

# 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### 'Food for Life Day'

Mrs Swire and the SNAG team led an amazing Food for Life day on Wednesday.

The classes explored food, creativity and healthy lifestyles and learnt how to live more sustainably. All children have grown some vegetables or spices ready to use in their cooking lessons in the Summer Term.

Pendle children learnt the names of new spring flowers and enjoyed making colourful fruit kebabs. They loved exploring different flavours while talking about healthy choices.

Barley class got wonderfully messy with mud painting and created focaccia using a bread maker.

Marsden pupils made delicious homemade pizza and designed their own healthy packed lunch ideas. They could definitely open their own pizza restaurant.

Towneley class cooked a comforting vegetable soup and created beautiful seasonal fruit collages. They talked about how different foods grow and when they are in season.

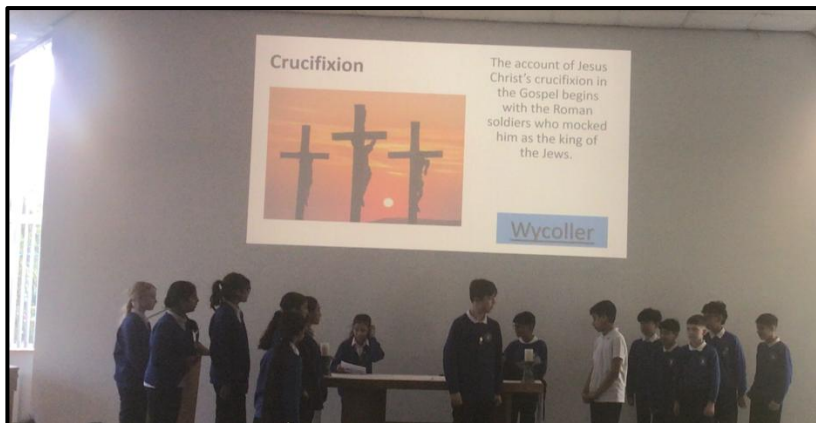
Wycoller children made spanakopita and also designed creative food packaging. Their designs showed great imagination and an understanding of what makes packaging appealing and informative.





## Easter Service

The annual Easter Service took place today in Church. It was led by Reverend Lorelli Hilliard and each class acted out a part of the Easter story. The behaviour of all children was excellent and they were all very respectful.



### Mini cops

Our very own mini cops were presented with an award today for their service and participation in the programme. Many of the teachers were shocked at the amount of work that they had to carry out to win this very prestigious award. Well done to all of you.



Our Christian value this week : Hope



Our Christian  
Value  
13.04.2026:

Superstars of the Week

- Pendle - Ali Ahmed  
Barley - Faizan Qaiser  
Marsden - Zarnab Waqas  
Towneley - Hafsa Chaudhry  
Wycoller - Noor Fatima



**Reverence**



- Honour or respect for someone or something.

*In the Bible...*



'Be devoted to one another  
in brotherly love.  
Honour one another above  
yourselves.'



(Romans 12:10)



Collective Worship in  
School

Our Collective Worship theme  
for 13.04.2026 is:

'Wisdom. The Christian  
Value will be Reverence.

Please pass on any thoughts  
and ideas you may have  
about what you feel your

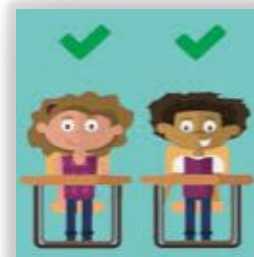


# Class Attendance



|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Class Pendle   | 91.67% |
| Class Barley   | 90.33% |
| Class Marsden  | 97.24% |
| Class Towneley | 93.33% |
| Class Wycoller | 92.00% |

|                                             |        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| Whole School (Without Extended Leave)       | 92.95% |
| Whole School (With Extended Leave)          | 0.43%  |
| (6 sessions of lost learning across school) | 92.52% |

