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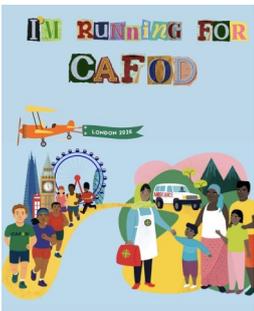
Newsletter Date:
Friday 27th February, 2026

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Welcome back!

It's been great to welcome the children back following the Half Term break. We hope you managed to enjoy some family time. During Half Term, the church entered the most special season of Lent. To mark this, our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children have taken part in a Prayer Fayre this week organised by our chaplains and chaplaincy team. They have been provided with the opportunity to make sacrifice beads, they've explored what they can place in the 'sin bin' and have built a reconciliation prayer wall; the children have also engaged in palm cross making. Our Key Stage 2 children will have an opportunity to take part in their Prayer Fayre next week.

During Lent, we are encouraged by the Catholic Church to prioritise supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. This year, we are delighted to confirm that our almsgiving efforts will support the work of CAFOD. More information about CAFOD can be found on their [website](#) and we'll share further information about our almsgiving efforts next week.



Please allow me to also remind you that Mrs Shivley has successfully gained a place to compete in the London Marathon in April. I'm sure that running the 26.2 miles will all be worthwhile when safe in the knowledge that she has raised awareness and funds for CAFOD! As a school, we couldn't be prouder of Mrs Shivley for embarking on this challenge. You can find out more about her motivations by [clicking here](#) and can use the same link if you wish to make a donation. Thanks in advance.

Attendance this week: 96.9%	
FS2WQ	89.2%
FS2NM	96%
Y1BS	95.8%
Y1JD	98.5%
Y2AN	99.3%
Y2RT	99.3%
Y3RB	95%
Y3JD	97.2%
Y4AS	94.7%
Y4DK	96.9%
Y5BF	96.9%
Y5GC	97.8%
Y6LB	99.1%
Y6GS	95.3%

Parents' Evening

We look forward to inviting you into school for Parents' Evening next week. Please arrive just a few minutes before your appointment time. Meetings with Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 teachers will take place in the Dining Hall. Please wait in the Liturgical Lounge (Entrance hall) to be called.

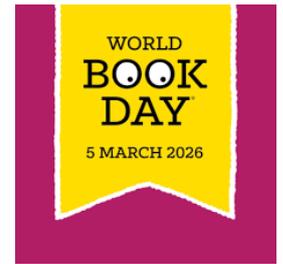
Meetings with Key Stage 2 teachers will take place in the School Hall. As usual, you are warmly encouraged to view your child's work in their books; these will be available for you to look through in your child's classroom.

If you haven't yet made an appointment to meet your child's class teacher, please do so as a matter of urgency using the Arbor app as these meetings will update you on your child's engagement, attitude, achievements and friendships. They will also provide ideas of how to support your child at home.

Don't forget parents' evening!

World Book Day

We're really excited to be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday and invite your child to come to school dressed up as one of their favourite book characters or as a favourite author. Please do not feel the need for this to be a shop-bought costume; there are lots of great ideas online for creating homemade costumes. Some ideas can be found [here](#). Alternatively, your child can come to school simply wearing their pyjamas if they prefer.



We also look forward to inviting you into school at 8.40am to share a story with your child in their classroom first thing on Thursday morning.

Governor Vacancy

Yesterday you will have received an email reminding 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. 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. Please email your interest and nomination form to Office24@st-philipneri.notts.sch.uk by **9am on Friday 6th March**. Many thanks in advance.

Assemblies

Congratulations to the children who received a Virtues Certificate this morning; it's always so wonderful to hear of the achievements of our pupils. We look forward to Year 5 and Year 6 sharing their RE learning with us next Friday morning for their Come & See Assembly at 9am. Parents, we look forward to welcoming you to join us.

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **fasting** 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 March		
Tuesday 10 March		
Tuesday 17 March		

As ever, families and parishioners are most welcome to join us at 9.30am in Church for each celebration.

Baby news!

Mrs Steele and I welcomed a baby girl into the world on Friday 6th February. I'm delighted to report that Mum and baby Nella are both doing really well. Many thanks for your well-wishes and words of congratulations. Ava is also enjoying being a responsible big sister!

This week, we've welcomed Mrs Bridges back to our school, who is covering Mrs Steele's maternity in Year 1. Y1BS is now known as Y1BB.



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 we have just launched a new, even wider range of activities on offer for After School clubs. Clubs on offer this term include dodgeball, crazy golf, chess & board games and archery. Please see Class Dojo for all the details.



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?
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
Thursday 5 March	All Day	World Book Day	Classrooms	Whole School
Friday 6 March	09:00—09:30	Come & See Assembly	School Hall	Year 5 & Year 6
Tuesday 10 March	09:15—12:15	National Measuring Programme	Meeting Room	Reception & Year 6

Looking further ahead, please note that this half term ends at 3.30pm on Friday 27th March for the Easter holidays. **Pupils will return to school on Monday 13th April at 8.40am.** [Click here](#) to view the full year's Term Dates.