



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 6th February, 2026

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Governor Vacancy

A reminder that you received an email last Friday 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 next Wednesday (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!) are 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: 95.1%

FS2WQ 91.7%

FS2NM 99%

Y1BS 95.4%

Y1JD 95.9%

Y2AN 94.7%

Y2RT 97.3%

Y3RB 92.8%

Y3JD 90.3%

Y4AS 94.4%

Y4DK 93.4%

Y5BF 98.8%

Y5GC 96.6%

Y6LB 95.3%

Y6GS 96.3%

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 **diversity** 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 10 February	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 24th February	Liturgy of the Word	Year 2
Tuesday 3rd March	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3

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

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.



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 2nd March and Wednesday 4th March (**Tuesday** and Wednesday for Miss Moody's class.) These will be face-to-face meetings in school and will also provide you with the opportunity to see your child's work in their books. It's quick and easy to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher using the Arbor app.

Don't forget
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These meetings update you on your child's engagement, attitude, achievements and friendships, but they will also provide ideas of how to support your child at home. Many thanks in advance for ensuring that you make an appointment to meet your child's teacher.

Staff Update

Mrs Steele will begin her maternity leave next week. We wish her the very best as she prepares to welcome to the world a baby girl. Mr Steele will also be absent from school for his paternity leave, either next week or the week after half term, depending when baby decides to arrive! We look forward to welcoming Mrs Bridges back to our school, who will cover Mrs Steele's maternity in Year 1. Y1BS will be known as Y1BB after half term.

We also offer our heartfelt congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bovell, Miss Dabrowska and Mrs Gregory all of whom have shared the wonderful news of their pregnancies, all due in the summer time. We will, of course, update parents in these classes later in the year of anticipated maternity leave dates and staff changes.

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?
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

Next week, 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.