

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 18th September 2026

Forest School

Miss Peel said, "Last week, Class Barley enjoyed a fantastic Forest School session at Off Shoots. We gathered around the fire and toasted marshmallows, enjoying the outdoor experience together. The children also explored the site and learned about the different plants and vegetables growing in the garden. It was a wonderful opportunity to develop our nature knowledge, build confidence outdoors and have lots of fun."









Our Christian Value This Week: Justice

Justice – As part of their role, our newly appointed Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Prefects help to ensure that every child at St Philip's has a voice, is treated fairly, and demonstrates respect for others. They are available to listen to pupils' ideas, suggestions, and concerns, helping to promote fairness, equality, and justice throughout our school community.



Our Christian Value Next Week:

Superstars of the Week

Pendle – Not this week

Barley – Harris Rana

Marsden – Aahil Mohammed

Towneley – Muhammad Hussnain

Wycoller – Urwa Eshaal



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.



(Class Pendle will be involved in Celebration Worship once they have settled into school life and routines.)



Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is 'British Values'. 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	96.25%
Class Barley	99.17%
Class Marsden	97.08%
Class Towneley	96.43%
Class Wycoller	94.58%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	96.74%
Whole School (With Extended Leave)	95.65%
Extended Leave (12 sessions of lost learning across school)	1.09%



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on *Friday 25th September 9-10.30am*

To raise funds, pupils may come to school in non-uniform. If it is their PE day, they will need to ensure that they can still undertake their PE lesson in their choice of clothing. Juice and cake bars will also be provided to all children in their classrooms.

All proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support and a donation of £1.00 per child would be welcomed.





Key Dates for the Autumn Term 2026



Date and time	Event
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning (see email for further information)
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 CLOSES
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 CLOSES
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 21st 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	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich
Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Egg Sandwich
Egg Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Battered Fish with Chips and Mushy Peas
Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Herby Potatoes	Piri Piri Quorn with rice and pitta bread	Veggie Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Burger and Paprika Potatoes	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).

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.