



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

Newsletter Date:
Friday 10th July, 2026

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Summer Fayre

HUGE THANKS to our wonderful PTA for organising and holding last Friday's Summer Fayre. Good fun was had by all. I'm delighted to confirm that £753 was raised. Thank you for supporting this event; it was really lovely to see so many of you there.



A special word of thanks, too, to Mr Barsby our Site Manager whose help with logistics was invaluable and massively appreciated.

Transition

There was a buzz of excitement around school earlier in the week for our Transition Days. It was a great opportunity for teaching staff and children to meet each other ahead of the new school year. It was wonderful to welcome back Miss Young who returned from her sabbatical and will teach in Year 1, and to welcome Miss Bartholemew who joins the team from September, teaching in Year 2.

Having spoken to our Year 6 children, it seems they have all enjoyed visiting their new secondary schools; however, it was good to welcome them back as they return for their final two weeks of primary school. (See the back page of this Newsletter for dates and times of Leavers' events).

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.

Attendance this week: 96.4%

FS2WQ 99.5%

FS2NM 99.2%

Y1BB 95%

Y1JD 97.8%

Y2AN 98.7%

Y2RT 98%

Y3RB 95.6%

Y3JD 91%

Y4AS 97.5%

Y4DK 95.6%

Y5BF 96.6%

Y5GC 96.9%

Y6LB 95.9%

Y6GS 95.3%

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.

Reading Survey

One of our main aims is to develop in each child a lifelong love for reading. To help us improve how we teach, resource and support reading both in the classroom and at home, we would love to hear your feedback.

We'd be most grateful if you take just a couple of minutes to complete this short, anonymous survey. Your insights are incredibly valuable and will be used to directly shape our school development priorities and reading strategies moving forward. [Please click here](#) to complete the survey which is open until 9am on Thursday 24th July. Huge thanks in advance for taking the time to share your views.

Lost Property

Over the last few weeks, there's been an increase of lost property. If you have items missing—school uniform, PE kits, lunchboxes, water bottles—it's likely they are in school. Please check the lost property trolleys under the kitchen windows on the large playground. Furthermore, in order to reduce the amount of lost property, **please ensure your child's name is clearly marked in all belongings so missing items can be easily returned.**

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. 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.

Reports

All children will receive their End of Year Report next Thursday (16th). As with last year, these will be emailed to you. For children in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 who have completed national assessments, the outcomes will be shared with these Reports.

Word of the Week

Next week, our Word of the Week is **gratitude**, 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 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.

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 13— Wednesday 15 July		Residential	Walesby	Year 5
Friday 17 July	All Day	Transition Visit	All Saints'	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. School will therefore close for the summer holidays from 3.30pm on 24th July. Following the summer holiday, please note that the first day back for children will be Thursday 3rd September, 2026.

Good Luck, England!

Wishing the England team every success in the World Cup Quarter Finals match tomorrow against Norway. Let's hope they move one match closer to bringing it home! COME ON ENGLAND!!



Water Safety During the Summer

BE SAFE HAVE FUN!

If you are in and around the water
ALWAYS REMEMBER TO:

1 STOP AND THINK

2 STAY TOGETHER

3 FLOAT

4 CALL 999 OR 112

FIND MORE FUN
AND SAFETY TIPS AT
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