



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 12th June, 2026

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Colour Dash!

What a fun-filled afternoon we had during today's sponsored Colour Dash! We were lucky that the Sun even made an appearance! As you'll see from the photos below, there were smiles all round as the children were showered in colourful powder! Huge thanks, parents, for helping your child to collect sponsorship money. All proceeds will be sent directly to the Lifting Children's Hopes (LCH) Charity which helps children in poverty and hardship. Your funds will help to provide essential items, school uniforms, and community opportunities for local children here in the East Midlands.



Attendance this week: 97.1%

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| FS2WQ | 94.2% |
| FS2NM | 98.3% |
| Y1BB | 95.8% |
| Y1JD | 95.6% |
| Y2AN | 96.3% |
| Y2RT | 100% |
| Y3RB | 96.9% |
| Y3JD | 96.5% |
| Y4AS | 96.2% |
| Y4DK | 96.3% |
| Y5BF | 99.4% |
| Y5GC | 97.5% |
| Y6LB | 96.9% |
| Y6GS | 98.4% |

Well done Year 1 & Year 4

Our Year 1 children have undertaken their Phonics Screen Check this week. Each child has taken the test with confidence—and even a smile! The Year 4 children have also carried out their Multiplication Tables Check this week. Likewise, they've approached the tests with quiet self-assurance. My sincere thanks to the Year 1 and Year 4 staff teams for preparing the children so brilliantly—and to parents for supporting your child(ren) at home. The children's phonics/times tables score will be shared in their End of Year School Reports.

Choral Verse

Well done to our Year 4, 5 and 6 children for their fabulous Choral Verse performance yesterday. Each class shared a poem they'd learnt by heart and performed these brilliantly. Sincere thanks to the staff team for preparing the children so well for this. Next Thursday, we look forward to hearing our Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classes recite them poems. Parents, you're most welcome to join us at 9.15am.

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **Missionary Discipleship**, 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 16 June | Mass | Year 4 |
| Tuesday 23 June | Liturgy of the Word | Year 3 |
| Tuesday 30 June | Mass | Year 2 |
| Tuesday 7 July | Mass | Year 1 |
| Tuesday 21 July | Leavers' Mass | Year 6 |

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

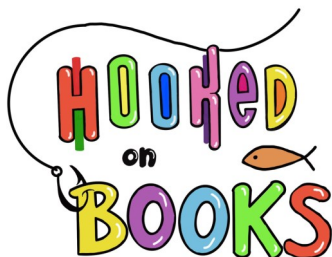
Preparation for the new school year

For the parents of children joining our Reception classes in September, please know that our wonderful PTA will provide each child with a free book bag as a welcome gift for joining our school. We ask that all other children purchase **ONLY** school book bags if you're not able to reuse the one provided from this year. These, along with most other uniform items, are available to buy from myclothing.com. Please do not send your child with a rucksack as there isn't the space in cloakrooms to store these. Please also consider purchasing metal water bottles for your child too (not the Stanley metal straw cups) as these are more durable than plastic bottles, often cheaper and better for the environment. Please also be reminded that you do not need to purchase any stationery as all writing and drawing implements and equipment will be provided by school.

Please also note that dates for the next academic year are also available for you to see on our website; this includes next year's INSET Days. Next week, we will share details of which class teachers will be teaching in each year group. Please note that our transition days will take place on Tuesday 7th July and Wednesday 8th July; this is where each class will move to their next classroom and spend time with their new class teacher. Further details will follow over the next few weeks. Year 6 parents, you should have already received information about transition visits from your child's secondary school.

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 |
|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 18th June | Year 5BF | 3rd July | Year 6LB |
| 26th June | Year 4DK | 9th July | Year 5GC |
| 2nd July | Year 4AS | 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

Congratulations to the 35 children who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a truly beautiful Mass in a packed-out church full of families and friends, some of whom who'd travelled from a far to support the children as they made this important next step in their faith journey. We pray that, as they continue to receive Christ through the Eucharist that they are 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? |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 |
| Tuesday 30 June | | Charity Dance Day | Foundation Stage | Nursery & Reception |
| 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.