



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

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Friday 24th July, 2026**

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede Catholic Voluntary Academy

Final Newsletter of the Year

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. What a year it has been though with so much achieved by so many of our pupils. It's an incredible honour and privilege to serve as the Headteacher of our wonderful school community, ably supported by Mrs Shivley, our governors, clergy and PTA whose dedication and commitment to our school is resolute. I am truly blessed to lead an exceptional staff team who work tirelessly to serve our children, doing all that they can to nurture, mold and inspire them to be the best version of themselves.

On behalf of the staff team and governors, thank you parents/carers for the unwavering support you give our school; we are extremely grateful for all that you do. We relish every moment of working in partnership with you to enable your child to blossom and thrive academically, socially, morally, emotionally and spiritually. I also wish to pay homage to our fabulous children who have yet again proven how truly amazing they are. Their warmth, confidence, resilience, energy and enthusiasm is genuinely inspirational.

As the term closes, we also say a special goodbye to the staff members leaving us to begin new challenges: Mrs Quin, Mrs Durkin Wood and Miss Taylor. To you all, thank you for your dedication and service; our school is a better place because of you. We wish you all the very best for the future. And finally, we must also wave a special goodbye to our Year 6 children. We are very proud of what this wonderful group of children have achieved during their time with us and pray that they continue to build on these successes in their secondary school. May they enjoy and relish all the opportunities that secondary education will bring. This means we also say goodbye to some families for the last time too. We thank you for your continued support and engagement with school over the years. Please know that you will be greatly missed. To our other Year 6 families with siblings and to everyone else, we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you next year.

It is important to note that, with school being closed, dojo and email messages will not be checked during the summer and will be reviewed by our Office Team when school reopens in September. For general enquiries or information regarding term dates, uniforms, or admissions, you may find the answer by visiting our [school website](#). If you have an immediate safeguarding concern regarding a child, please contact the local authority multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH) team directly at 0300 500 80 90 or call the emergency services.

We look forward to welcoming you back and meeting the new families joining our school when we return on Thursday 3rd September at 8.40am. Please report to the classroom doors where you dropped off/collected your child during our recent Transition Days. On behalf of us all, have a very happy, peaceful summer holiday. May God bless you all and keep you safe.

Attendance this week: 96.3%

FS2WQ	96.3%
FS2NM	95.8%
Y1BB	93.8%
Y1JD	97.4%
Y2AN	97.7%
Y2RT	95%
Y3RB	91.9%
Y3JD	96.1%
Y4AS	97.2%
Y4DK	96.3%
Y5BF	96.6%
Y5GC	98.4%
Y6LB	96.3%
Y6GS	98.8%

Reading Survey

Thank you so much for sharing your views in our recent Reading Survey. Please note that this survey is now closed. Senior Leaders appreciate your feedback and will take your views into consideration as we look ahead to develop reading further in the next academic year.

The Big Future

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants to hear from young people to find out how they feel about being a child in England today. Dame Rachel will take these views to the Government to help them make life better for children. The children have taken part in this survey at school, but I wanted share this with you in case you would like to look at this together as a family. All the details to the survey can be found [here](#) and the direct link for the [survey is here](#).

Summer Reading Challenge



Produced by The Reading Agency and run in partnership with libraries across the country, the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) is a great way to keep children reading over the summer. Taking part can help avoid the potential dip in reading levels over the long summer break and provides free fun for 4 – 11 year olds. There are stickers to collect and a medal and certificate when a child completes the Challenge.

This year's challenge is **Read to the Beat**, which celebrates music and sound, and explores how music and storytelling unite; it runs in Nottinghamshire libraries from now until 6th September. Here's how it works:

- Children sign up at their local library and receive a free sticker book.
- Children borrow and read at least six library books, of their choice, during the summer - collecting stickers and other incentives along the way.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge receive a certificate and medal.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to talk to children about the books they have read.

You can find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge and the activities planned on their [website](#). Our school came first in Mansfield last year so let's aim to be the best again this year!

Being Ready for a new school year

When returning to school in September, your child will need:

- Their book bag clearly marked with their first and last name;
- A water bottle, preferably metal as these are more durable, and clearly marked with their name;
- A healthy breaktime snack, [click here](#) for some ideas and inspiration (please note fruit is provided for Foundation and Key Stage 1 children as part of the government's Free Fruit initiative);
- Appropriate clothing and resources, e.g. coat, hat, sunscreen;
- Medication, if required. Please remember that a form must be completed; these are available from the school office.

Baby News



I'm delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Bovell gave birth to a beautiful little boy, Elliott, who arrived on 23rd July at 11:53 weighing 7lb 6oz. Welcome to the world, little one. Huge congratulations to Mr & Mrs Bovell.

NottAlone: It's OK to feel not OK

During the summer holidays, please be reminded of Nottinghamshire County Council's NottAlone service for you or anyone who is struggling with their mental health and are in need of advice and help. This comprehensive website provides local mental health advice, covering a range of areas from self-harm, to family separation, suicidal thoughts or worries about gangs/gang culture. Click [here to visit the NottAlone website](#).

Term Dates: Academic Year 26-27

As shared in previous Newsletters, our 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.

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 3 September	08:40	Return to School		All children
Tuesday 8 September	During School Day	Swimming begins	Rebecca Adlington	Year 3RT
Tuesday 15 September	During School Day	Trip	Bolsover Castle	Year 2

A full list of dates for the first half term will be provided when we return from the summer break.



ST PHILIP NERI PTA

WHAT WE HAVE RAISED

SO FAR THIS YEAR!

A huge thank you to all our amazing families
for your support – together, we're making
a **big** difference for our school!

HARVEST FESTIVAL



WE RAISED
£208.97!

CHRISTMAS FAIR



WE RAISED
£1036.47!

SANTA'S GROTTO



WE RAISED
£1264.50!

EASTER RAFFLE



WE RAISED
£567.57!

AUTUMN DISCO



WE RAISED
£1086.32!

SUMMER FAIR



WE RAISED
£787.91!

ICE POP SALE



WE RAISED
£100.00!

UNIFORM SALE



WE RAISED
£53.00!

**TOTAL RAISED
SO FAR THIS YEAR
£5444.71!**

Every penny
makes a
difference!

WHAT WE'VE SPENT SO FAR

We are aiming to pay for an outdoor classroom with the money
raised as soon as we have enough funds.



£371.88
Tables to be
used for Events
and PTA Fairs



£495.59
Free school
book bags for
our new starters
in Reception and
other Year groups



**FREE
ICEPOPS**
Provided free
icepops during
the heatwave

£250.00
Years 6
Leavers
Party



TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!