

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 21st November 2025

African drumming and dance

On Thursday and Friday of this week, all children throughout school, took part in an African drumming and dance workshop. The children learnt the art of traditional West African beats through call and response drumming whilst also learning a little about African culture. It was very noisy but great fun.

We definitely have some budding drummers amongst our children.







Our Christian value this week : Compassion.

The year sixes showed compassion when they welcomed their buddies.



Our Christian Value Next Week:

Superstars of the Week

Pendle - Abeeha Noor
Barley - Abu Bakr Mohammed
Marsden - Keith Waterworth
Towneley - Uthman Hussain
Wycoller - Arfa Khan



Integrity



Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

'Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.'
(Proverbs 28:6)





Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is

"Christ the King." The Christian Value will be *'Integrity'*.

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



Class Pendle	94.57%
Class Barley	95.67%
Class Marsden	97.81%
Class Towneley	92.33%
Class Wycoller	100%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	95.75%
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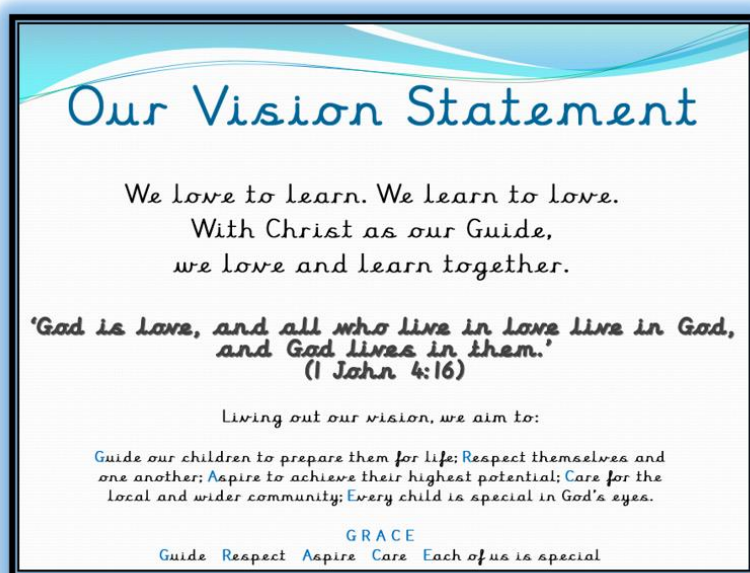


Key Dates for the Autumn Term, 2025



Date and time	Event
Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st November	African drumming workshop
Monday 24 th November 3.45 - 5.30pm	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 25 th November 3.45 - 5.30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 28 th November 1 - 3pm	Bug Busting Session (handwashing) Key Stage 1
Friday 28 th November	Non-uniform day in exchange for Chocolate
Wednesday 10 th December 2.00 - 3.00 pm	Nativity Play
Thursday 11 th December 3.00 - 4.30 pm	Christmas Fair
Friday 12 th December 2.00 - 3.00 pm	Nativity Play
Wednesday 17 th December 1.15 - 3.15 pm	Christmas party
Friday 19 th December 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSSES
Monday 5 th 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 24th November:

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
Pasta Twists with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad	Loaded Vegetable Chilli Nachos with Rice and Salad	Quorn Fillet, Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Veg	Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges	Pizza served with Chips and Beans
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).*

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**



18th 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.