



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 10th October, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Harvest Festival



As the Season of Creation comes to an end, we celebrated this special time yesterday with our Harvest Festival. Huge thanks for your contributions, which will be donated locally to the Sherwood Forest Foodbank. Many thanks to Mrs Wood for organising the event which included a talent show, wheelbarrow race, stalls, a scarecrow competition and food kindly provided and served by our PTA and Roots. Much fun was had by all. We'll do it all over again next year! More photos will be shared on School Story soon.

World Mental Health Day

Today, we celebrated the [Mental Health Foundation's 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. All classes have explored the importance of recognising what can be done to support mental health. Across school, we've all spent time outside as a reminder that nature and physical exercise have a direct impact on our mental health. And of course, we've all worn something yellow to brighten up the day even further!

If you're worried about your child's mental health, please visit the [Mental Health Foundation's website](#).

I can also recommend the NottAlone website too, which provides local mental health advice for adults and children, 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](#). Further to this, [our website](#) has information and advice which you may find useful. Please also remember to talk to Mrs Brizzolara, our Child & Family Support Worker or your child's class teacher about any concerns.

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.

Toddler Tales

Attendance this week: 97%

FS2WQ	99.7%
FS2NM	100%
Y1JD	97.9%
Y1BS	98.8%
Y2AN	98.3%
Y2RT	99%
Y3RB	98.8%
Y3GD	94.2%
Y4AS	95.3%
Y4DK	94.1%
Y5BF	95.9%
Y5GC	100%
Y6SC	90%
Y6LB	96.9%

Word of the Week

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

Inclusion is about welcoming everyone as a child of God, regardless of their differences. We can promote inclusion by being open to others and by standing up against discrimination. We can also make sure that everyone has a voice and that everyone is included in decision-making.

Mass Rota

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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.

New Menu

After Half Term, our wonderful Kitchen Team will be serving up freshly-prepared dishes from our new menu, [which can be found here](#). 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](#) (please note that we use Derbyshire County Council for this service). 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.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention that some of our parents/carers are not being safe or considerate when using Tesco car park at the start and end of the school day. In order to keep our community safe, it is imperative that we all play our part in driving slowly and safely, and parking considerately in designated parking bays. I thank you all in advance for address this; staff will be carefully monitoring this given the seriousness of the situation.

Mansfield Library Visits

We have arranged for each class to conduct visits to Mansfield Library again this year. The aim of these sessions is to promote reading for pleasure and to remind children of all that Mansfield Library has to offer. Your child is encouraged to bring their Library Card with them so they can return or take out books when they visit. The visits will all take place during the school day. Please see the 'Key Dates' section of this Newsletter with details of when the first classes will go.

Year 6 Parents — Secondary Applications

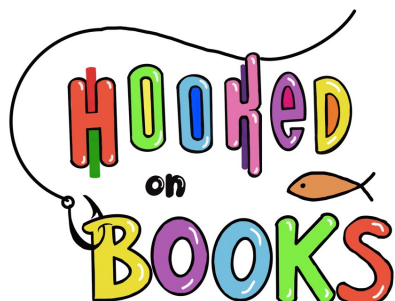
For parents of pupils in Year 6, the time has arrived for you to begin the process of applying for a secondary school place. **It is absolutely essential that all applications are made to your home Local Authority by the national closing date of Friday 31st October, 2025** or the Local Authority will 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
17th October	FS1 & FS2	14th November	Year 5GC
6th November	Year 3RB	20th November	Year 4DK
7th November	Year 3GD	21st November	Year 4AS
13th November	Year 5BF	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 15 Oct	14:30—15:30	Toddler Tales	Dining Room	Pre-school children
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 Craggs	Year 3
Monday 3 Nov	14:00—15:15	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	1JD & 6LB
Friday 7 Nov	14:00—15:15	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	1BS & 6SC
Monday 10 Nov	14:00—15:15	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	2AN & 4DK
Wed 12 Nov	During School Day	Individual School Photos	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 14 Nov	14:00—15:15	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	2RT & 4AS
Friday 14 Nov	All Day	PTA non-uniform Day in exchange for a bottle		Whole School

Please also remember 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.