

# 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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## Spring Term Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Zoolab:

On Monday, Zoolab brought their animals to school to meet the children. We met a giant snail, a tarantula, a cockroach, a frog (named Jump) and a snake. The children showed how brave they could be. Read the recounts, from Arfa and Amna Khan, to find out more about the day.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Recount

Dear diary,

On Monday, I had the most memorable experience in my life. Zoolab arrived to our school and brought some crazy animals! I never expected this to come.

First, a huge snail came out of a box with more surprising animals inside. Nervously, I agreed to have the snail on my trembling hands. I couldn't believe it! It felt weird and slimy and after I was done with the snail, I rubbed my hands, disgusted by how it felt.

Next was a cockroach! I was honestly doubting myself. Can I hold it? How will it feel? Eventually, I slowly put my hand out and held the large cockroach. It was fast - really fast. It tickled my hands and I couldn't help but giggle.

After that was a tarantula! I could not believe what I was seeing. We weren't allowed to hold it because the tarantula was venomous. Honestly, that made me extremely relieved. We looked closely and when I saw its leg move, it made me have shivers down my spine.

After the tarantula, there was an enormous snake. The woman, who brought the animals, held its head and tail. We held the middle of the snake and had a feel of its scaly skin. Shockingly, I wasn't even scared!

Finally, was my favourite animal. A frog! His name was Flump and he kept us all entertained. First, he kept stretching his leg in weird but funny positions. It looked like he was doing extreme gymnastics! Next, he waved at us like a famous celebrity. We were all dying of laughter. Next was the best part. Flump was jumping all over the place! He crawled onto the woman's shoulder and did a enormous jump that left us all amazed. It was hilarious!

Arfa

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Recount of Zoolab



On Monday, Zoolab came to visit our school. First, I met an African land snail. It felt slimy and it was very slimy. When I rubbed my hands together the slimy disappeared. It was so gross. Then, I met a stick insect. It was from Philippines. I was scared so I did not hold it. It could camouflage in on the trees. That's why it's called stick insect. After that I met a tarantula. It made me feel shocked and scared. It lived in the desert. I then met a rock snake. It was scary and it was small. Although it's small and it shedded.

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At first, the rock snake came from North America. It was stretchy. The rock snake had lots and lots of little bodies. So we couldn't squeeze it. They are cold blooded reptiles.

I have loved learning about these animals. I hope I can come next year.





Our Christian value this  
week : Compassion.

We showed compassion, for others, when we  
raised money at the Macmillan Coffee Morning.



## Our Christian Value Next Week:

### Superstars of the Week

Pendle - Harris Rana

Barley - Zoya Kamran

Marsden - Mujahid Tijani

Towneley - Moiz Qadery

Wycoller - Alicja Sarzynska



### 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:

'Children's Mental Health week' The Christian Value will be "Compassion."

Please pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have



"What's your best discovery?" asked the mole.  
"That I'm enough as I am," said the boy.



## Class Attendance



Class Pendle	94.14%
Class Barley	96.67%
Class Marsden	97.67%
Class Towneley	93.67%
Class Wyroller	98.00%

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	95.90%
Whole School (With Extended Leave)	95.18%
(10 sessions of lost learning across school)	0.72%

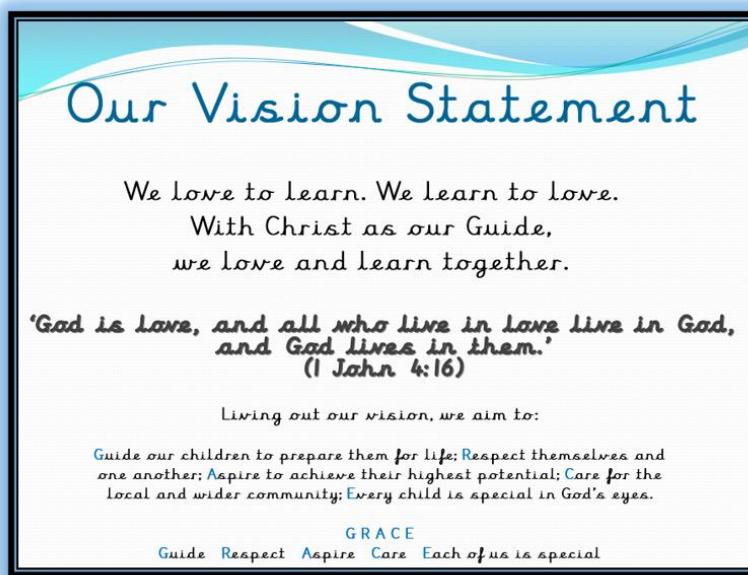


Key Dates for the Spring Term, 2026



Date and time	Event
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Safer Internet Day - Whole school
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Indoor bowls at the Leisure Box
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 3.30 pm 2026	SCHOOL CLOSES
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 8.55 am 2026	SCHOOL REOPENS
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Food for Life Day
Monday 23rd March 2026	ART day - in school

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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

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

### 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

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

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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.