



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 24th April, 2026**

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

### Runathon

The sun was shining in abundance today as our children took part in our St Philip's Runathon, raising funds for CAFOD. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents on to our field and playgrounds to join us to cheer on the children on during their 26 minute run/walk. Great fun was had with a tangible carnival-like atmosphere! Huge thanks to you all for supporting this event and encouraging your child to obtain sponsors. All sponsorship money will be donated to CAFOD. Please could we ask that any monies be sent into school by the end of next week so we are able to hand this to CAFOD.

Sincere thanks to Mrs Shivley for organising this event as part of our Almsgiving mission. Please keep Mrs Shivley in your thoughts and prayers on Sunday as she takes part in the London Marathon. We wish her every enjoyment and success as she runs the 26.2 miles of the world's largest marathon. Keep a look out for her on the TV!

**COME ON MRS SHIVLEY! YOU'VE GOT THIS!**

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.



**Attendance this week: 94.7%**

FS2WQ	95.8%
FS2NM	87.5%
Y1BB	95.2%
Y1JD	91.9%
Y2AN	91.7%
Y2RT	95.3%
Y3RB	94.4%
Y3JD	92.8%
Y4AS	95.5%
Y4DK	95.9%
Y5BF	97.5%
Y5GC	95.3%
Y6LB	95.0%
Y6GS	96.9%

### 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](#). The website also contains full details of the uniform requirements for PE and lunchtime too. 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.

### 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>

## Lockdown Procedure Notice

Like most establishments, schools are required to have procedures in place to ensure pupils and staff know how to respond in the unlikely event that we need operate our lockdown plan. In the same way we hold fire drills, we also hold lockdown drills. On Monday, each teacher will specifically reminded/taught their class of our lockdown procedure. Children will be fully reassured that this is only a practice. We will then hold a lockdown drill on Wednesday so we can be confident that our staff and children are clear of our procedures should there ever be a requirement for us to lockdown. We wanted to provide you with advanced notice of this so you can prepare your child if you deem it necessary to do so.

## 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.



## Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Vocation**, 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 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.

## Earth Day

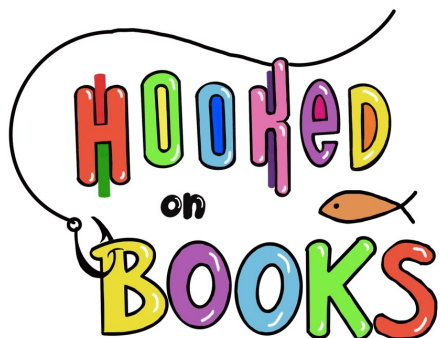
On Wednesday, we celebrated Earth Day across the school by holding in-class circle time discussions. Our Foundation children explored what our Earth is and what makes it happy or sad. In Year 1 & 2, children considered what could happen if we don't look after the Earth and explored some small things we could do to help. Year 3 & 4 explored how some people harm the planet and considered what we could do to protect it both now and in the future. Year 5 & 6 identified some of the challenges facing our planet and debated how much of a responsibility we have to protect the Earth.

Each class has also made an Earth Pledge with ways they will help to love and look after our Earth, both at home and in school. My thanks to Miss Nicholls for organising our Earth Day 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
30th April	Year 2AN
13th May	Year 2RT
21st May	Year 3RB
11th June	Year 3JD

Date	Year Group
18th June	Year 5BF
25th June	Year 4DK
2nd July	Year 4AS
3rd July	Year 6LB
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 27 April	During School Day	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	3JD, 3RB, 4AS, 4DK
Tuesday 28 April	During School Day	School Trip	Skegness	Year 2
Thursday 30 April	During School Day	Y2 Charity Event		Whole School
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
Thursday 21 May	From 9am	Individual Photos	School Hall	Whole School
Friday 22 May	During School Day	Safety Zone	Ashfield Fire Station	Year 6

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.