



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 14th November, 2025

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Anti-Bullying Week



This week is Anti-Bullying Week. 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 also shared with children our [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) and used this to remind them how to recognise bullying and how to respond if they suspect bullying or are being harmed or bullied.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is Power for Good. The purpose of this theme is to empower or children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. That is to feel confident and able to speak out, support others and build a world where kindness wins.

If you'd like to get involved in bringing Anti-Bullying Week to live at home, you'll find lots of ideas [here on the Anti-Bullying Alliance's website](#).

What is Bullying?



- SEVERAL
- TIMES
- ON
- PURPOSE

PTA Updates

Following the PTA's AGM on Monday, we're delighted to share that Nikki Tonks has been voted in as Chair, Henna Iqbal as Treasurer and Anneliese Lipscombe as Secretary.

The PTA have now begun preparations for their annual Christmas Fayre (which will be held on Friday 28th November). Thank you for your support today in bringing in a bottle in exchange for wearing non-uniform. Thanks in advance for your support next Friday too where non-uniform can be worn in exchange for sweets/chocolate.

Looking further ahead, our PTA have organised for each year group to have a little Christmas party during the school day on Thursday 11th December, which coincides with Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day. More details to follow.

Come & See Assembly

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and grandparents into school this morning for Year 3 and Year 4'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, sharing their knowledge of two important sacraments: Baptism and Confirmation.

Attendance this week: 97.8%

FS2WQ	98.9%
FS2NM	94.9%
Y1JD	97.1%
Y1BS	94.7%
Y2AN	97.9%
Y2RT	98.4%
Y3RB	98.1%
Y3GD	97.7%
Y4AS	99.1%
Y4DK	99.4%
Y5BF	98.8%
Y5GC	97.5%
Y6SC	95.6%
Y6LB	98.8%

Word of the Week

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

Parent Survey

The Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust, of which we belong, want to hear your views about our school. We'd be most grateful if you could spare just a couple of minutes to [share your views here](#). More details about this survey were emailed yesterday so please check your inbox to find out more. Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

Mass Rota

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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 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

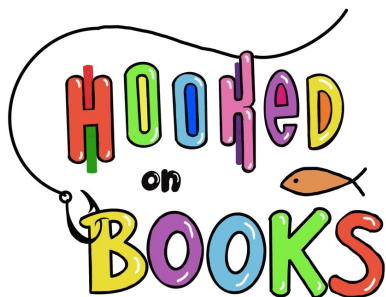
For any parents wishing to apply for a Reception class place in our school next September, please be aware that the application window opened on Monday 3rd November and remains open until Thursday 15th January. For Nottinghamshire residents, applications can be made through the [Nottinghamshire County 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 that our family reading initiative Hooked on Books continues. 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
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?
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
Thursday 27 Nov	During School Day	Advent Prayer Fayre	School Hall	Year 1—Year 6
Friday 28 Nov	From 15:30	PTA Christmas Fayre	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 5 Dec	During School Day	PTA Santa's Visit	Meeting Room	On Request
Thursday 11 Dec	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner		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
NHS Foundation Trust

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



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Difference

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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.