



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

**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 3rd October, 2025**

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

### Class Charities

As a Catholic school, one of our main objectives is to help our children understand the importance of charity. At the beginning of this term, all children were given the opportunity to research and present information to their peers about a charity of their choice. As has been the case in previous years, the response was incredible. All classes across school have now democratically adopted a charity to support this academic year. Many thanks to all the children who took the time to research and present information to their classmates about a charity of their choice — and to their parents for helping out too. Please see below the charities we will support and when we will focus our fundraising efforts throughout the year:

Class	Charity	Fundraising Focus
Nursery	<a href="#">Emily Harris Foundation</a>	June
FS2NM	<a href="#">Macmillan Cancer Support</a>	June
FS2WQ	<a href="#">Friends Indeed Dog Rescue</a>	June
Year 1BS	<a href="#">Natasha Allergy Research</a>	May
Year 1JD	<a href="#">Guide Dogs For The Blind</a>	May
Year 2RT	<a href="#">Cancer Research UK</a>	April
Year 2AN	<a href="#">Emily Harris Foundation</a>	April
Year 3HG	<a href="#">Mansfield Cat Rescue</a>	March
Year 3RB	<a href="#">Spectrum Wasp</a>	March
Year 4DK	<a href="#">Mansfield Cat Rescue</a>	February
Year 4AS	<a href="#">Dogs' Trust</a>	February
Year 5GC	<a href="#">RSPCA</a>	November
Year 5BF	<a href="#">Teenage Cancer Trust</a>	November
Year 6SC	<a href="#">Mansfield &amp; District Autism Support</a>	October
Year 6LB	<a href="#">Lashes Foundation</a>	October

**Attendance this week: 96.3%**

FS2WQ	99%
FS2NM	100%
Y1JD	88.2%
Y1BS	99.2%
Y2AN	97.9%
Y2RT	93.9%
Y3RB	97.4%
Y3GD	92.6%
Y4AS	100%
Y4DK	96.9%
Y5BF	98.1%
Y5GC	98.1%
Y6SC	96.3%
Y6LB	91.6%

### Lost Property

If your child has lost an item of clothing, please check our lost property trolley under the veranda on the large playground. Please also remember to name all items.

### Come & See Assembly

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and grandparents into school this morning for Year 5 and Year 6's Come and See Assembly. This was an opportunity for the children to share what they have learnt in their first RE topic of the year. The children reminded us of the importance to love ourselves and to love others. We were also reminded of God's unconditional love for us. Thank you, children!

## Meet The Teacher

It's been wonderful to welcome so many parents into school for our *Meet The Teacher* events. For most classes, both meetings have now taken place with a copy of the presentation now uploaded to your child's Class Dojo.

As this was the first time of running this event, we'd love your feedback to help us evaluate how useful the meetings were. If you could find just two minutes to [complete this short survey](#), we'd be most grateful.

## Wear it Bright for CAFOD

Thank you all for the great support during Fairtrade Fortnight and our Wear Something Bright Day which we celebrated on Monday. Your donations amounted to an incredible £338.39 which will be donated to CAFOD. Here are some photos from the day.



## October: the Month of the Holy Rosary

Catholics around the world dedicate the month of October to the Most Holy Rosary, primarily because the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary is celebrated each year on 7th October.

During the month of October, we will be inviting the children to join us each day as we pray the Rosary together and reflect on each of the mysteries. As part of our Season of Creation Prayer Fayre yesterday, children across Key Stage 2 made their own Rosary, which we invite them to pray during the month.



## Word of the Week

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

The Rosary is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercessions of Mary, our Mother. The Rosary can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.

## Mass Rota

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 7 October	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4
Tuesday 14 October	Mass	Year 3
Tuesday 11 Nov	Liturgy of the Word	Year 2
Tuesday 18 Nov	Mass	Year 1

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

## Harvest Festival

As the Season of Creation comes to an end, we're looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebration which takes place next Thursday after school. The event starts in prayer in the School Hall. There will be food stalls, a wheelbarrow race at 4pm and a talent show starting at 4.30pm. We'd be most grateful for any food donations too, which will be donated locally to the Sherwood Forest Foodbank. The Foodbank would welcome any tinned food, red or brown sauce, cartons of juice, tea, coffee, sponge puddings, sanitary products or toiletries. These items can be dropped off from next week. Thanks in advance for your support.

## PTA Update

Our PTA are beginning their preparations for the Christmas Fayre. We'd be most grateful for donations of sweets or chocolates for the tombola stall in exchange for wearing non-uniform on Friday. All donations will be gratefully received.

## Toddler Tales

If you have (or someone you know has) a child aged 18 months to 3 years, we'd love you to join us for our first Toddler Tales session of the year on Wednesday 15th October @ 2.30pm. The session will be based on the theme of *The Scarecrow's Wedding*, by Julia Donaldson where you will be able to enjoy lots of autumnal fun and a snack linked to the story.

If you can make it, please arrive at the school office just before 2:30pm where Mrs Brizzolara or Mrs Steele will welcome you.



## Wear It Yellow for Mental Health Awareness

Next Friday we celebrate *Hello Yellow* to show all of our children that they are not alone with their mental health. We recognise that the world is a really tough place for children to grow up in today, which is why we believe today is so important to mark. We'd be grateful if all children could wear a splash of yellow as part of their non-uniform to brighten up the day even further! On the day, all classes will explore the importance of recognising what can be done to support mental health. Across school, we'll focus on what makes us happy and will spend time outside as a reminder that nature and physical exercise have a direct impact on our mental health.

If you're worried about your child's mental health, please share this with your class teacher or with Mrs Brizzolara, our Child & Family Support Worker. We also have a range of information and resources on [our website](#) which maybe helpful. Please be reminded that if you or anyone you know is struggling with their mental health and are in need of advice and help, NottAlone is a really good starting point. 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](#).

## Year 6 Parents — Secondary Applications

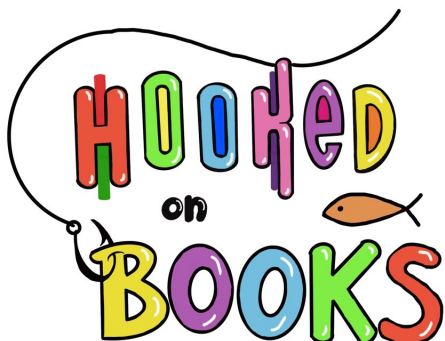
For parents of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to begin the process of applying for a secondary school place. **It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of Friday 31st October, 2025** or the Local Authority will 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](#).



## 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
9th October	Year 2AN	6th November	Year 3RB
10th October	Year 2RT	7th November	Year 3GD
17th October	FS1 & FS2	13th November	Year 5BF
		14th November	Year 5GC
		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?
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— Friday 31 Oct	09:15—15:00	Half Term Holiday Club: more details to follow	School Hall	Whole School
Monday 3 Nov	All Day	School Trip	Creswell Crag	Year 3
Wed 12 Nov	During School Day	Individual School Photos	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 14 Nov	All Day	PTA non-uniform Day in		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.