

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 14th November 2025

Our Flamenco Day

Last Friday, we had a flamenco dance day. We learnt a little about the history of flamenco and explored the music, rhythm and expression of this Spanish form of dance. Teachers and children had an amazing time and we all showed just how talented we are.





Our Remembrance Day Service

On Tuesday, Mr Sutcliffe led our Remembrance Day Service, alongside Mrs Ralph, who played the last post on her bugle. Thank you to all the children for the respect that they showed during this important service.



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Being good; being kind; being helpful.

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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



Class Pendle	90.37%
Class Barley	96.67%
Class Marsden	97.78%
Class Towneley	96.67%
Class Wycoller	91.58%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	94.89%
Whole School (With Extended Leave)	94.14%
(10 sessions of lost learning across school)	0.75%

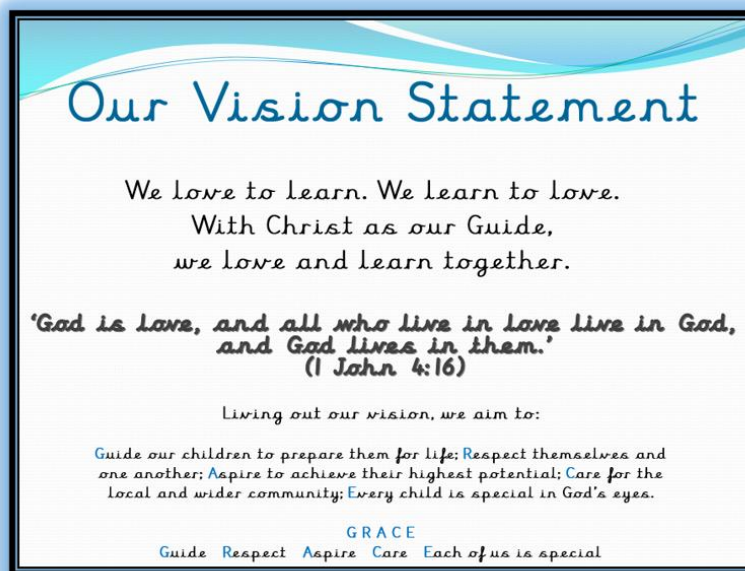


Key Dates for the Autumn Term, 2025



Date and time	Event
Monday 17th November 4.15 - 6.45pm	Cinema Night (Key Stage 2)
Monday 17th November	Road Safety Week/Right Start Training
Thursday 20th and Friday 21st November	African drumming workshop
Monday 24th November 3.30 - 5.30pm	Parents' Evening - appointments are available to book on School Spider.
Tuesday 25th November 3.30 - 5.30pm	Parents' Evening - appointments are available to book on School Spider.
Friday 28th November 1 - 3pm	Bug Busting Session (handwashing) Key Stage 1
Friday 19th December 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSES
Monday 5th 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



Please find below the menu for week commencing 24^h November:

Week 3

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	Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans
Meatballs, Mild Chilli/Sweet Pepper Sauce & Rice	Pasta Tubes with Homemade Dough Balls and Salad	Quorn Fillet, Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Veg	Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Paprika Potatoes & Beans	Pizza with Chips and Sweetcorn
Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch

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, no later than Friday 5th 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).

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 you 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**