



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



**Newsletter Date:  
Friday 19th June, 2026**

# St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

## Choral Verse

Well done to our Foundation, Year, 1, 2 and 3 children for their wonderful Choral Verse performance yesterday. Each class took to the stage in front of a packed audience to share a poem they'd learnt by heart. Each class performed these brilliantly, making creative use of space, props and big voices. Sincere thanks to the staff team for preparing the children so well for this and to the parents and grandparents who were able to join us to support each class's performance.

## Term Dates: Academic Year 26-27

Term Dates have been finalised for the next academic year. Please [click here](#) for the academic year calendar. Please note that school will also be closed to all children on the following dates for our INSET days:

- Tuesday 1st September, 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September, 2026
- Friday 16th October, 2026
- Monday 2nd November, 2026
- Thursday 11th February, 2027
- Friday 12th February, 2027

**Did you know?**  
Our website also contains the school holiday calendar for 2027-28 so you can book holidays/trips/visits in advance.

The new school year for all children will therefore begin on **Thursday 3rd September at 8.40am**. Please be reminded that the final day of this academic year is Friday 24th July.

## Staffing Updates

Over the next few weeks, some of our pregnant teachers will begin their maternity leave; exact dates will be communicated separately on Dojo. When the time comes, we wish all of our pregnant ladies well—Mrs Bovell, Mrs Dabrowska and Mrs Gregory. At the end of this academic year, we say goodbye Mrs Quin, our Foundation Stage teacher, who has successfully secured a SENCo and Class Teacher post at a new school. This is a wonderful achievement and a role I know Mrs Quin will enjoy very much. We also say goodbye to Mrs Durkin-Wood who leaves us after 25 years of outstanding service to our school. Mrs Durkin-Wood has made the exciting decision to relocate to Ireland, something she has been preparing for over the last few years. Mrs Durkin-Wood has touched the lives of so many children — past and present — and will be remembered for many years to come. We also say goodbye to Miss Taylor, our Foundation Stage TA, who has secured a permanent TA post at a different school. It has been a privilege to see Miss Taylor grow further into her role over the last two years; she will be missed by us all. We look forward to welcoming back Miss Young, who returns from her sabbatical opportunity having taught in Abu Dhabi for a year. I am delighted that Mr Dyson will stay with us on a maternity cover basis and we look forward to welcoming Miss Bartholemew who also joins us to cover maternity leave.

**Attendance this week: 95.8%**

FS2WQ	95.3%
FS2NM	98.3%
Y1BB	92.3%
Y1JD	93%
Y2AN	97%
Y2RT	96.7%
Y3RB	97.5%
Y3JD	97.4%
Y4AS	96.5%
Y4DK	95.6%
Y5BF	95.6%
Y5GC	92.5%
Y6LB	95%
Y6GS	98.8%

## Class Structure for Academic Year 2026-27

I am able to confirm that next year's Class Structure will be as follows:

	Class A	Class B
Nursery	Mrs Wilson	
Reception	Mrs Whittaker & Mrs Shivley	Miss Moody
Year 1	Miss Young	Mr Dyson
Year 2	Miss Bartholemew	Miss Nicholls
Year 3	Mrs Taylor	Miss Bowler (will be Mrs Millard)
Year 4	Mrs Kerr	Mrs Jefferies & Mr Steele
Year 5	Mrs Cawsey	Mr Foulkes
Year 6	Mr Bovell	Miss Sunderland

Next week, we will confirm more specific information about each class and their next teacher on Class Dojo. You'll also note that we have two planned Transition Days on 7th and 8th July, which will provide the opportunity for children and adults to meet each other before the new school year. We will, of course, keep you updated over the next few weeks.

## Preparation for the new school year

In case you missed last week's Newsletter, our wonderful PTA will provide each child entering our Reception classes in September 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](http://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. We also remind you that there is no need to purchase any stationery as all writing and drawing implements and equipment will be provided by school.

## Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **acceptance**, 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](mailto:susanpbvm@yahoo.co.uk) or 07751196124.

## Liturgy of the Word/Mass

Date	Type of Service	Who's Involved?
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.

## Hooked On Books

We're looking forward to welcoming parents/carers/grandparents to join us and enjoy some quality time sharing our treasure chests of stories. Please see this term's dates for your child's class below:

Date	Year Group
26th June	Year 4AS
2nd July	Year 4DK
3rd July	Year 6LB

Date	Year Group
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!

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
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.