



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



Newsletter Date:
Friday 5th June, 2026

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Welcome back!

And just like that, we enter the final half term of the year It's been wonderful to welcome you all back following the May half term holiday. I hope you all enjoyed the break and the beautiful, sunny weather. There's a real sense of calm and purpose around school, which is a very positive way to begin the last term of the school year. This term promises to be as productive and exciting as ever; please do check the Newsletter and Class Dojo regularly for news and updates. Please see overleaf for a list of events and dates already in the diary, including this term's Mass/Liturgy of the Word rota too.

NCC Faith Transport Consultation

Nottinghamshire County Council is currently consulting on proposed changes to its discretionary support for faith-based school transport, which could have **significant** implications for our families and access to Catholic education. These bus services are used by many of our pupils. For many families, they are essential; for others, they play an important role in maintaining access to Catholic education across our wider community.

The proposals could:

- Reduce or remove some form of existing transport routes;
- Increase costs for families;
- Significantly impact how pupils travel to Catholic schools.

Even if your child does not use school transport, there may still be wider implications for access to Catholic education, sustaining pupil numbers and the long-term strength of our school community. For our school, the 215, 219 and 224 buses could be affected.

No final decision has been made but it is vital that as many families as possible share their views. Your response could support families across our schools and make a real difference to future access to Catholic education.

We strongly encourage you to take a few minutes and submit your response by **Friday 12 June**: [Give your views](#) and urge that you select Option 1 on the proposal. To find out more about the Council's proposals, please visit: [Overview of options](#). Thanks so much in advance for responding to this consultation.

Goodbye Mrs Berry

Mrs Berry, our wonderful ELSA and TA, will be leaving us next Wednesday after 20 years of loyal service and dedication to our school. She has secured a new post closer to home and will support vulnerable children and young people in her new role. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all that Mrs Berry has done during her many years at our school. She will be deeply missed. On behalf of us all, thank you and good luck in your new role Mrs Berry.



Attendance this week: 94.8%	
FS2WQ	90%
FS2NM	99.2%
Y1BB	91.9%
Y1JD	95.2%
Y2AN	99.7%
Y2RT	95.7%
Y3RB	95.3%
Y3JD	93.1%
Y4AS	91.9%
Y4DK	95%
Y5BF	94.7%
Y5GC	94.1%
Y6LB	96.3%
Y6GS	96.3%

Word of the Week

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

Eucharist

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 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
Tuesday 7 July		Year 1

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

Colour Run

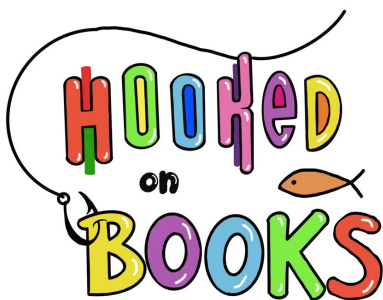
We're really excited that, next Friday, our whole school will take part in a charity Colour Dash event, organised by the charity Lifting Children's Hopes – and it's set to be a very colourful day! Pupils will run, walk, or dance their way around our school field while being showered in vibrant colours, 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 be 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 has already been given 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.

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.

First Holy Communion

Tomorrow (this Saturday), 35 of our children will receive their First Holy Communion in church. Please keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they make this important next step in their faith journey. We pray that, through receiving the Eucharist, they will be filled with hope and strength and will grow in compassion and virtue.



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?
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
Friday 12 June	14.30—15:30	Colour Dash Event	School Field	Whole School
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 7 July	All Day	Transition to next class		Whole School
Wednesday 8 July	All Day	Transition to next class		Whole School
Monday 13— Wednesday 15 July		Residential	Walesby	Year 5
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

Looking ahead, our final day of the academic year is Friday 24th July. Following the summer holiday, please note that the first day back for children will be Thursday 3rd September, 2026.