

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Christmas party

#### It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

We held our annual Christmas party this week. We all had a fantastic time. We had some delicious food and played party games. KS1 loved their special visitor.







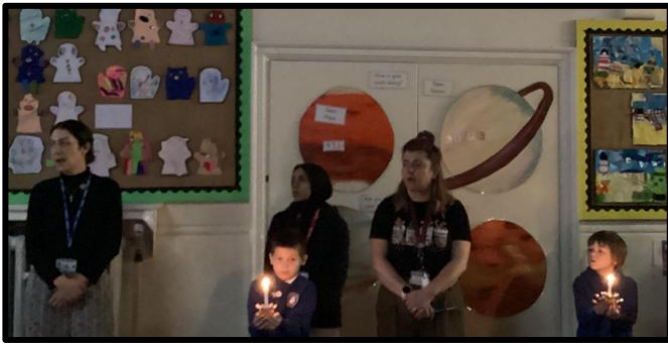


### Christingle Service

We also held our Christingle service this week. The Worship Ambassadors and Reverend Lorelli Hilliard led the service. It was wonderful and thank you to Mrs Harvey - who played the piano. The behaviour of all children, in school, was exceptional.







### Attendance Prize

Well done to all the amazing children, below, who have achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. All children will be treated to a trip to the pantomime. Big Bradley Local have donated the Pantomime tickets to attend the Municipal Hall to see Aladdin and school will fund the coaches.



Thank you for everybody's support at the Christmas Fair. We managed to raise an amazing £736.05. Well done everybody!

## Our Christian value this week : Peace

The children thought about the peace that Christmas brings as we held our Christingles.



## Our Christian Value Next Week: Hope

### Superstars of the Week

<u>Pendle</u> -	Mustafa Rafiq
<u>Barley</u> -	Maiza Rizwan
<u>Marsden</u> -	Ayla Raza
<u>Towneley</u> -	Killian Hayton
<u>Wycoller</u> -	Abdullah Zarooof



### Hope

**'Hope is believing that good things will happen.'**

*In the Bible...*

*'Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit.'*  
(1 Corinthians 13:13)





### Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme  
next week is:

*'Epiphany'* The Christian Value  
will be *'Hope'*.

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 Wycoller were the best  
attending class in the Autumn  
Term with 96.73%, and won an  
afternoon of games.





## Attendance Matters



Class Pendle	88.93%	Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	93.73%
Class Barley	96.21%	Whole School (With Extended Leave)	89.85%
Class Marsden	94.64%	(52 sessions of lost learning across school)	3.88%
Class Towneley	94.67%		
Class Wycoller	94.21%		





## Key Dates for the Autumn and Spring Terms 2025



Date and time	Event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSURES
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 8.55am	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Primary Schools Admission Workshop (see Mrs Thomas for details)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Snow White Pantomime (see Parent Pay)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Pantomime trip attendance award
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Go Velo Cycle Coaching - Year five
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Go Velo Cycle Coaching - Year five
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2025	Zoo Lab - Whole school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30 pm 2025	SCHOOL CLOSURES

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 5<sup>th</sup> January 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

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

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

**Sheila 07974 786058**



**Girlguiding**

**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

Why not visit us on a Tuesday evening, or for more information, please ring:-

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**BEAVERS**

**CUBS**

## 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.