



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 17th April, 2026**

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

## Welcome Back

Welcome back and Happy Easter! Even though the chocolate eggs and decorations have already disappeared from the shelves and our homes, the Church continues to celebrate the season of Easter until the feast of Pentecost. During this season of joy, we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the new life and promise this brings to us all. We can also enjoy the welcome return of sunshine, light and warmth!



## Runathon

Mrs Shivley is now just over a week away from taking part in the London Marathon raising funds for CAFOD. As already shared with you, we're holding our very own Runathon next Friday (24th April), an event launched during Lent as our Almsgiving mission to support Mrs Shivley and CAFOD. Parents are welcome to join us for a 2.15 start (Y1-3) and 2.45 start (Y4-6). Pupils will run for 26 minutes (representing the 26 miles). Entrances for parents will be via the Tesco or front playground gate, opened at 2.10pm. Children are invited to wear appropriate running/sportswear for the day (please check the weather). To create the marathon atmosphere, families are invited to spectate; bring whistles, shakers or posters if you wish! At the end (3.15pm), all pupils will return to class for their things and will be dismissed from their usual doors by 3.30pm.

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.

## School Uniform

Please be reminded that children are now invited to wear their summer school uniform. Full details of our summer uniform expectations can be found [on our website](#). We thank you in advance for adhering to our school's dress code. If you need any help with sourcing any aspects of our school uniform, please ask a member of the Office Team who will be happy to help.

## Trust, School and Home Agreement

Please be reminded of the [Trust, School and Home Agreement](#) which recognises the importance of working together in order for our children to be successful and prepared for their next stages in life. This document outlines clearly the expectations of the Trust, School, our Pupils and Parents/Carers, and can be found on our website. Although you will have already seen this document, please take a few minutes to remind yourself of the contents of this so that we can all continue to maintain highly positive relationships with each other for the good of our children.

Attendance this week: <b>95.1%</b>	
FS2WQ	95.8%
FS2NM	89.2%
Y1BB	98.1%
Y1JD	91.5%
Y2AN	91.7%
Y2RT	98.7%
Y3RB	95.6%
Y3JD	93.4%
Y4AS	94.8%
Y4DK	91.9%
Y5BF	96.9%
Y5GC	96.3%
Y6LB	95.6%
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 The Lime Trees has now moved from the cabin into our Dining Room. Children are now to be dropped off and collected from school's Main Entrance where a member of Lime Trees staff will greet you.

## School Dinners

A new term sees the launch of a new school dinner menu. Please visit [our website](#) to see this term's menu. Here, you will also find details about eligibility for free school meals, which may be of particular interest to parents of children in Year 2 because, once children enter Year 3, school meals are no longer funded unless entitled to free school meals.



## 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

Having Faith can be hard. It requires us to believe in those things we can't prove and see. St. Thomas is famous for not believing that Jesus had risen, but this reminds us all that even for Jesus' disciples, faith wasn't always easy. Faith is a gift from God and if we can find it, and hold on to it, faith will give us strength, comfort, and hope.



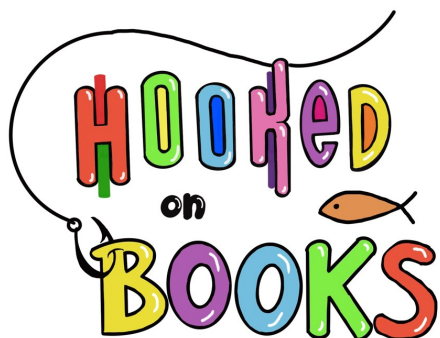
## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

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.

## Hooked On Books

We're really excited to restart our family reading initiative Hooked on Books for another term. Hooked on Books is an opportunity for parents/carers/grandparents to come along and enjoy some quality time sharing our new treasure chests of stories with their children and to stay to listen to a class story at the end of the session together too. Please see this term's dates for your child's class below:



Date	Year Group	Date	Year Group
23rd April	Year 1JD	18th June	Year 5BF
30th April	Year 2AN	25th June	Year 4DK
13th May	Year 2RT	2nd July	Year 4AS
21st May	Year 3RB	3rd July	Year 6LB
11th June	Year 3JD	9th July	Year 5GC
		10th July	Year 6GS

Each session will start at 3pm so please arrive at the School Office a few minutes before this time and the class teacher will be there to greet you. We're really excited for you to join us.

## 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 regularly! Dates for Sports Day and the Summer Fayre will be shared in next week's Newsletter.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
Monday 20 April	During School Day	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	1JD, 2AN, 5BF, 6GS
22 April—23 April	During School Day	Residential Visit	The Mill	Year 3
Friday 24 April	From 2pm	CAFOD Runathon	School Field	Whole School
Monday 27 April	During School Day	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	3JD, 3RB, 4AS, 4DK
Tuesday 28 April	During School Day	School Trip	Skegness	Year 2
Monday 11 May	During School Day	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	Reception
Monday 18 May	During School Day	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	1BS, 2RT, 5GC, 6LB
Tuesday 19 May	During School Day	School Trip	Jorvik	Year 4

Please be reminded that school will be closed on Monday 4th May for the Bank Holiday. Looking further ahead, school closes on Friday 22nd May at 3.30pm for Half Term and reopens at 8.40am on Monday 1st June.