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**Newsletter Date:
Friday 25th July, 2025**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Final Newsletter of the Year

Well where did that school year go?! Yet again, time has flown by and another school year has come to an end. And what a year it has been with so much achieved by so many of our pupils. It's an incredible honour and privilege to serve as the Headteacher of our wonderful school community, ably supported by our governors and clergy whose dedication and commitment to our school is resolute. I am truly blessed to lead an exceptional staff team who work tirelessly to serve our children, doing all that they can to nurture, mold and inspire them to be the best version of themselves.

On behalf of the staff team and governors, thank you parents/carers for the unwavering support you give our school; we are extremely grateful for all that you do. We relish every moment of working in partnership with you to enable your child to blossom and thrive academically, socially, morally, emotionally and spiritually. I also wish to pay homage to our fabulous children who have yet again proven how truly amazing they are. Their warmth, confidence, resilience, energy and enthusiasm is genuinely inspirational.

As the term closes, we also say a special goodbye to the staff members leaving us to begin new challenges, or in Mr Hunt's case, retirement. To you all, thank you for your dedication and service; our school is a better place because of you. We wish you all the very best for the future. And finally, we must also wave a special goodbye to our Year 6 children. We are all immensely proud of what this wonderful group of children have achieved during their time with us and pray that they continue to build on these successes in their secondary school. May they enjoy and relish all the opportunities that secondary education will bring. This means we also say goodbye to some families for the last time too. We thank you for your continued support and engagement with school over the years. Please know that you will be greatly missed. To our other Year 6 families with siblings and to everyone else, we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you next year.

On behalf of us all, have a very happy, peaceful summer holiday. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Key Dates

Please note that school is now closed for the summer holidays. This means that emails and Dojo messages may not be read or checked until the beginning of the new school year. Please be reminded that school re-opens for all children on **Thursday 4th September at 8.40am**.

In case you haven't yet seen, our school calendar is available for you to view on [our website](#). This contains details of next year's INSET days and half term dates, which may help you with booking holidays etc.

Attendance this week: **95.8%**

FS2KW	98.1%
FS2NM	96.3%
Y1BS	94.4%
Y1JY	95.4%
Y2GB	96.7%
Y2RT	97.3%
Y3RB	86.3%
Y3AN	98.1%
Y4AS	94.3%
Y4DK	98.8%
Y5BF	93.4%
Y5VD	96.3%
Y6LB	98.4%
Y6SC	97.7%



School Bags & Water Bottles

Each child should have now received a brand new Book Bag donated by our PTA. As communicated in previous Newsletters, **these Book Bags will replace your child's current school bag from September.** 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, each child has also been given a named, drawstring bag to keep their waterproofs in from September.

From September, we also 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. Please note that children have access to water coolers which provide cold and refreshing filtered drinking water.

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 7 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.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to talk to children about the books they have read.

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!

Safeguarding

If you have urgent concerns for a child or suspect a child is at risk of abuse, please contact the Nottinghamshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 500 80 80. This can be done anonymously. Concerns can also be reported on the [MASH website](#) where you'll find more information about this service.