

# Nelson St Philip's C of E Primary School

*We love to learn. We learn to love. With Christ as our Guide, we love and learn together.*



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## Autumn Term Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Our Harvest Festivals

Yesterday, we had a lovely time in church celebrating Harvest.

The children, as always, behaved impeccably - both walking to and from church and during the service. A massive well done to Mrs Macdonald and our Worship Ambassadors for planning this special Harvest service and thank you to Reverend Lorelli for inviting us into church.

Very well done to Mrs Swire and our reception children too, as they celebrated this special Christian festival in school.













## Our Christian Value This Week: Compassion

### Compassion

Thank you so much to all our families and school community, who showed concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others – the food you kindly donated for our Harvest Festival will be very much appreciated at the foodbanks.





## Our Christian Value Next Week:

### Superstars of the Week

Pendle - Fatimah Zahra

Barley - Hawwa Shahzad

Marsden - Maryam Qadery

Towneley - Husnain Shahid Yousaf

Wycoller - Mohammed Ali Waqas



### Courage



**Courage** is the ability to control fear and to be willing to deal with something that is dangerous, difficult, or unpleasant; being brave.

'Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.'

(Deuteronomy 31:6)



**BE STRONG  
and very  
COURAGEOUS**  
Joshua 1:9

### Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is

'Only the Strong'. The Christian Value will be 'Courage'.

Please pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have about what you feel your child would benefit from knowing about this theme.



## Class Attendance

### Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Class Pendle   | 96.33% |
| Class Barley   | 97.33% |
| Class Marsden  | 96.21% |
| Class Towneley | 92.33% |
| Class Wycoller | 96.50% |

## Whole School Attendance

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Whole School (Without Extended Leave)        | 95.68% |
| Whole School (With Extended Leave)           | 93.38% |
| (32 sessions of lost learning across school) |        |





## Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2025



| Date and time                                                        | Event                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October | Year 6 Residential at Whitehough.             |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm                               | SCHOOL CLOSURES                               |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 8.55am                            | SCHOOL OPENS                                  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | School Photographs.                           |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | Remembrance Day Service.                      |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November                                     | Road Safety Week/Right Start Training         |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 1 – 3pm                             | Bug Busting Session (handwashing) Key Stage 1 |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm                              | SCHOOL CLOSURES                               |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 8.55am                                | SCHOOL OPENS                                  |

Please read our Vision Statement below and pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have about it. Our school vision influences every aspect of school life, is at the forefront of all our thoughts and prayers and is at the heart of our environment. Thank you.

# Our Vision Statement

We love to learn. We learn to love.  
With Christ as our Guide,  
we love and learn together.

*'God is love, and all who live in love live in God,  
and God lives in them.'  
(1 John 4:16)*

Living out our vision, we aim to:

Guide our children to prepare them for life; Respect themselves and one another; Aspire to achieve their highest potential; Care for the local and wider community; Every child is special in God's eyes.

GRACE

Guide Respect Aspire Care Each of us is special

Please find below the menu for week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October:

### Weekly Menu: Week2s

| Monday                                          | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                        | Thursday                                  | Friday                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Main                                            | Main                                        | Main                                             | Main                                      | Main                                    |
| Jacket Potato                                   | Jacket Potato                               | Jacket Potato                                    | Jacket Potato                             | Cheese Sandwich                         |
| Cheese Sandwich                                 | Cheese Sandwich                             | Cheese Sandwich                                  | Cheese Sandwich                           | Tuna Sandwich                           |
| Tuna Sandwich                                   | Tuna Sandwich                               | Tuna Sandwich                                    | Tuna Sandwich                             | Egg Sandwich                            |
| Egg Sandwich                                    | Egg Sandwich                                | Egg Sandwich                                     | Egg Sandwich                              | Battered Fish with Chips and Mushy Peas |
| Vegetable and Baked Bean Taco with Rainbow Rice | Vegetarian Meatball Sub with Paprika Wedges | Vegetarian Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding with Mash | Vegetarian Curry with Rice and Naan Bread | Pizza with Chips and Sweetcorn          |
| Packed Lunch                                    | Packed Lunch                                | Packed Lunch                                     | Packed Lunch                              | Packed Lunch                            |

#### Allergens

Vegetarian Meatball Sub with Paprika Wedges: **Cereals containing gluten**; Battered Fish with Chips and Mushy Peas: **Cereals containing gluten, Fish**; Cheese Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Milk**; Tuna Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Fish**; Egg Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Eggs**; Vegetarian Curry with Rice and Naan Bread: **Cereals containing gluten**

## Proposed Admission Arrangements

- In compliance with the School Admission Code 2021, schools need to undertake a consultation exercise on their admission arrangements every 7 years, or when their admission criteria changes.
- Part of this process includes consulting with parents. As it is now 7 years since our last consultation, we are now consulting parents.

