



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



**Newsletter Date:**  
**Friday 26th June, 2026**

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

## Hot Weather

We've made it to the end of a very hot week. Huge thanks to everyone in our wonderful community — staff, parents and children — for each playing an important part to get us through a challenging week. Temperatures are forecast to be much more comfortable next week, which I'm sure will be a relief to us all!

## 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.

## Sports Day

Please be reminded of the rescheduled dates for Sports Day. We'd love you to join us. Please arrive at the back Tesco gate shortly before the start time below; as soon as we're set up and ready, we'll let you in.

Attendance this week: <b>93.5%</b>	
FS2WQ	93.1%
FS2NM	90.6%
Y1BB	88.1%
Y1JD	96.7%
Y2AN	100%
Y2RT	94.3%
Y3RB	91.6%
Y3JD	91.9%
Y4AS	89.7%
Y4DK	92%
Y5BF	93.4%
Y5GC	97.5%
Y6LB	94.4%
Y6GS	95.1%

Date	Time	Event	Location	Who's Involved?
Monday 29 June	09:15—10:45	Sports Day	School Field	Nursery (am) & FS2NM
Monday 29 June	13:45—15:15	Sports Day	School Field	Nursery (pm) & FS2WQ
Thursday 2 July	09:15—10:45	Sports Day	School Field	Year 1, 2 and 3
Friday 3 July	09:15—10:45	Sports Day	School Field	Year 4, 5 and 6

## Summer Fayre

The PTA's annual Summer Fayre takes place next week, in the afternoon of Friday 3th July. This will be held on the school field, weather permitting.

As in previous years, children will be released from classes to visit the Fayre during the school day. They can bring money with them if you're happy for them to do so. The Fayre will run after school too so we'd love to see our families joining in to see what's on offer.



Stalls on offer include our ever-popular sweet and bottle tombola. We also welcome Vix Treatz cakes stall, various gift stalls, including some of our year 5 and 6 entrepreneurs, along with games and a bouncy castle.

Thanks in advance for supporting this event. As always, all money raised will go towards enrichment projects for our children.

## Preparation for the new school year

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.

## Nursery places for next year

If you or anyone you know is looking for a Nursery class place in the next academic year, please know spaces are filling up quickly. We are able to offer 15 hours (morning or afternoon sessions) and have a few 30 hours places remaining. More information about admission to Nursery can be found [on our website](#). We're happy to arrange visits and tours of the school; please get in touch with the school office to discuss this further or if you have any other questions, or if you'd like to enquire about spaces in other year groups. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **follow**, 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 30 June	Mass	Year 2
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
2nd July	Year 4DK
3rd July	Year 6LB
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.

Given today's extremely high temperatures, 4AS's Hooked on Books was cancelled. Miss Sunderland will provide an updated date in due course.

## Congratulations



Huge congratulations to Alice and Charlotte, two of our Year 5 children, who took part in the Race for Life *Pretty Muddy Race* last weekend at Holme Pierpoint. The girls raised an incredible £565 for Cancer Research. We're very proud of you girls, very well done.



Two weeks ago we held a Colour Dash event, raising funds for the LCH Charity. As a school community, we raised £1242! What a fantastic achievement. Huge thanks for supporting this wonderful cause.

## 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 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
Wednesday 22 July	14:00—17:00	Leavers' Party	School Hall	Year 6
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.