



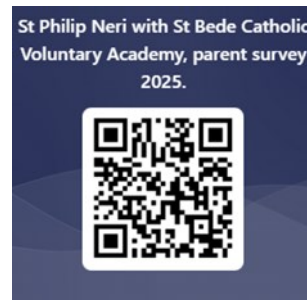
"We put Christ at the Centre of our Lives: Think, Speak, Act."

Newsletter Date:
Friday 5th December, 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. Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. Please note that the survey closes at the end of this term.



Catholic Life: Advent

On Sunday, we entered the most special and Holy season of Advent. This is a time of preparation and anticipation for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Our Advent Prayer Fayre was held last week to help our children enter into the spirit of waiting and hoping. Each day, all children are invited to join our Prayer Club spending time in the Liturgical Lounge to reflect, pray or simply find peace at this busy time.

During Advent, all classes stop and pause at the end of each day for a Jesse tree reflection to learn more about Jesus' ancestry and family tree. Further to this, each class has an Advent Wreath and are using these to count down the weeks to Christmas. I am also most grateful to Canon John and Fr Liam who will make time to support our Advent preparations by offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the school day on Thursday 18th December. All children who have made their First Holy Communion will be invited to receive the Sacrament. We also hope our Travelling Nativity is helping you prepare for Christmas at home too.

Attendance this week: 96.3%

FS2WQ	94.6%
FS2NM	96.2%
Y1JD	96.4%
Y1BS	96.8%
Y2AN	94.8%
Y2RT	96.8%
Y3RB	98.4%
Y3GD	96.6%
Y4AS	95.9%
Y4DK	95.3%
Y5BF	98.8%
Y5GC	95%
Y6SC	94.4%
Y6LB	96.9%

Christmas Productions

We are extremely proud of our Year 1 & Year 2 children who shared the Nativity story with us this week. Their acting, reading and singing was very impressive. Very well done to the children, and to the Key Stage 1 staff team for preparing them so well.

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 here.

Date	Time	Event
Wed 10 Dec	14:00—14:45	Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert
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.

Word of the Week



The Word of the Week next week is **Peace** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. During Advent, we pray for peace in our world, and follow the example of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Mass Rota

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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.

Christmas Masses

I know that Canon John and Fr Liam would be delighted to welcome you to one of our four parish churches this Christmas time. Mass times for Christmas are as follows:

Christmas Eve:

5:00pm St. Philip Neri, Mansfield*
5:00pm St. Joseph's, Shirebrook*
7.30pm St. Teresa's, Warsop
11:00pm St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
(Carols & Readings from 10.30pm)

Christmas Day:

10:00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield
10:00am St. Patrick's, Forest Town
**These are children's Masses.
Children are invited to come
dressed as angels/shepherds.*

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!

This term:

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
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		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
Thursday 18 Dec	13:30—15:30	Advent Confessions	School	Catholics from Year 4
Friday 19 Dec	14:00—14:45	Carol Concert	St Philip's Church	Year 5 & 6

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**.

Next Half Term:

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
Friday 9 Jan	All Day	Times Tables Rockstar Day!	In Classes	Whole School
Tuesday 20 Jan	During School Day	Other Faiths Roadshow	School Hall	Year 2—Year 6
Wednesday 21 Jan	During School Day	School Trip	Space Centre	Year 1
Friday 30 Jan	09:00—09:30	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School

Looking ahead, we have two INSET days planned: Thursday 12 February and Friday 13 February; therefore, school will close for pupils at 3.30pm on Wednesday 11 February. Pupils **will return to school on Monday 23rd February at 8.40am**. [Click here](#) to view the full year's Term Dates.