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 13th November 2026

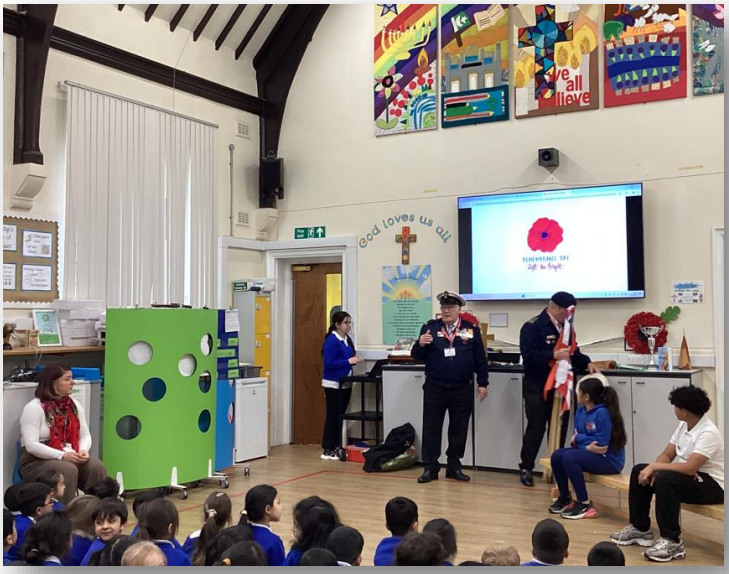
Remembrance Day – St Philip's Remembers

Here are some photographs from our Remembrance Day Service held at school on Wednesday.

We would like to offer our thanks to Mike Sutcliff for leading the service and helping us remember and reflect on the courage, sacrifice and service of those who have given so much for others.

We were incredibly proud of all our pupils, who demonstrated exceptional respect, thoughtfulness and maturity throughout. Their quiet reflection and impeccable behaviour helped create a meaningful atmosphere, ensuring that the significance of the day was honoured and remembered by everyone present.

Lest we forget.










We all belong
God loves us all
Fire exit


We all belong
God loves us all
Fire exit
Let's make a healthy choice



Our Christian Value This Week: Service





Service

Our Head Boy and Head Girl spotted wonderful examples of service around school this week.

- They recognised our cook, Amanda, for the care and dedication she shows each day in preparing meals for everyone.
- They also noticed pupils demonstrating service by helping to keep our school tidy, kindly picking up coats from the floor and taking pride in our school environment.
- These thoughtful acts show how serving others helps our school community flourish.



Our Christian Value Next Week:

Superstars of the Week

Pendle – Ala Noor Azmat

Barley – Maheen Awaiss

Marsden – Amna Khan

Towneley – Raisa Cardos

Wycoller – Khadija Mushtaq



Appreciation



Appreciation is to recognise and enjoy the good qualities of someone or something.



We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers. (Thessalonians 1:2)





Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is *'Thank you'*. The Christian Value will be *'Appreciation.'*

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	98.50%
Class Barley	95.33%
Class Marsden	92.67%
Class Towneley	96.07%
Class Wycoller	99.33%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School	96.95%





Key Dates for the Autumn Term, 2026



Date and time	Event
Monday 16th November	Road Safety Week/Right Start Training
Monday 16th November	Flu Vaccines
Monday 23rd November 3.30 – 5.30pm	Parents' Evening (see email for further details)
Thursday 26th November	Visit to Blackburn Empire Theatre – Years 1, 2 & 3 (Aladdin Pantomime)
Friday 27th November 9.00 – 10.30am	Class Pendle Stay and Play (Maths theme)
Monday 30th November 3.30 – 5.30pm	Parents' Evening (see email for further details)
Friday 18th December 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSES
Monday 4th 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

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 16th November:

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
Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta with Bread	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	
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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.