Please find the link below to the Proposed Admission Arrangements. If you have any comments regarding the proposal, please email [bursar@st-philips.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-philips.lancs.sch.uk), no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

[https://www.st-philips.lancs.sch.uk/uploads/543/files/2027-Lancashire-Model-Admissions-Arrangements-Primary-1%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.st-philips.lancs.sch.uk/uploads/543/files/2027-Lancashire-Model-Admissions-Arrangements-Primary-1%20(2).pdf)

### Emails, Texts, and the School Website

It is vital that you check and read **all** emails and texts sent from school so that you are kept up to date with important information. Please keep checking our school website too as you will find further information there, including a weekly newsletter.

### Absences from school

It is essential that school is notified by telephone (01282 614463) before 8.55am on the first day of absence. If the school is not informed, then enquiries as to the child's whereabouts will be made. If possible, could parents make any medical appointments out of school hours so that your child's education is not disrupted. If, however you do need to take your child out of school, an appointment card will need to be filled in. These are available in the school office. *Please note: if your child has not arrived in school and ordered a school lunch before 9.30am, parents will need to bring in a packed lunch for their child(ren).*

**Saturday 18 October**

# **JUMBLE SALE**

at

**St Philip's Church Centre**

**Leeds Road, Nelson BB9 9XB**

**Doors open 10am**

***Free entry***

**Bring, fill and take away a supermarket  
sized shopping bag from a selection of  
clothing, toys, & other items for**

**£5**

## **GUIDING AT ST. PHILIP'S**

**Friday – St. Philip's Church Centre, Leeds Road, Nelson**



|          | <b>Age</b>    | <b>Time</b>     |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Rainbows | 4 - 7 years   | 5.00pm – 6.15pm |
| Brownies | 7 - 11 years  | 6.15pm – 7.30pm |
| Guides   | 10 - 14 years | 7.30pm – 9.00pm |
| Rangers  | 14 – 18 years | 7.30pm – 9.00pm |



**Why not come and visit us or for more information, please ring: -**

**Sheila 07974 786058**



**TO JOIN IN THE FUN,  
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME**



# 18<sup>th</sup> Pendle Scouting Group

St. John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson

Meetings are on a Tuesday night



|         | Age           | Time            |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| Beavers | 6 - 8 years   | 6.30pm – 7.30pm |
| Cubs    | 8 - 10½ years | 6.30pm – 7.30pm |

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## Important Reminders

### 1. Footwear

- We have noticed several children in school wearing boots or trainers as part of their school uniform. In line with our School Uniform Policy, pupils **must** wear plain black shoes. Trainers may be worn on PE days only.
- During winter months children are allowed to wear sensible plain black boots on the journey to/from school but must change into school shoes upon arrival to their classroom.

### 2. End of the school day

- We have had an increase in children being collected late at the end of the school day. As a reminder, KS1 pupils finish at 3.25pm and KS2 pupils finish at 3.30pm.
- Children **must** be collected by 3.30pm, with the exception of attendance at an after-school club, when they must be collected at 4.15pm.
- When children are collected late it causes disruption to after school clubs and staff meetings/training.
- If you have an emergency and are unable to collect your child(ren) on time, please inform the school office.

## **School Uniform Reminders:**

### **Boys**

Royal Blue sweatshirt (preferably with school logo)  
Dark trousers  
Plain black/grey socks  
White polo/cotton shirt

### **Girls**

Royal Blue sweatshirt/cardigan (preferably with school logo)  
Dark skirt or trousers  
Plain socks, tights or shalwar (black, grey or white)  
White Polo/Cotton Shirt  
In the summer girls may wear a pale blue checked dress

**We expect all children to wear full school uniform every day. This includes plain black school shoes with a sensible heel, not trainers and no logos. If children have a problem with their usual school shoes, they must wear their black school pumps whilst in school. During winter months children are allowed to wear sensible plain black boots on the journey to/from school but must change into school shoes upon arrival to their classroom.**

- The children are expected to keep their shirts tucked in if they remove their jumpers and not to have their jumpers around their waist, as we want high standards from our pupils, including their uniform presentation.
- It is the School's Governors' Policy that all children do not wear scarves of any type, in our school or in our school grounds, in view of their age and in the interests of health and safety.
- **Please ensure that all items of clothing are named** – then they can be returned to your child if the items become lost. Jewellery is not allowed in school. **Pupils should not wear rings, bracelets, necklaces, or earrings in school.** Inexpensive wristwatches are allowed.