



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 26th September, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Meet The Teacher

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into school on Wednesday for the first of our *Meet The Teacher* events. At this meeting, teachers were able to introduce themselves and any other adults who work with the class, and provide information about our school, the class and the year ahead. The session will be repeated next week — on **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.

OPAL

As you'll have seen on Dojo, our children continue to enjoy all that is on offer at breaks and lunchtimes as part of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) provision. If you have a clear out, please bear us in mind. If it can be pushed, pulled or used for building with it's probably good for us!

Kitchen items (utensils, bowls, sieves, saucepans etc) are always good for the mud kitchen. The children also love wheeled items, such as wheelchairs, pushchairs and scooters. Consumables like bubbles and chalk are very popular and used daily too.

Further to this, the children regularly ask for more pogo sticks or walking aids, as well as electrical items like computer keyboards and old telephones. And as the weather worsens, we'd welcome any toys that don't mind the rain including small world animals, cars, plastic food sets, sand and water toys etc. Thanks in advance for any items you're able to donate.

Word of the Week

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

Prudence is the virtue of sound judgement, making wise decisions based on reason and faith. It's about thinking before we act, and considering the consequences of our choices.

Mass Rota

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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.

Attendance this week: 97%

FS2WQ **99.7%**

FS2NM **99.3%**

Y1JD **95.4%**

Y1BS **96.7%**

Y2AN **91.4%**

Y2RT **99%**

Y3RB **96.5%**

Y3GD **98.1%**

Y4AS **94.4%**

Y4DK **96.6%**

Y5BF **97.8%**

Y5GC **98.8%**

Y6SC **98.8%**

Y6LB **95.6%**

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.

Year 6 Parents — Secondary Applications

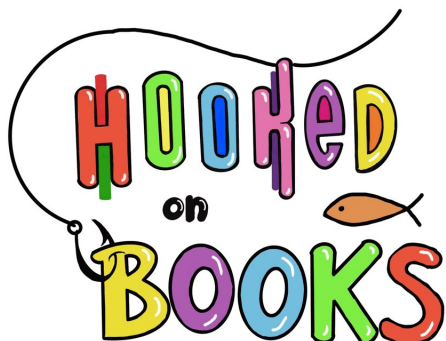
For parents of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to begin the process of applying for a secondary school place. **It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of Friday 31st October, 2025** or the Local Authority will 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](#). It is important to note that if a late application is made, this will not be considered until all other applications have been allocated; this means you may not be allocated a place at your preferred choice of school.



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?
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
Monday 27 Oct—	09:15—15:00	Half Term Holiday Club:	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.