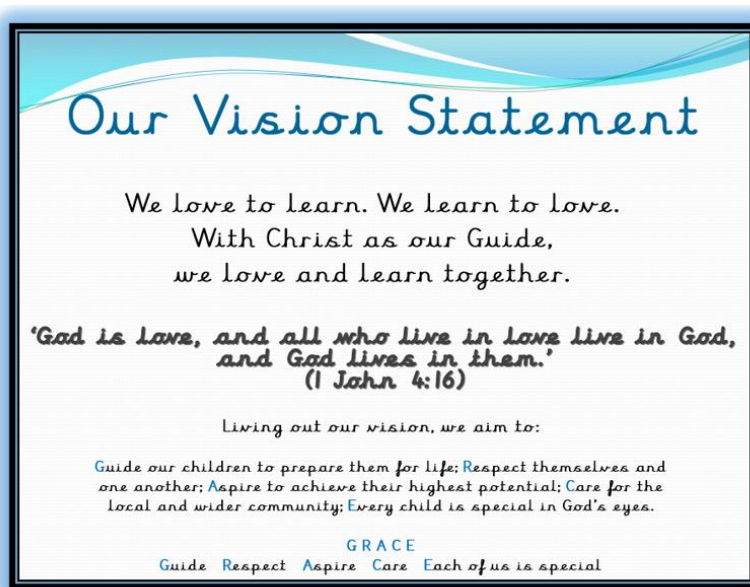


## Key Dates for the Summer Term 2026



| Date and time                                       | Event                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026                  | SCHOOL CLOSSES                       |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026                  | SCHOOL REOPENS                       |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April                      | KS2 seatbelt talks                   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                   | Hinduism Workshop Day                |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026                     | Hinduism Workshop Day                |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 | KS2 SATs week                        |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026                    | Pendle Class visit to Northwood Farm |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026                    | SCHOOL CLOSSES                       |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026                    | SCHOOL REOPENS                       |

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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Following guidance from Lancashire County Council, with effect from 13th April 2026, the cost of school lunches will increase to £3.00. The increase is due to rising food, energy and salary costs.

| Monday                                         | Tuesday                                              | Wednesday                                 | Thursday                                            | Friday                            |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Main</b>                                    | <b>Main</b>                                          | <b>Main</b>                               | <b>Main</b>                                         | <b>Main</b>                       |
| Jacket Potato                                  | Jacket Potato                                        | Jacket Potato                             | Jacket Potato                                       | Cheese Sandwich                   |
| Cheese Sandwich                                | Cheese Sandwich                                      | Cheese Sandwich                           | Summer Picnic Cheese Sandwich & Veggie Sausage Roll | Tuna Sandwich                     |
| Tuna Sandwich                                  | Tuna Sandwich                                        | Tuna Sandwich                             | Summer Picnic Tuna Sandwich & Veggie Sausage Roll   | Egg Sandwich                      |
| Egg Sandwich                                   | Egg Sandwich                                         | Egg Sandwich                              | Summer Picnic Egg Sandwich & Veggie Sausage Roll    | Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans |
| Pasta Twists with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad | Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake with Paprika Potatoes | Quorn Fillet, Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Veg | Vegetable Tikka Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread  | 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            |
|----------|---------------|-----------------|
| 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 |

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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.

## Holy Week & Easter—a warm welcome for everyone

|                      |                   |                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun 29 Mar</b>    | <b>10:30</b>      | <b>Palm Sunday Service for all the family</b>                                                                         |
|                      | <b>15:00</b>      | <b>Asian Service followed by curry</b>                                                                                |
| <b>Tues 31 Mar</b>   | 08:00 to<br>20:00 | Prayer Room open; Contemplative Prayers 19:00                                                                         |
| <b>Weds 1 Apr</b>    | <b>19:30</b>      | Tenebrae: an audio-visual moving journey through Christ's suffering—a modern take on an ancient service               |
| <b>Maundy Thurs</b>  | <b>19:30</b>      | Holy Communion with prayer for renewal & healing                                                                      |
| <b>Good Friday</b>   | <b>10:00</b>      | Easter Experience for all the family followed by hot cross buns then lunch together (we order from the chippy or BYO) |
|                      | <b>15:00</b>      | Service on Pendle Hill or in Barley Chapel                                                                            |
| <b>Easter Sunday</b> | <b>06:30</b>      | Dawn Holy Communion in St John's Church garden                                                                        |
|                      | <b>10:30</b>      | International Celebration for Everyone with Baptisms & Easter egg hunt                                                |

St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Rd  
*following Jesus together as family*

