

Nelson St Philip's C of E Primary School

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Autumn Term Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome back to all our families. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

The children have started the new academic year with enthusiasm and have already demonstrated excellent attitudes towards their learning. All our staff are looking forward to working in partnership with you once again to provide the very best education and opportunities for your children throughout the year ahead.

Our Christian Value This Week: Hope

Hope – Our hope is that, like last year's Year 6 children, every child at St Philip's will make wonderful memories, enjoy special experiences and build lasting friendships that they will cherish and look back on with fondness for years to come.



Our Christian Value Next Week:



Compassion



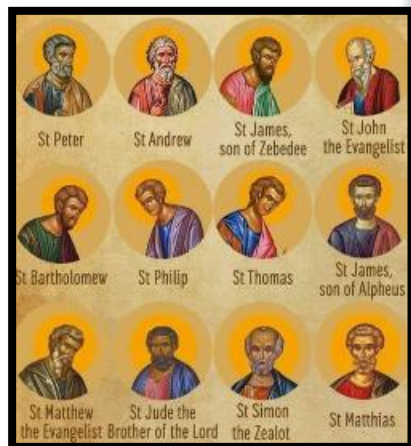
-Compassion is concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

Being good; being kind; being helpful.



In the Bible, Jesus' works of healing were always prompted by compassion for people's suffering.





Collective Worship in School
 Our Collective Worship theme the first week back is
 'The Apostles'. The Christian Value will be 'Compassion'.
 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 Pendle	96.67%
Class Barley	97.75%
Class Marsden	96.11%
Class Towneley	97.62%
Class Wycoller	100%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	97.78%
Whole School (With Extended Leave)	96.34%
Extended Leave (11 sessions of lost learning across school)	1.44%



Key Dates for the Autumn Term, 2025



Date and time	Event
Tuesday 8 th September 9 - 10am	Year 4 Swimming lessons begin.
Friday 16 th October	Whole School Zumba Day.
Wednesday 21 st October - Friday 23 rd October	Year 6 Residential at Whitehough.
Friday 23 rd October 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSSES
Monday 2 nd November 8.55am	SCHOOL OPENS
Thursday 12 th November	School Photographs.
Monday 16 th November	Road Safety Week/Right Start Training
Monday 16 th November	Flu Vaccines
Friday 18 th December 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSSES
Monday 4 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.

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 7th September:

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	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).*

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 you 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.