



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 13th March, 2026**

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

## Lent

As we continue our journey through Lent, our focus this week has been based on almsgiving. 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](#). To support Mrs Shivley who will take part in the London Marathon next month, we have organised our very own Runathon to raise money for CAFOD. This week, children (and staff!) are invited to gather sponsors for their 26 minute run (or walk!) to support Mrs Shivley's 26 mile marathon. You'll find further details on the Sponsor Form, which you will have received this week. The run will take place when we return from the Easter holiday.

As Mrs Shivley continues her training and preparation for the London Marathon next month, you can find out more about her motivations by [clicking here](#) and can use the same link if you wish to make a donation. Huge thanks in advance.



Attendance this week: <b>97.3%</b>	
FS2WQ	96.7%
FS2NM	98%
Y1BB	97.7%
Y1JD	97.4%
Y2AN	98.3%
Y2RT	96.7%
Y3RB	96.9%
Y3JD	98.1%
Y4AS	97.5%
Y4DK	95.9%
Y5BF	99.1%
Y5GC	96.6%
Y6LB	95%
Y6GS	98.4%

## Our PTA's Annual Easter Egg Raffle

We're just two weeks away for our PTA's very popular, annual Easter Egg Raffle which will be drawn at the end of this half term. Raffle tickets go on sale from Monday and are available from the adults in each class. Tickets cost 20p each or £1 for a strip. Later this half term (Friday 20th March), we'll hold a non-uniform day in exchange for an Easter Egg. All donated Easter Eggs will then be used as prizes for our Easter Egg Raffle. Thanks in advance for your support with this year's Raffle. Please also see the final page of this Newsletter with details of the PTA's *eggciting* decorate an egg competition, open to all children from Nursery to Year 6.

My thanks to the PTA members for organising and giving up their time to hold a Pre-Loved Uniform sale in the Dining Hall at the end of the school day today, and for selling raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle.

## Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **sacrifice** 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 March	Mass	Year 1
Tuesday 17 March	Liturgy of the Word	Year 6
Tuesday 24 March	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5

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

## Easter Holiday HAF Club

I am delighted to confirm that we have partnered with TB Sports (the company who deliver our PE and after-school clubs) to bring you an Easter holiday HAF Club (Holiday Activities & Food Club). The Club will run from Monday 30th March until Friday 10th April (excluding Bank Holidays). **Initially, the HAF Club is free of charge and open to pupils who are in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding, pupils with SEND, looked after/previously looked after or parents who are directly referred from the local authority, social care or school.** If you are unsure whether your child meets this criteria, contact school where the office team will be only too happy to help.

From next Friday morning, any free spaces will be offered to all other pupils although there will be a small charge.

TB Sports staff offer a programme of games, competitions and lots of fun activities to support the health and wellbeing of children during the school holidays. A free lunch will also be provided for each child as well as a free gift if each session is attended!



To find out more or to book your child's place, [click here](#).

## Alice's 5K Race for Life

I'm proud to share the news that one of our pupils, Alice Tomlinson in Year 5, has signed up to take part in a 5k *Race for Life Pretty Muddy* event to raise money for cancer research. A staggering 1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, so please consider sponsoring Alice.



Alice tells us, "I have been taking part in a park run every Sunday morning and working hard training in the gym with dad to help make me stronger and faster to help me get ready for my 5k challenge. Thankyou everyone for helping me raise money to help this great charity". To make a donation, please visit <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/alice-tomlinsons-race-for-life>. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

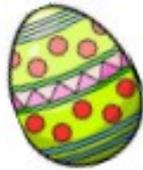
## Key Dates

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 20th March	All Day	Non-uniform Day in exchange for an Easter Egg		Whole School
Friday 27th March	14:30	Stations of the Cross Presentation	School Hall	Key Stage 2

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.

St Philip PTA invite you to share your  
creativity in our



Decorate an Egg Competition



Be as Eggstravagant as you like...



**£1 per entry with prizes for both adults  
and children**

**All entries need to be in by 20<sup>th</sup> March**

The PTA are raising funds for an outdoor classroom and as always thank you for all your support