



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

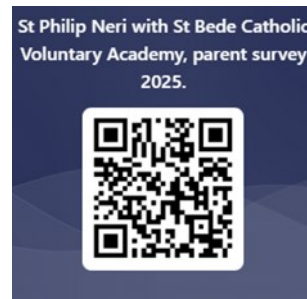


Newsletter Date:
Friday 28th November, 2025

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

Huge thanks to the PTA for organising, planning and running a hugely successfully Christmas Fayre today. It was wonderful to see the Hall so full as our community came together to sample and enjoy all that was on offer at the Fayre. Many thanks too to all stall holders, which included [Roots Fine Cuisine](#) and [Vix Treatz cakes](#). Once the money has been counted, the PTA will let you know how much was raised. Thanks to everyone for supporting the fair.

Just a reminder that next Friday, Santa has made time in his busy schedule to visit us in school. If you'd like your child to visit Santa, please send £4 into school in an envelope clearly marked with "Santa's Grotto" and your child's name, and hand this in to your child's class teacher.

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. Please arrive at Main Reception before the start time stated above.

Attendance this week: 93.7%

FS2WQ	88.9%
FS2NM	97.9%
Y1JD	92.5%
Y1BS	97.2%
Y2AN	96.2%
Y2RT	95.5%
Y3RB	91.9%
Y3GD	92.8%
Y4AS	99.1%
Y4DK	83.1%
Y5BF	96.6%
Y5GC	98.8%
Y6SC	94.1%
Y6LB	88.4%

Word of the Week

The Word of the Week next week is **Hope** 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 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

To help us prepare for the Season of Advent which starts this Sunday, pupils took part in our Prayer Fayre organised and led by the Chaplaincy Team and Clare & Luke our Chaplains. Our children are now definitely ready to begin our preparations for welcoming the gift of Jesus this Christmas.

The Lime Trees

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](#). Please know that you are able to use your government Tax-Free Childcare account to pay for the service. This can be signed up for [here](#).



Have you visited our website recently?
Visit us now:

<https://www.st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk/>

It contains a wealth of information including details of our curriculum, Catholic Life, policies, term dates, admissions, OPAL and much more.

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.

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?
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
Monday 8 Dec	14:00—15:15	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	3RB & 5GC
Wednesday 10 Dec	14:00—14:45	Carol Concert	School Hall	Year 3 & 4
Thursday 11 Dec	Lunchtime	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day		Whole School
Friday 12 Dec	14:00—15:15	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	3GD & 5BF
Tuesday 16 Dec	09:30—10:15	End of Jubilee Year—Bishop's address		Whole School
Wednesday 17 Dec	09:30—10:15 14:30—15:15	Nativity Play	School Hall	Foundation Stage
Friday 19 Dec	14:00—14:45	Carol Concert	St Philip's Church	Year 5 & 6

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.

OPAL

New areas and responsibilities are being undertaken very seriously by this year's OPAL ambassadors. We have now opened the Forest School, supported each day by our Forest Rangers; the caravan continues to be a well looked-after shelter; there are trained welly washers and hand washing facilities outside and we have just installed a ninja warrior slack line. To access many areas now, the children will need wellies - but also water-proofs. Those that bring them can access all areas and are quick at changing. Thank you for your continued support.

Next—we are always looking for pogo sticks and go-karts, pushchairs and walking aids. These are popular and easy to play with in the winter.

For our Christmas Jumper Day (December 11th) please bring a donation of a winter-suitable toy (no fabrics or soft toys), digging implements or £1 which will continue to fund the replacement of larger items. Thanks as always for your support.

