



**"We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives."**

**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 12th September, 2025**

# St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and managed to spend some quality time with your loved ones. May I take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new families and new starters; I'm sure you are already discovering just how wonderful our school community is. We all look forward to working closely with you all during your time in our school. May I also formally welcome our new staff members — Mr Dyson, our new Year 1 teacher and Mrs Cawsey as our new Year 5 teacher. Thank you for already making our new staff members feel so welcome. From speaking to teachers and children, and visiting each classroom since returning, there's a real sense of calm, purpose and joy around school, which is just wonderful to see. Long may this continue!



Please be reminded of our school start and end times:

Class	Start of the Day	End of the Day
Nursery am	08:45	11:45
Nursery pm	12:30	15:30
Reception — Y6	Gates open: 08:35 Doors open: 08:40 Lessons Begin: 08:55	Gates open: 15:20 Lessons End: 15:30

**Attendance this week: 97.3%**

FS2WQ **100%**

FS2NM **100%**

Y1JD **96.1%**

Y1BS **81.6%**

Y2AN **95.2%**

Y2RT **99.4%**

Y3RB **97.4%**

Y3GD **96.8%**

Y4AS **98.8%**

Y4DK **99.4%**

Y5BF **100%**

Y5GC **98.8%**

Y6SC **97.8%**

Y6LB **97.8%**

**Please arrive as closely to 8:40am as possible** as the first 15 minutes of the day is used as *Genius Time* where children are able to read, respond to their teacher's marking or perhaps work with an adult on a 1:1 or small group basis if any misconceptions from their work need addressing. Children who arrive at 8.55am are missing out on this opportunity.

## School Uniform

Many thanks to nearly all parents who've ensured their children have returned to school fully adhering to our School Uniform & Presentation Policy. The children look incredibly smart which has been commented on by staff, parents and pupils alike. Please remember that children can continue to wear their summer uniform this half term.

We have noticed a small number of children who appear not to be wearing the correct uniform yet. Please note that next week we will make contact with these families to discuss this further. As a reminder, a copy of our School Uniform & Presentation Policy can be found on our [website](#).

## Nut Free School

Please be informed/reminded that we have pupils with severe nut allergies in our school. Consequently, we ask for your support to help us achieve our aim to be nut free due to these children's allergy being life threatening. The children suffer an allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and by breathing nut dust in the air. It really is that serious. Therefore, we are asking for all members of our school community to help minimise the risk to these children by:



- 1) Avoiding giving your child/children nuts or products that contain nuts in packed lunches.
- 2) Avoiding giving your child/children nuts or nut products including cereal bars that contain nuts for break-times.
- 3) Avoiding items that contains nuts when supplying us with cakes, treats etc for birthday celebrations, sales or events.

Please note that where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, it will be removed politely and the member of staff will explain why this has been done. A message/call will then be made to the parent to explain why this has happened so they are fully informed and to remind them of the nut-free policy.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to protect these children.

## Attendance

Overall attendance for the last academic year was 96.3%, which is really good. This year, we ask for your continued support as we work in partnership so that school attendance remains high. Please be reminded that the Department for Education states that:

- Parents and carers have a duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where that child is a registered pupil at school and of a compulsory school age;
- If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason, you must notify school;
- Schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up all absences;
- Schools may issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority's guidelines.

As stated in our [Pupil Attendance Policy](#), a leave of absence which has not been approved will be unauthorised and may lead to a referral being made to the Local Authority for action. For schools within Nottinghamshire County Council, a Penalty Notice will be requested if an unauthorised holiday is taken in excess of 5 days/10 sessions (over a 10 week rolling period).

## Word of the Week

Next week our Word of the Week is **Patience** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

Patience is about waiting and trusting in God. It is often difficult to practise; however, learning to be patient can help us to be more content and to be at peace when situations are outside of our control.

## Mass Rota

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 23 September	Mass	Whole School
Tuesday 30 September	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 7 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4
Tuesday 14 October	Mass	Year 3

Families and parishioners, please know that you are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for each celebration.

## Staff Updates

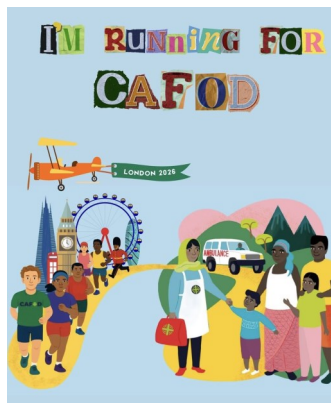
Huge congratulations to Miss Wheatley whose marriage was celebrated during the summer holidays. Please note that Miss Wheatley is now known as Mrs Wilson.



I'm delighted to share that Mrs Steele is pregnant. Mrs Steele and I are expecting our second child in February. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Dyson as they are also expecting their second child in December.



## Mrs Shivley is running for CAFOD!



Mrs Shivley has successfully gained a place to compete in the London Marathon next April. I'm sure that running the 26.2 miles will all be worthwhile when safe in the knowledge that she has raised awareness and funds for CAFOD! As a school, we couldn't be prouder of Mrs Shivley for embarking on this challenge, and naturally, we have lots of upcoming events planned to support her charitable endeavour, which will be shared in due course. In the meantime, you can find out more about her motivations by [clicking here](#).

To find out more about the work of CAFOD along with the latest news and events from the charity, please [click here](#).

## Meet The Teacher

Instead of Parents' Evening this term, we instead invite all parents (except Nursery) to join us in school to *Meet The Teacher*. Here, your child's class teacher will introduce you to themselves and any other adults who work with their class, and will provide you with all the information you need about our school, the class and the year ahead. We know that lots of you have work and other commitments, or have other siblings in school so have arranged for these meetings to take place on two separate mornings: **Wednesday 24th September and Wednesday 1st October**.

