



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

**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 1st May, 2026**

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

## Enrichment Opportunities

What a fabulous few weeks of weather we've had! The timing has been perfect for our Year 2 children who visited Skegness on Tuesday as part of their Coastline topic. They spent time in the Aquarium and on the beach, and enjoyed fish 'n' chips for lunch!



The children were brilliantly behaved and represented our school so very well. Huge thanks to the Year 2 team for organising and leading this trip. My thanks, too, for the parents who were able to give up their time to accompany us.

Last week, our Year 3 children experienced their first Residential Visit spending two days and one night at The Mill. They experienced rock climbing, zip lining, archery, tunnelling and katakanuing. Their behaviour was impeccable and all children took this opportunity to try something new.



Attendance this week: <b>96.2%</b>	
FS2WQ	90.5%
FS2NM	93.3%
Y1BB	95.2%
Y1JD	98.5%
Y2AN	97.7%
Y2RT	92%
<b>Y3RB</b>	<b>99.4%</b>
Y3JD	94.7%
Y4AS	97.5%
Y4DK	95.6%
Y5BF	98.1%
Y5GC	98.8%
Y6LB	95.6%
Y6GS	95.6%

And just two weeks ago, our Year 4 children have also had an exciting week as they enjoyed a three-day Residential visit to Ilam Hall in Derbyshire experiencing a range of outdoors activities, including walking, river dipping and teambuilding challenges. I was delighted to hear that the children's behaviour was exemplary throughout too.

Huge thanks to the staff team for giving up their time to provide such wonderful experiences for our children.



## 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>

## School Dinners

Please be reminded that our school dinner menu is available to view. 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 **Witness**, 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 5 May	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3
Tuesday 12 May	Mass	Year 2
Thursday 14 May	Mass—Feast of the Ascension	Year 1 — Year 6
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.

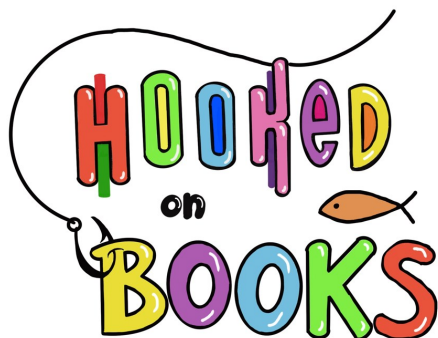
## NottAlone: It's OK to feel not OK

Please be reminded of the Nottinghamshire County Council's NottAlone service for you or anyone who is struggling with their mental health and are in need of advice and help. This comprehensive website provides local mental health advice, covering a range of areas from self-harm, to family separation, suicidal thoughts or worries about gangs/gang culture. Click [here to visit the NottAlone website](#).



## 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
13th May	Year 2RT
21st May	Year 3RB
11th June	Year 3JD
18th June	Year 5BF

Date	Year Group
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 11 May	During School Day	Library Visit	Mansfield Library	Reception
Thursday 14 May	2pm—3.15pm	Whole School Mass	St Philip's Church	Year 1 — Year 6
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
Tuesday 2 June	During School Day	School Trip	Holocaust Museum	Year 6
Saturday 6 June	10am	First Holy Communion	St Philip's Church	FHC children

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.