



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 20th March, 2026**

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

### Lent

Our Lent journey has continued this week with a focus on sacrifice. Throughout school, staff and children have been rewarding others with Virtues Tokens when they witness a sacrifice being made. For example, having a shorter turn on a pogo stick at lunchtime, taking a friend's dinner tray to the hatch or simply asking how someone is feeling. We've discussed how making sacrifices for others makes life better for us all. Just a reminder about the sacrifice that Mrs Shivley will make by taking part in the London Marathon next month. We're so proud of her and, to show our support, have organised our very own Runathon to raise money for CAFOD. Thank you already for your efforts to collect sponsors for this event. If you need a replacement sponsorship form, please let the office know and we'll provide you with a paper copy. The Runathon 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 for your generosity.



### Our PTA's Annual Easter Egg Raffle

Our PTA's annual Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn next week. Raffle tickets will be on sale until Wednesday and are available from the adults in each class. Tickets cost 20p each or £1 for a strip. Thank you for your Easter Egg donations today, which will be used as prizes for the raffle.

My thanks to the PTA members for organising and giving up their time to hold another Pre-Loved Uniform sale in the Dining Hall at the end of the school day today.

### Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week will be **journey** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. The journey of Lent is a challenging one but also rewarding one. It is a journey that helps us grow closer to God so we are ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter.



### Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 24 March	Liturgy of the Word	Year 5
Tuesday 28 April	Liturgy of the Word	Year 4
Tuesday 5 May	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3
Tuesday 12 May	Mass	Year 2
Tuesday 19 May	Mass	Year 1

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

**Attendance this week: 97.3%**

FS2WQ	90.8%
FS2NM	96%
Y1BB	93.8%
Y1JD	100%
Y2AN	98.3%
Y2RT	98.3%
Y3RB	96.9%
Y3JD	95.3%
Y4AS	95.3%
Y4DK	97.6%
Y5BF	98.1%
Y5GC	100%
Y6LB	98.1%
Y6GS	98.1%

## Lime Trees Wrap Around Care

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](#).

Please be reminded that after Easter, The Lime Trees will move from the cabin into our Dining Room. After Easter, please drop off and collect children from the Main Entrance where a member of Lime Trees staff will greet you.

Not only will this make dropping off and collecting easier, but we're also confident that it will improve the overall experience for our children too as they'll have access to a wider range of equipment, games and resources.

## Mrs Stimpson

Please note that Mrs Stimpson's SENCo working pattern will change after the Easter holidays to Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons.

## Statutory Assessments

During the Pentecost Term, some of our pupils will complete national assessments. It is imperative that children are in school for these tests. The key dates are as below:

Year Group	Assessment	Dates	Further Information
Year 1	Phonics Screening Check	Between 8th June and 12th June	<a href="#">Information for Parents Leaflet</a>
Year 4	Multiplication Tables Check	Between 1st June and 14th June	<a href="#">Information for Parents Leaflet</a>
Year 6	KS2 SATs	Between 11th May and 14th May	<a href="#">Information for Parents Leaflet</a>

## 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
15th April—17th April		Residential Visit	Ilam Hall	Year 4

Please remember 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.

## Easter HAF Club

As you'll have seen in last week's Newsletter, we are delighted to have teamed up with TB Sports to host an Easter Holiday Activity and Food Club. Further details can be found below. For bookings, please use the QR code on the poster below.

**EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB**

**Week 1**

- MONDAY**  
THEATRE FUN
- Tuesday**  
World Of Imagination
- WEDNESDAY**  
WELLBEING WONDERS
- Thursday**  
Easter Egg-Stravaganza

**Week 2**

- TUESDAY**  
HATTER'S TEA PARTY
- Wednesday**  
TBSPORT CIRCUS
- THURSDAY**  
CRAZY SCIENCE DAY
- Friday**  
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# Meningitis

Please see the information below which Nottinghamshire County Council have requested all schools to shared.



## Meningitis

Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. It can happen to anyone, so its important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

## Symptoms

- Sudden onset of high fever
- severe and worsening headache
- stiff neck
- vomiting and diarrhoea
- joint and muscle pain
- dislike of bright lights
- very cold hands and feet
- seizures
- confusion/delirium
- extreme sleepiness/difficulty waking
- a rash that doesn't fade when pressed with a glass.

**If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently. Early treatment can be life-saving.**