To attend *Meet The Teacher*, we invite parents to join their child as they enter school and accompany them to their classrooms. You'll be invited to share a story with your child to begin the day. The children will then leave the classroom for an assembly and the meeting with the class teacher and parents will begin. We expect these meetings to begin at 9am and last for no more than 10-15 minutes.

In case you're unable to make any of the meetings, please know that all presentations shared will be uploaded to Class Dojo.

## Curriculum Matters: Class Newsletters

You will receive this term's Class Newsletter, Curriculum Matters, from your child's teacher by the end of next week. This document outlines the term's main areas of learning and all essential information to enable you to support your child's learning at home. I hope you find the information useful. If there are any aspects of learning you think you'd be able to support teachers with, please do let us know.



## Year 6 Parents — Secondary Applications

For parents of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to begin the process of applying for a secondary school place. **It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of Friday 31st October, 2025** or the Local Authority will assign a school of their choosing to your child. Nottinghamshire applications can be [made here](#). Nottinghamshire County Council have produced this [factsheet](#) to make the process easier for you.

For the overwhelming majority of you who will be applying for a place at All Saints', please note that you must complete a **Supplementary Form** from All Saints' **as well as** the **Local Authority application form**. Information on admissions to All Saints' can be found here: <https://www.allsaints.notts.sch.uk/information/admissions/>.

If you are having any difficulties, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team, or to Mrs Shivley or Mr Steele who will be only too happy to help. It is important to note that if a late application is made, then this will not be considered until all other applications have been allocated; this means you may not be allocated a place in your preferred choice of school.



## After School Clubs & Wrap Around Care

As you will have already noticed, we've increased the after school clubs on offer this academic year. Some of these clubs are now full; however, there are still some places on the clubs below:

Key Stage 1 Clubs with Spaces:	
Monday	Ninja Warriors
Wednesday	Gymnastics
Thursday	Dance
Friday	Archery

Key Stage 2 Clubs with Spaces:	
Monday	Cross Country
Tuesday	Teambuilding
Wednesday	Archery
Thursday	Multiskills
Friday	Dodgeball

Please note that all clubs run from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. If you like to request that your child be added to one of the clubs, please contact the school office.

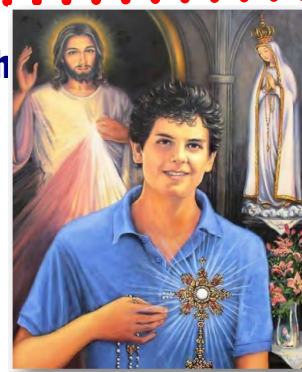
Please also be reminded that we are able to offer wrap around care, right here on our school site, which is provided by The Lime Trees. Their breakfast club runs from 7.30am and after school provision runs until 6pm. To find out more or reserve a space for your child, please visit their [website](#).



## St Carlo Acutis: canonised on September 7th

In assembly today, we celebrated a young man, born in London, who became a Saint last Sunday. The children heard how Carlo Acutis died at the age of 15 having decided to encounter God daily throughout his short life. It was confirmed that he performed two miracles; healing the sick and he inspires us today as a modern saint who looks like us, lived like us and was able to share God's word through the media of the internet. **St Carlo Acutis ... Pray for us.**

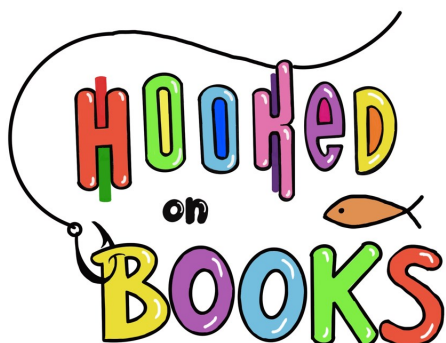
To read a short article : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpvzpxgzpnlo>





## Hooked On Books

We're really excited to restart our family reading initiative Hooked on Books for another school year. 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	Date	Year Group
2nd October	Year 1BS	6th November	Year 3RB
3rd October	Year 1JD	7th November	Year 3GD
9th October	Year 2AN	13th November	Year 5BF
10th October	Year 2RT	14th November	Year 5GC
17th October	FS1 & FS2	20th November	Year 4DK
		21st November	Year 4AS
		27th November	Year 6LB & 6SC

Each session will start at 3pm typically in classrooms unless otherwise stated. Simply arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time where a member of the team will greet you.

## 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. Please note that new events may appear each week so please check back each week in case new events appear!

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 16 Sept	All Day	Educational Visit	Bolsover Castle	Year 2
Tuesday 16 Sept	During School Day	Swimming Begins		Year 3GD
Wednesday 24 Sept	08:40—09:15	Meet The Teacher	Classrooms	FS2—Year 6
Friday 26 Sept	09:00—09:30	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School
Wednesday 1 Oct	08:40—09:15	Meet The Teacher	Classrooms	FS2—Year 6
Friday 3 Oct	09:00—09:30	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 5 & Year 6
Thursday 9 Oct	15:30—16:30	Harvest Festival	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 10 Oct	All Day	World Mental Health Day—Wear Yellow		Whole School
Wednesday 15 Oct	14:30—15:30	Toddler Tales	Dining Room	Pre-school children
Friday 17 Oct	09:00—09:30	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School

Looking further ahead, please note that half term begins at 3.30pm on Friday 17th October. Pupils return to school on Monday 3rd November at 8.40am. [Click here](#) to view the full year's Term Dates.