



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 22nd May, 2026

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

End of Half Term

Please be reminded that school is now closed for the Half Term holiday. Have a wonderful break in the sunshine; we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st June at 8.40am. **On Monday 1st June, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform but wearing something red.** This is to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, which takes place this Sunday.

After the Half Term break, some of 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 8th June and 12th June	Information for Parents Leaflet

Attendance this week: 95.3%

FS2WQ	98.9%
FS2NM	99.2%
Y1BB	91.5%
Y1JD	98.5%
Y2AN	92%
Y2RT	90.7%
Y3RB	90.6%
Y3JD	95.6%
Y4AS	98.3%
Y4DK	99.3%
Y5BF	97.2%
Y5GC	96.6%
Y6LB	91.3%
Y6GS	98.4%

Walk To School Week

This week has been Walk to School Week. To those of you who were able to take part—thank you. Please also be reminded of the Walk Notts Festival which continues right the way through May. Visit www.walknotts.org.uk to find out more.

Colour Run

We're really excited to share the news that after half term, our whole school will take part in a charity Colour Dash event, organised by the charity Lifting Children's Hopes – and it's set to be a very colourful day! Pupils will run, walk, or dance their way around our school field while being showered in vibrant colours, all in the spirit of fun and fundraising! The Colour Dash will take place on Friday 12th June during the school day. We will take plenty of photos so you can share the fun afterwards! All your child will need for this event is a white T-shirt that you're happy to get messy. Your child will come home today with a Sponsorship Form. Thank you in advance for helping your child to collect sponsors; all donations will go to the LCH.

Lifting Children's Hopes (LCH) is a charity dedicated to supporting vulnerable children and families by helping to provide essential items, opportunities, and care to improve their wellbeing and future prospects. This exciting event not only promises lots of laughter and memorable moments, but also gives our school community a fantastic chance to come together and make a real difference.



Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Trinity**, which will form the basis of our acts of collective worship throughout the week.



If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith or are interested in becoming a Catholic, there is a course starting in September. For more details, please contact Sr Susan: susanpbvm@yahoo.co.uk or 07751196124

Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
Tuesday 2 June	Liturgy of the Word	Year 6
Tuesday 9 June	Mass	Year 5
Tuesday 16 June	Mass	Year 4
Tuesday 23 June	Liturgy of the Word	Year 3
Tuesday 30 June	Mass	Year 2

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

Attendance

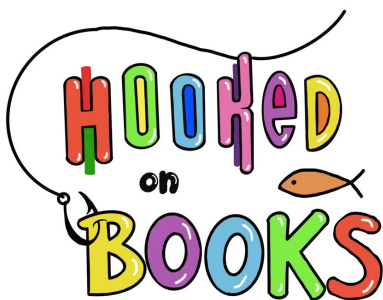
Our whole school attendance figures look strong again this academic year thanks to your continued support. As we head towards the last half term of the school year, please be reminded that the Department for Education states:

- *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).

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
11th June	Year 3JD	2nd July	Year 4AS
18th June	Year 5BF	3rd July	Year 6LB
26th June	Year 4DK	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.

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 1 June	During School Day	Non-uniform Day—wear something red		Whole School
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
Tuesday 21 July	09.30	Leavers' Mass	St Philip's RC Church	Whole School
Thursday 23 July	14.00—14.30	Leavers' Assembly	School Hall	Whole School

Please be reminded that **school closes today 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.