



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 13th June, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

International Day of Play

Today, we celebrated the International Day of Play with an afternoon of OPAL play for our Key Stage 1 & 2 children! It was wonderful to welcome SO many parents who joined us to see first-hand what a typical lunchtime looks like at our school. In case you missed the message, please consider making a donation of £1 to help us replace scooters and toys throughout the year. Alternatively, any chalk, dolls, bubbles or mud, water, sand toys or similar would be appreciated.

If you could spare just a couple of minutes, please can I remind you to complete this [short parent survey](#) to help us with our OPAL evaluations. Please be assured that your views really matter.

Statutory Assessments

Mrs Steele (our Phonics Leader) and the whole Key Stage 1 team are so proud of the children who took their Phonics Screening Check this week. They were all absolute superstars! As a reward for their hard work, the children enjoyed a sticker and a Virtues Certificate! The children's phonics score will be shared in their school reports as the pass mark has not been released yet.

We also extremely proud of our Year 4 children who have been completing their Multiplication Time Tables Check over the last two weeks. The children have approached these checks confidently and with self-assurance Well done Year 4! Each child's results from this check will be shared in end of year reports.

Many thanks to all the staff involved with preparing our children for this year's statutory assessments, and to our parents too. Because they have been so well prepared, they've taken these tests in their stride.

Attendance this week: 97%

FS2KW 99.6%

FS2NM 97.1%

Y1BS 91.3%

Y1JY 96.5%

Y2GB 98%

Y2RT 99.3%

Y3RB 95.8%

Y3AN 99%

Y4AS 98.1%

Y4DK 98.8%

Y5BF 94.7%

Y5VD 96.9%

Y6LB 97.2%

Y6SC 96.7%

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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

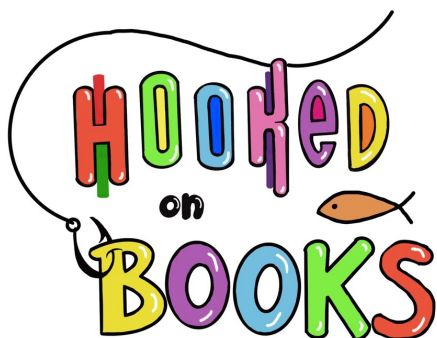
As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for each celebration.

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Trinity**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. The Trinity is a mystery that we can never fully understand, but it is a central part of our Catholic faith. The Trinity is the belief that there is one God who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three persons are distinct from each other, but they are also one God. This special feast helps us reflect on how we understand God and inspires us to get to know him more closely in our lives.

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
19th June	Year 3RB
26th June	Year 3AN

Date	Year Group
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.

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 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

In case you missed last week's Newsletter, 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.