process of finalising next year's INSET Days but aim to confirm these with you next week.