



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



**Newsletter Date:
Friday 15th May, 2026**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Well done Year 6!

This week, our Year 6 children have completed their statutory SATs assessment tests. The children's hard work, focus and commitment to their learning has been extremely impressive. Thank you Year 6; you've been absolutely brilliant. Many thanks to the Year 6 staff team and parents for preparing the children so well for these tests. The results of the tests will be made available in July.

After the Half Term break, some of our other pupils will complete national assessments. It is imperative that children are in school for these tests. The key dates are as below:

Year	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	Information for Parents Leaflet

Walk To School Week

Next week, we want to encourage as many of our families as possible to take part in Walk To School Week. It would be wonderful to see as many of our families walk, bike or scoot to school rather than using the car. Please also be aware of the *Walk Notts* website which provides information about local walking groups along with suggest walks within Nottinghamshire. Please visit www.walknotts.org.uk for more details.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance figures look strong again this academic year thanks to your continued support. As we head towards the last half term of the school year, please be reminded that the Department for Education states:

- *Parents and carers have a duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where that child is a registered pupil at school and of a compulsory school age;*
- *If your child is unwell or unable to attend school for whatever reason, you must notify school;*
- *Schools have a responsibility to record attendance and follow up all absences;*
- *Schools may issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority's guidelines.*

As stated in our [Pupil Attendance Policy](#), a leave of absence which has not been approved will be unauthorised and may lead to a referral being made to the Local Authority for action. For schools within Nottinghamshire County Council, a Penalty Notice will be requested if an unauthorised holiday is taken in excess of 5 days/10 sessions (over a 10 week rolling period).

Attendance this week: 96.5%

FS2WQ	96.8%
FS2NM	82.5%
Y1BB	92.6%
Y1JD	98.9%
Y2AN	94.3%
Y2RT	98.3%
Y3RB	99.4%
Y3JD	92.5%
Y4AS	96.3%
Y4DK	96.9%
Y5BF	99.4%
Y5GC	95.9%
Y6LB	98.4%
Y6GS	100%

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 **Communication**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.

This week we are called to think about the different ways we can communicate God's message to the world and how we can bring people together and inspire others through the message that we share.

Communication

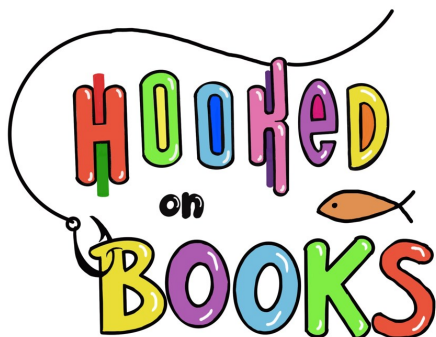
Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 19 May	Liturgy of the Word	Year 1
Tuesday 2 June	Liturgy of the Word	Year 6
Tuesday 9 June	Mass	Year 5
Tuesday 16 June	Mass	Year 4

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

Hooked On Books

We're delighted to invite you to join us for 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 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
21st May	Year 3RB	2nd July	Year 4AS
11th June	Year 3JD	3rd July	Year 6LB
18th June	Year 5BF	9th July	Year 5GC
26th June	Year 4DK	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.

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](#).



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!

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
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	Class Photographs	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
Thursday 11 June	09.15	Choral Verse	School Hall	Year 4, 5 and 6
Thursday 18 June	09.15	Choral Verse	School Hall	Foundation, Year 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 23 June	09.15—10.45	Sports Day	School Field	Nursery (am) & FS2NM
Tuesday 23 June	13:45—15:15	Sports Day	School Field	Nursery (pm) & FS2WQ
Thursday 25 June	09.15—10.45	Sports Day	School Field	Year 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 25 June	13:45—15:15	Sports Day	School Field	Year 4, 5 and 6
Friday 3 July	From 14.00	PTA Summer Fayre	School Field & Hall	Whole School

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.