

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

*We wish all our families a restful half term break and look forward to seeing you again on  
Wednesday 5th November.*

### Our Reading Café Book Sale

A Big Thank You from Mrs Swire!

Mrs Swire would like to thank our wonderful Reading Ambassadors for running such a successful Reading Café Book Sale. The pre-loved book packs proved very popular, and so far they have raised over £70 to help us buy exciting new books for school! A huge thank you also to all the parents who came along and supported the sale - your generosity and enthusiasm made the event a real success.









## Our Christian Value the First Week Back:



### Compassion



**-Compassion** is concern for the sufferings  
or misfortunes of others.

Being **good**; being **kind**; being **helpful**.



In the Bible, Jesus' works of healing  
were always prompted by compassion  
for people's suffering.





Collective Worship in School  
 Our Collective Worship theme the first week back is 'All Saints' Day'. The Christian Value will be 'Compassion'. Please pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have about what you feel your child would benefit from knowing about this theme.



## **WELL DONE TEAM SATURN!**

You are the overall  
 WINNING TEAM for this  
 half term!



## **Class Attendance**



|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Class Pendle   | 87.41% |
| Class Barley   | 90.00% |
| Class Marsden  | 84.51% |
| Class Towneley | 92.00% |
| Class Wycoller | 94.50% |

## **Whole School Attendance**

|                                              |        |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|
| Whole School (Without Extended Leave)        | 89.40% |
| Whole School (With Extended Leave)           | 87.66% |
| (24 sessions of lost learning across school) | 1.74%  |





## Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2025



| Date and time                             | Event                                         |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November:**

### Weekly Menu: Week1s

| Monday                           | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday                                     | Thursday                             | Friday                            |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Main                             | Main                                       | Main                                          | Main                                 | Main                              |
| Jacket Potato                    | Jacket Potato                              | Jacket Potato                                 | Jacket Potato                        | Cheese Sandwich                   |
| Cheese Sandwich                  | Cheese Sandwich                            | Summer Picnic Cheese Sandwich and mini samosa | Cheese Sandwich                      | Tuna Sandwich                     |
| Tuna Sandwich                    | Tuna Sandwich                              | Summer Picnic Tuna Sandwich and mini samosa   | Tuna Sandwich                        | Egg Sandwich                      |
| Egg Sandwich                     | Egg Sandwich                               | Summer Picnic Egg Sandwich and mini samosa    | Egg Sandwich                         | Pizza served with Chips and Beans |
| Pasta with Herby Bread and Salad | Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Wedges | Summer Picnic Egg Sandwich and mini samosa    | Vegetable Burger with Tortilla Chips | Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans |
| Packed Lunch                     | Packed Lunch                               | Quorn Fillet, Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Veg     | Packed Lunch                         | Packed Lunch                      |
|                                  |                                            | Packed Lunch                                  |                                      |                                   |

**Allergens**  
Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Wedges: **Cereals containing gluten**; Pasta with Herby Bread and Salad : **Cereals containing gluten**; Cheese Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Milk**; Tuna Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Fish**; Egg Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Eggs**; Quorn Fillet, Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Veg: **Cereals containing gluten**; Pizza served with Chips and Beans: **Cereals containing gluten**; Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans: **Cereals containing gluten, Fish**

## 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).*

# GUIDING AT ST. PHILIP'S

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



|          | Age           | Time            |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 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.