



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 7th November, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Welcome Back!

It's been wonderful to welcome you back to school following the half term break. From my various conversations with our teachers, the children have returned back refreshed and eager to learn, which is great!

Please be reminded that all children should now be wearing their winter uniform. For full details, please check the uniform section of our website which can be [found here](#).



Anti-Bullying Week



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. Along with other schools in the country, we will begin the week in the usual way by inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday. This is to illustrate that we are all different and unique, made in the image of God. Please note that children should wear their odd socks *in addition* to their usual school uniform (or PE kit if this is what is normally worn on a Monday).

Throughout the week, teachers in all classes will spend time ensuring children know that **bullying is when someone seeks to harm us Several Times On Purpose**. We will also shared with children our [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) and use this to remind them how to recognise bullying and how to respond if they suspect bullying or are being harmed or bullied.



What is Bullying?

- SEVERAL
- TIMES
- ON
- PURPOSE

Attendance this week: 95.2%

FS2WQ **100%**

FS2NM **95.8%**

Y1JD **91.8%**

Y1BS **96.7%**

Y2AN **93.8%**

Y2RT **94.5%**

Y3RB **95.9%**

Y3GD **94.5%**

Y4AS **94.4%**

Y4DK **93.1%**

Y5BF **94.1%**

Y5GC **96.3%**

Y6SC **99.1%**

Y6LB **95.6%**

PTA Updates

All staff and parents are invited to the PTA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 10th November at 3.45pm. At this meeting, voting will take place to appoint a chairperson, treasurer and secretary for the year ahead. The meeting will also provide an opportunity for new faces to join them and become as involved as you're able to with our PTA. It would be lovely to see you there to share a cup of tea and biscuits!

The PTA are about to begin preparations for their annual Christmas Fayre (which will be held on Friday 28th November). Please note that the next two Fridays are non-uniform days. Friday 14th November is in exchange for a bottle to be used on the Bottle Stall. Friday 21st November is in exchange for sweets/chocolate. Thanks so much in advance for your generosity.

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **Remembrance** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

First Holy Communion

For any Catholic families with a child in Year 3 or above, please make a note of the date for this year's First Holy Communion celebration: Saturday 6th June at 10am in St. Philip's RC Church, Mansfield. In January, we'll sent out Enrolment Forms. Please note that we will need evidence of your child's baptism. Preparation classes will then begin in February.

Mass Rota

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 11 Nov	Liturgy of the Word	Year 2
Tuesday 18 Nov	Mass	Year 1
Tuesday 25 Nov	Liturgy of the Word	Year 6
Tuesday 2 Dec	Mass	Year 5
Tuesday 9 Dec	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 16 Dec	Mass	Year 3

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

New Menu

Our wonderful Kitchen Team are now serving up freshly-prepared dishes from our new menu [which can be found here](#). Please remember that **school meals are completely free of charge** for children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2. 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.

Applications to Reception Class

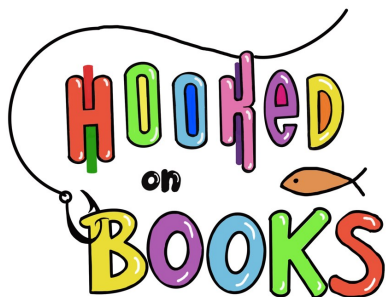
For any parents wishing to apply for a Reception class place in our school next September, please be aware that the application window opened on Monday 3rd November and remains open until Thursday 15th January. For Nottinghamshire residents, applications can be made through the [Nottinghamshire County Council Admissions Hub](#). NCC have produced this helpful [Fact Sheet](#), and you can find more information on the [Admissions section](#) of our website too.

If you have a child attending our Nursery, please remember that your child WILL NOT automatically gain a place in main school; you must apply for a place.

Please let us know if you have any problems or questions about applying for a school place. You will be notified on National Offer Day, **16 April 2026**, if your child has been given a place in our 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
13th November	Year 5BF	20th November	Year 4DK
14th November	Year 5GC	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 10 Nov	14:00—15:15	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	2AN & 4DK
Monday 10 Nov	All Day	Odd Socks Day		Whole School
Tuesday 11 Nov	11am	Remembrance Service	Carr Bank	Year 6
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
Friday 14 Nov	10:00—11:30	Flu Vaccinations	Meeting Room	Pupils with permission
Monday 17 Nov	14:30—15:30	Stay & Play	Foundation	Foundation Stage
Friday 21 Nov	All Day	PTA non-uniform day in exchange for sweets/chocolate		Whole School

Looking further ahead, please note that school closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.30pm on Friday 19th December. Pupils will return to school on Monday 5th January at 8.40am. [Click here](#) to view the full year's Term Dates.

Healthy Family Team

The Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust shared two posters with information about the Healthy Families Team. Please see below and overleaf with more information about the services that you can access.



THE HEALTHY FAMILY TEAM "WHAT DO WE DO?"

The Healthy Family Team (HFT), previously known as Health Visitors and School Nurses, work with families with children aged between 0 and 19 years.



Routine healthy child development reviews will be offered to all children at:

- Antenatal,
- Birth to 14 days,
- 6-8 weeks,
- 1 year
- 2- 2½ years.

Information is also shared with parents/carers at Year 1 and Year 7 in school. A digital health questionnaire is also offered to students in Year 9.



If you need information, advice or support, please contact us.

ADVICE LINE
0300 123 5436



PARENTLINE
TEXT 07520 619919





Nottinghamshire Healthcare
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THE HEALTHY FAMILY TEAM



ADVICE LINE 0300 123 5436

The advice line offers advice and support over the telephone.
Open Monday - Friday
9am - 4.30pm



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PARENTLINE TEXT 07520 619919

A confidential text messaging service for parents and carers across Nottinghamshire.



CHATHEALTH 07507 329952

A confidential text messaging service for young people aged between 11 and 19 years.
Open Monday - Friday,
9am - 4.30pm



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTHCARE WEBSITE

Our website to share all our information.
www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk



HEALTH FOR TEENS WEBSITE

A health website for young people aged between 11 and 19 years.
www.healthforteens.co.uk



HEALTH FOR KIDS WEBSITE

A health website for children and families offering advice and signposting.
www.healthforkids.co.uk



HEALTH FOR UNDER FIVES WEBSITE

A health website for families with children under 5 years, offering advice and signposting.
www.healthforunder5s.co.uk



Making a
Difference

Trust Honesty Respect Compassion Teamwork

The HFT send information to parents/carers about their services at school Year 1 and Year 7 and carry out a review via a digital health questionnaire at Year 9.