



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

**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 21st November, 2025**

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

### 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](#) or via the QR code. More details about this survey were emailed last week so please check your inbox to find out more. Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.



### Christmas Fayre

The PTA are now making final preparations for **next Friday's Christmas Fayre**. At this year's Fayre, there's lots planned and on offer: the bottle stall, teddy bear tombola and usual raffle along with a range of other stalls. We also have a range of food available for you to enjoy too: hot dogs, beautiful Nigerian jollof and chicken courtesy of [Roots Fine Cuisine](#) as well as delicious treats from [Vix Treatz cakes](#).

During the school day, children will have the opportunity to visit the Fayre with their teachers. If you're happy to provide them with some money, they'll be able to make purchases too. The Fayre will then re-open after school where we'd love to welcome you all to have a look round and support our school. Simply walk through our Main Reception after collecting your child to see what's on offer.

As a final appeal, if you are able to donate any teddy bears for the tombola, these will be gratefully received. Please drop donations off at our Main Reception by Wednesday next week. Thanks in advance.

### Christmas Productions

All dates and times of Christmas Nativity Plays/Carol Concerts have been posted on your child's Class Dojo but in case you've missed it or have multiple children in school, please see full details below:

Date	Time	Event
Tues 2 Dec	09:30—10:15 14:00—14:45	Key Stage 1 Nativity
Wed 10 Dec	14:00—14:45	Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert

Date	Time	Event
Wed 17 Dec	09:30—10:15 14:30—15:15	Foundation Stage Nativity
Friday 19 Dec	14:00—14:45	Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert (in St Philip's Church)

We look forward to welcoming you.

**Attendance this week: 94%**

FS2WQ	93.9%
FS2NM	94%
Y1JD	88.6%
Y1BS	92%
Y2AN	96.9%
Y2RT	92.3%
Y3RB	88.8%
Y3GD	87.2%
Y4AS	94.4%
Y4DK	95.6%
Y5BF	98.8%
Y5GC	98.1%
Y6SC	98.1%
Y6LB	96.9%

## Word of the Week

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

## First Holy Communion

Catholic families with a child in Year 3 or above, please be reminded of the date for this year's First Holy Communion celebration: **Saturday 6th June at 10am in St. Philip's 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 25 Nov	Mass	Year 6
Tuesday 2 Dec	Liturgy of the Word	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.

## Advent Prayer Fayre

With Advent just around the corner (starting on Sunday 30th November), our Chaplaincy Team have worked with Clare Lund, our Chaplain, to plan this year's *Prayer Fayre*. The group got together to explore, plan and prepare a range of activities that would help all pupils in school to prepare for the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

As can be seen from the poster, the activities chosen range from making Advent Wreathes and nativity stars to going on a pilgrimage and making Christmas cards to give to the lonely or vulnerable in our parish community.

Each class will visit the *Prayer Fayre* on Thursday next week so we can be ready to prepare for the beginning of Advent the following week.

Many thanks to our Chaplaincy Team and to Clare Lund our Chaplin for planning and preparing this most special of days.



## Applications to Reception Class

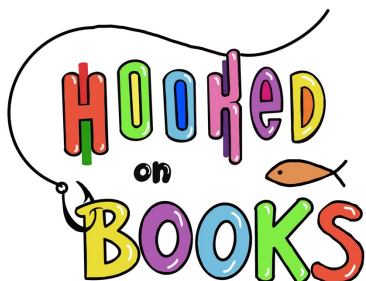
For any parents wishing to apply for a Reception class place in our school next September, please be aware that the application window opened on Monday 3rd November and remains open until Thursday 15th January. For Nottinghamshire residents, applications can be made through the [Nottinghamshire County 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
27th November	Year 6LB & 6SC

Our final session of this term for Year 6 will start at 3pm in classrooms. Simply arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time where a member of the team will greet you.

## The Lime Trees

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Wrap around care for our school is provided by the Lime Trees. Places can be booked by contacting them on 0115 9313562. Wrap around care is available each morning from 7.30am and every afternoon from 3.30pm until 6pm. See [our website](#) for more details or visit The Lime Trees' own [website](#).

## 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 27 Nov	During School Day	Advent Prayer Fayre	School Hall	Year 1—Year 6
Thursday 27 Nov	During School Day	Educational Visit	Magma	Year 5
Friday 28 Nov	During School Day	UK Parliament Meeting with MP Steve Yemm	Mansfield Library	Y4, 5 & 6 School Councillors
Friday 28 Nov	From 15:30	PTA Christmas Fayre	School Hall	Whole School
Tuesday 2 Dec	09:30—10:15 14:00—14:45	Nativity Play	School Hall	Key Stage 1
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







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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](http://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



## HEALTH FOR TEENS WEBSITE

A health website for young people aged between 11 and 19 years.  
[www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)



## HEALTH FOR KIDS WEBSITE

A health website for children and families offering advice and signposting.  
[www.healthforkids.co.uk](http://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](http://www.healthforunder5s.co.uk)



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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.