



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 27th March, 2026**

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

## Catholic Life: The Season of Lent

With the coming of the end of term, our Lent preparations in school have drawn to a close. We began the week with a jubilant Palm Sunday celebration. Following this, all children have enjoyed a Last Supper celebration and today, our Chaplaincy Team shared a very solemn Stations of the Cross service.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued engagement and support. Your investment and involvement in school life makes a huge difference. We appreciate all that you do to support your child's learning, for joining us in school to attend events and celebrations, engaging with Parents' Evenings, and for your generosity, most recently with Easter egg donations as well as supporting Year 3's recent charity event. We wish you a happy, fun-filled Easter break with (hopefully) plenty of sunshine!

When we return from the Easter break, Mrs Shivley will be less than two weeks away from taking part in the London Marathon raising funds for CAFOD. As you know, we're showing our support of her with our very own Runathon to be held on Friday 24th April. We'll share more details about this after half term, but 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.

Please be reminded that you can find out more about Mrs Shivley's motivations by [clicking here](#) and can use the same link if you wish to make a donation. Huge thanks for your generosity. See you after half term!



**Attendance this week: 95.6%**

FS2WQ	89.2%
FS2NM	91%
Y1BB	94.6%
Y1JD	96.3%
Y2AN	97%
Y2RT	97.3%
Y3RB	92.5%
Y3JD	98.4%
Y4AS	90.3%
Y4DK	98.1%
Y5BF	99.4%
Y5GC	98.1%
Y6LB	92.2%
Y6GS	96.3%

## Our Parish: Holy Week Mass Times

Date	Time	Mass/Service
Mon 30 March	6pm	Mass @ St Philip Neri
Tues 31 March	7pm	Service of Reconciliation
Wed 1 April	11.30am	Chrism Mass @ St Barnabas
Maundy Thursday	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper @ St Philip Neri followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose

Date	Time	Mass/Service
Good Friday	3pm	The Lord's Passion @ St Philip Neri
Good Friday	7pm	Stations of the Cross in each church
Holy Saturday	11am & 4pm	Blessing of Food @ St Joseph's, Shirebrook
Holy Saturday	8pm	Easter Vigil @ St Philip Neri
Easter Sunday	9am	St Philip Neri & St Joseph's
	11am	St Patrick's & St Philip Neri
	5pm	St Philip Neri

## 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.

## PTA

Huge thanks for your generosity with donating Easter Eggs and allowing your child to purchase raffle tickets. After Easter, the total amount raised for the PTA will be shared.

## 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>

## Word of the Week

When we return, our Word of the Week will be **Mercy** which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week. We will be reminded that, just as God is merciful with us, that we must be merciful to others.



## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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	Liturgy of the Word	Year 1

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

Please remember that school closes at 3.30pm today (Friday 27th March) for the Easter holidays. **Pupils return to school on Monday 13th April at 8.40am.** [Click here](#) to view the full year's Term Dates. Please note that any emails or dojo messages may not be read or responded to during this period of school closure.



# 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.**