

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 12th December 2025

Nativity Play

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

The school held our annual Nativity Concert this week. Teachers and children have worked incredibly hard, over the last few weeks, learning their lines and practising their songs. It was a fabulous performance. The actors, the narrators and all the singers were all amazing and we are very proud of all of you.





Pantomime

On Monday 5th January 2026, M&M productions will be visiting school in the afternoon to perform Snow White at 2pm. This will be for the whole school. The cost is £6 per child. Please make payment on ParentPay by Wednesday 17th December 2025.

Our Christian value this
week : Hope

The children, all hoped that they would
win the golf tournament.



Our Christian Value Next Week: Peace



Peace



Peace is freedom from war and violence, especially when people live and work together happily.

In the Bible...

*'Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.'
(Psalm 34:14)*



Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme
next week is:

'Advent 2' The Christian Value
will be 'Peace'.

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	94.64%
Class Barley	96.55%
Class Marsden	93.93%
Class Towneley	92.67%
Class Wycoller	98.42%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	92.01%
Whole School (With Extended Leave)	95.00%
(40 sessions of lost learning across school)	2.99%





Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2025 and Spring Term, 2026



Date and time	Event
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas party
Thursday 18 th December 2025 9.30 - 10.30 am	Christingle Service
Friday 19 th December 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSURES
Monday 5 th January 8.55am	SCHOOL OPENS
Monday 5 th January	Snow White Pantomime (Please see ParentPay)
Wednesday 21 st January 2025	Go Velo Cycle Coaching -Year five
Thursday 22 nd January 2025	Go Velo Cycle Coaching -Year five - second stage
Friday 6 th February 2025	NSPCC Number Day

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

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*'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 15th December 2025

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

Christmas at St John with St Philip

Sun 14th Dec

10:30am Traditional worship for Advent/kids church

3pm Asian Carol Service *followed by curry*

Sun 21st Dec

10:30am Nativity fun for everyone

6pm Carols by Candlelight
*followed by mulled wine, mulled punch
and mince pies*

Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle
followed by refreshments

11pm International Midnight Mass by candlelight

Christmas Day

10am All age Christmas Communion

St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson
following Jesus together as family



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.