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our Lives: Think, Speak, Act.

Newsletter Date:  
Friday 30th January, 2026

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

### Governor Vacancy

Today you will have received an email to notify you that we have a parent governor vacancy and therefore invite you to stand for election as parent governor or nominate another parent to do so. Our governors are the 'eyes and ears' of the Trust Board and have delegated responsibilities to support the Headteacher strategically. No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the Local Governing Body's work. Committee meetings are half termly, usually held at 5.30pm in school lasting for approximately two hours.

We would particularly welcome nominations from parents with the following skills: a strong commitment to ensuring there are high aspirations for all children in our school; a commitment to supporting the Headteacher to achieving the best possible outcomes for all the pupils; to be willing to commit their time to undertake training, visits and monitoring exercises and then provide feedback in governors meetings; to be naturally inquisitive; to have the ability to question and analyse; to have good interpersonal skills and a willingness to learn. However, training is available for all governors and there is an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training, as well as having a commitment to attend other training as necessary.

More information, including the Nomination Form, can be found in the email. Thanks in advance.

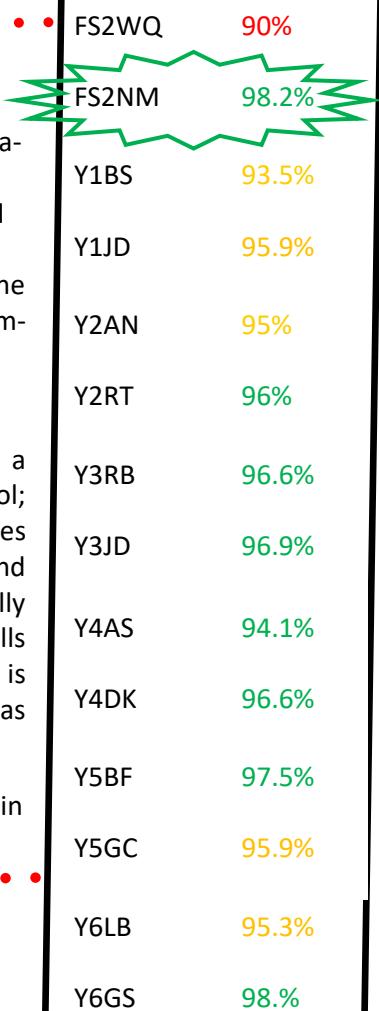
### Children's Mental Health Week

This year's *Place2Be* Children's Mental Health Week will be held week beginning 9th February. This year's theme is *This is my place* focusing on fostering a sense of belonging for children and young people in their schools, communities, and homes.

The mental health of our children is extremely important to us so our Wellbeing Ambassadors have organised a range of wellbeing activities. Children will be given time out from class to walk a mile around our track, talking and recognising the beauty of nature around us and the benefits of physical activity. They have organised *Wellbeing Wednesday* (on 11th February) too where all children will spend time carrying out activities to promote mental health, and recognising the importance of knowing that they belong. **All children (and staff!) will be invited to wear their pyjamas on Wednesday 11th February** but please be mindful that they may need a change of clothing for break and lunchtimes. If your child has PE on Wednesdays, it would be advisable to wear joggers and trainers on 11th or bring these to change into. Many thanks to Mrs Hunt and Mrs Berry, our ELSA practitioners and Wellbeing Ambassador leaders.

To find out more about *Place2Be*'s Children's Mental Health Week, please visit [their website](#). We also have a wealth of resources to support mental health and wellbeing on [our website](#) which may be of use to you.

Attendance this week: 95.9%



## School Dinners

Please be reminded of the excellent school meals that are freshly prepared and served daily by our wonderful kitchen team. Our school meals form part of a healthy and balanced diet with several options for children to choose from each day. A copy of this term's delicious menu can be found [here](#).



If you think your child may be eligible for a Free School Meal, please [click here](#).

[Note: Nottingham County Council provide this service].

For children in FS2, Year 1 and Year 2, school meals are completely free of charge. 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 on Arbor.

It's always worth checking if you're eligible for pupil premium funding. The process is quick and easy too. 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.

## Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **inspiration** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 3 February	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 10 February	Mass	Year 4

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for each celebration. Please keep our 36 First Holy Communion children in your prayers as they will be enrolled onto the programme this Sunday at 11am Mass.

## Lime Trees Wrap Around Care & After School Clubs

If you need wrap around care, please be reminded of the service that *The Lime Trees* provide right here on our school site. Their breakfast club runs from 7.30am and after school provision runs until 6pm. Find out more here on [our website](#). We are excited to confirm that after Easter, The Lime Trees will move from the cabin into our Dining Room. Not only will this make dropping off and collecting easier, but we're also confident that it will improve the experience for our children too.

Please also note that there are some spaces left in this term's After School clubs. We have a range of clubs available for children in Key Stage 1 and 2 from football, to dodgeball, nature studies to gymnastics. Please see Class Dojo for all the details.



## Pupil Premium Grant

For those of you unaware, the government provides a *Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)* for eligible families which provides additional money for schools to use to improve educational outcomes for our children. Not only does PPG funding help schools, but it also benefits parents too as it entitles you to:

- Free school meals;
- Free milk;
- Trips and residential visits subsidised where 50% of costs are paid by school;
- Participation in after school clubs subsidised by 50%;

Checking your eligibility is easy and takes just a couple of minutes. Login to [Nottinghamshire County Council's SynergyHub](#), simply enter your National Insurance Number, Date of Birth along with your child's details and the system will inform you if you are eligible. The Local Authority will then inform school which will enable us to offer you the above subsidies. Children attending maintained nurseries (which ours is) can also qualify. More information about Pupil Premium can be found [here](#). If you need any further help, please don't hesitate to ask. And, like all other personal data, please be assured that being in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant is never shared.

## 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 6 February	9.00am—9.30am	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 1 & Year 2
Wed 11 February	All Day	Children's Mental Health Day		Whole School
Monday 23—25 February		Residential Visit	The Briars	Year 6
Friday 27 February	09:00—09:30	Virtues Assembly	School Hall	Whole School
Monday 2 March	15:40—17:30	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School
Wednesday 4 March	15:40—17:30	Parents' Evening	School Hall	Whole School

Our upcoming Parents' Evenings on the dates above will be face-to-face meetings in school. **From Monday**, you will be able to book a slot to meet your child's class teacher using the Arbor app.

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.