



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 8th May, 2026**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Year 6 SATs

Next week, our wonderful Year 6 children will sit their SATs tests which they've worked so hard to prepare themselves for. **It is essential that all Year 6 children are in school each day next week** as they only have one opportunity to complete the tests. Please keep our Year 6 children in our thoughts and prayers. I'm sure their hard work and commitment to learning will pay dividends.

Attendance this week: 95.7%

FS2WQ 96.7%

FS2NM 86.5%

Y1BB 99.5%

Y1JD 94.4%

Y2AN 92.5%

Y2RT 98.3%

Y3RB 94.5%

Y3JD 95.3%

Y4AS 93.8%

Y4DK 96.5%

Y5BF 98.4%

Y5GC 94.5%

Y6LB 95.7%

Y6GS 98.4%

GRACIOUS GOD

As we begin this new day, we ask that you grant us:

- The courage of Mary to try our best and to say yes to each new challenge.
- The determination of David to believe in ourselves.
- The knowledge of St Thomas Aquinas to help us read our questions fully and double-check our work.
- The wisdom of St Paul to recognise that it is only natural to make mistakes.
- The perseverance of Job to never give up and remain calm.

LOVING GOD,

We thank you for:

- The gift of our teachers who have encouraged and supported us.
- The gift of being here when so many young people aren't given the right of education.
- The gift of the result we get because it helps us grow.

We ask that you remain with us throughout this day in our hearts and in our minds as we make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

AMEN




I know the children will appreciate it if you're able to keep them in your prayers next week. We'll also begin each day next week with this prayer asking for God's guidance and love.

GOOD LUCK YEAR 6!
You've *TOTALLY* got this!

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 | Information for Parents Leaflet |
| Year 4 | Multiplication Tables Check | Between 1st June and 14th June | Information for Parents Leaflet |
| Year 6 | KS2 SATs | Between 11th May and 14th May | Information for Parents Leaflet |

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 **Example**, 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? |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Thursday 14 May | Mass—Feast of the Ascension , led by Year 2 | 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.

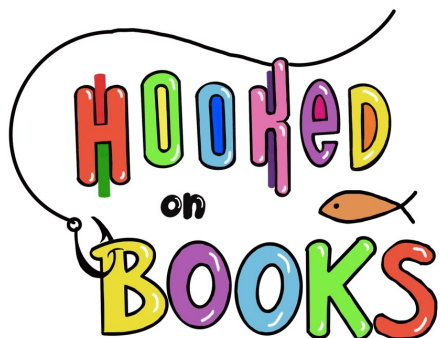
NottAlone: It's OK to feel not OK

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 closes on Friday 22nd May at 3.30pm for Half Term and reopens at 8.40am on Monday 1st June. Looking further ahead, our final day of the academic year is Friday 24th July.