



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

**Newsletter Date:
Friday 18th July, 2025**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Nottinghamshire Libraries: Summer Reading Challenge



Produced by The Reading Agency and run in partnership with libraries across the country the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) is a great way to keep children reading over the summer. Taking part can help avoid the potential dip in reading levels over the long summer break and provides free fun for 4 – 11 year olds. There are stickers to collect and a medal and certificate when a child completes the Challenge.

This year's challenge is **Story Garden**, which celebrates nature and the great outdoors, exploring adventure, fantasy and the magical world of storytelling.

The challenge runs in Nottinghamshire libraries from now until 1 September.

How does the Challenge work?

- Children sign up at their local library and receive a free sticker book.
- Children borrow and read at least six library books, of their choice, during the summer - collecting stickers and other incentives along the way.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge receive a certificate and medal.

You can find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge and the activities planned on their [website](#). Our school came first in Mansfield last year so let's aim to be the best again this year!

Residential Visits

It's been wonderful to see our Year 5 & Year 6 children return from their Residential Visits this week. I've enjoyed hearing what a great time the children have had all. I'm sure they'll sleep well this weekend as they returned looking exhausted!

Huge thanks to the staff who accompanied the children on these visits, without whom we wouldn't be able to provide these opportunities. I'm sure they'll sleep well this weekend too!

Attendance this week: 96.2%

FS2KW 90.4%

FS2NM 94.4%

Y1BS 97.3%

Y1JY 93.2%

Y2GB 97.7%

Y2RT 100%

Y3RB 90%

Y3AN 98.8%

Y4AS 97.7%

Y4DK 100%

Y5BF 91.3%

Y5VD 98.8%

Y6LB 97.2%

Y6SC 99.3%

Lost Property

If you have items missing—school uniform, PE kits, lunchboxes, water bottles—it's likely they are in school. Please check the lost property trolleys under the veranda on the large playground.

To help us return missing items to their owner, PLEASE ensure your child's name is clearly marked in all belongings especially when buying new items over the summer for next year.

School Bags & Water Bottles

As shared in the last few editions of the Newsletter, our PTA have kindly donated a brand new Book Bag for each child, all of which have had each child's name written on the tag ready for them to be handed out. **Please note that these Book Bags will replace your child's current school bag from September.** Over the last few years, some children are using bags that are much bigger than necessary, and these bulky items are taking up too much space in our cloakrooms. From September, your child will only need to bring with them their reading book and any homework books. All other stationery and equipment is already provided by school so is not needed. In appreciation for supplying waterproofs, we are also giving each child in Years 1-6 a named, draw-string bag to keep their waterproofs in from September. These will be handed out next week with the book bags.

We're also seeing an increase in the size of children's water bottles coming into school. Smaller water bottles are easier for children to handle and help minimize the risk of spillages. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child's water bottle is no larger than 750ml and has a secure, leak-proof lids. We recommend Metal water bottles as these keep the water colder for a much longer period and typically come with a secure lid. Thanks in advance for your support with this. Please note that children have access to water coolers which provide cold and refreshing filtered drinking water.

Toddler Tales

Thank you to those that joined us for the final Toddler Tales of the year. We've had great fun getting to know these little ones over the last few years and it's been delightful to see how their confidence has grown. We'll be back in September and look forward to meeting our next group of children and their families.



Nottinghamshire Police Online Safety Guides

Recently, Nottinghamshire Police delivered training to parents, carers and school staff on the theme of online safety. A number of guides have been shared following this training including advice on protecting your devices, social media hacking and using WhatsApp. All seven guides can be found on our website at the bottom of our [Online Safety](#) page.

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](#).



Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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.

For more details about our Parish, including Mass times and weekly Newsletters, visit their newly-updated website:

<https://catholicmansfield.uk/>

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Gratitude**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. Gratitude is being thankful for what we have. It is about being grateful for the good things in our lives. We have a lot to be grateful for and it is important to take time to appreciate the good things in our lives. Having gratitude helps us to be truly happy and to live a fulfilling life.

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 22 July	09:30—10:30	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	St. Philip's Church	Year 1—Year 6*
Thursday 24 July	09:00—09:30	Hooked On Books	Dining Room	Year 5
Thursday 24 July	09.15—09.45	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Reception Classes*
Thursday 24 July	14:00—14:30	Leavers' Assembly	School Hall	Year 6*
Thursday 24 July	14:30—17:00	Leavers' Party	School	Year 6

*Parents are welcome to attend all events marked with an Asterix.

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.