



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



**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 19th September, 2025**

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

### **Meet The Teacher**

Please be reminded from last week's Newsletter that, instead of Parents' Evening this term, we 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. Please also remember that teachers are available and happy to speak to you at the end of most school days if you need to ask or discuss anything.

### **Class Charity Homework**

Thank you for supporting your child with their homework task to choose a charity and conduct research into the work they do. Please be reminded that the final day for completion of this is next Wednesday. From Wednesday, children will present the information collected to their classmates. Following these presentations, children will vote for the charity they wish to adopt for this academic year.

### **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, if we haven't already, we will continue to make contact with these families next week to discuss this further. As a reminder, a copy of our School Uniform & Presentation Policy can be found on our [website](#). The website also contains further information about our expectations around jewellery, make-up and hair styles. Please also remember to provide your child with wellies, a waterproof jacket and waterproof trousers so they can continue to play outside even if the ground is wet and muddy.

**Attendance this  
week: 97.5%**

FS2WQ 99%

FS2NM 100%

Y1JD 98.2%

Y1BS 93.4%

Y2AN 96.2%

Y2RT 97.4%

Y3RB 95.6%

Y3GD 99.4%

Y4AS 94.7%

Y4DK 96.9%

Y5BF 96.9%

Y5GC 98.1%

Y6SC 99.7%

Y6LB 98.4%

## School Dinners & Free School Meals

With the noticeable change in the weather and the beginning of autumn, now might be a good time to consider switching from a packed lunch to school dinners. Our school meals form part of a healthy and balanced diet and are freshly-prepared in our school kitchen each day. A copy of this term's delicious menu can be found [here](#).



If you think your child may be eligible for a Free School Meal, please [click here](#).  
[Note that we use Derbyshire County Council for this service].

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. School meals can be paid for easily using your Arbor account.

It's always worth checking if you're eligible for pupil premium funding. The process is quick and easy and can all be done [here](#). 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.

## Word of the Week

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

Work teaches us responsibility and discipline and can be a source of fulfilment. We should respect the dignity of labour and the value of all those who work in service of others. Work is a gift from God, a way to participate in His world. It's not just about earning a living, but about using our gifts to contribute to the world.

## 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.

## 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

Please be reminded of the after school clubs on offer this half term which still have some place:

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

All of the above 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](#).



## Curriculum Matters: Class Newsletters

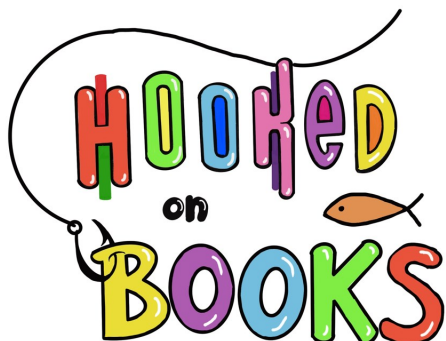
You will have received this term's Class Newsletter, Curriculum Matters, from your child's teacher this week. This document, which can be found on your child's Class Dojo page, outlines the term's main areas of learning to enable you to support your child's learning at home. I hope you find the information useful. If there are any aspects of learning you think you'd be able to support teachers with, please do let us know.





## 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?
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
Monday 29 Sept	All Day	Fairtrade Fortnight Non-		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.