

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 1

Friday 9th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of the new school year – I do hope that you have had an enjoyable summer holiday. It has been great to see how happily the children have come back into school.

A warm welcome to our Reception Class children and their families to our school community. We're very much looking forward to getting to know your children and watching them learn and develop.

If you do need to speak with me, I'll be available on the school yard most mornings. If there is anything important or sensitive you need to speak to me or class teachers about, please arrange an appointment in person or over the phone by contacting the school office.

Safeguarding

We have sent our annual reminder letter about safeguarding information. Please make sure you inform school of any change in details relating to your child so that all the information we hold is correct.

Attendance and Punctuality

We understand that children can be unwell and when they are poorly, they should not be in school. If your child is unwell, please inform the school office in line with safeguarding procedures.

Holidays will not be authorised in term time. Authorised leave from school will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Information about attendance will be following next week. If you require any further support, please contact me via the school office.

Meet the Teacher Curriculum Meetings

Please find below the dates and times for the Curriculum Meetings that will be taking place in school. Sessions should last no more than half an hour. If you are unable to attend the sessions, information will be shared.

Children can be brought to these sessions. Members of staff will supervise the children in another classroom.

Reception	Wednesday	18.9.24 3:30pm	Focus: supporting Early Reading
Year 1	Tuesday	24.9.24 3:30pm	Focus: reading/phonics
Year 2	Thursday	19.9.24 3:30pm	Focus: reading
Year 3	Tuesday	26.09.24 3:30pm	Focus: tables
Year 4	Thursday	26.9.24 3.30 pm	Focus: tables
Year 5	Wednesday	18.9.24 3.30 pm	Focus: arithmetic
Year 6	Tuesday	17.9.24 3.30 pm	Focus: supporting children in Y6

Free School Meals

If you think that you might be eligible to claim for Free School Meals, please apply via the Gateshead Council website [Free school meals - Gateshead Council](#)

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive free school meals. However, even if your children are in those year groups and you are eligible to claim, it would be of great benefit to the school as we receive funding for each pupil for the remainder of their time in school, not just for any period of eligibility. It is a straightforward and confidential process.

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PE Days

Children will have PE on the following days this half term:

Reception:	Tuesday
Year 1:	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2:	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3:	Monday & Thursday
Year 4:	Monday & Thursday
Year 5:	Thursday (swimming) & Friday
Year 6:	Tuesday & Thursday

A reminder that on PE days, children wear their PE kits for school:

red t shirt, plain navy blue or black shorts, plain navy blue/black joggers/ leggings, school jumper or cardigan, trainers.

Stars of the Week

This week's stars are:

Isobelle H	For being an amazing role model in year 1.
Lily W	For being an excellent role model for behaviour.
Grace A-A	For an impressive start to year 3.
Lucas T	For a super start to year 4.
Sam S	For demonstrating a mature, Year 5 ready attitude to learning – a real role model.
Oola V	For being a perfect year 6 role model and for super maths too!

After School Clubs

We are currently organising afterschool clubs. Letters have been distributed tonight to the relevant classes. Parents can enrol online through Arbor.

Clubs Autumn Term 1

Hockey Club	Y3 & Y4	Wednesday evenings	Starts 11.9.24
Football Club	Y5 & Y6	Thursday evenings	Starts 12.9.24
Mini Vinnies	KS2	Wednesday evenings	Dates to be confirmed.

More information will follow with regards to Eco Club in due course.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some key dates for the Autumn term. Details of after school clubs, Christmas Nativity arrangements and other dates which have not been confirmed yet will follow soon.

September

Thursday 12th September	Year 5 start swimming Dunston Baths every Thursday.
Tuesday 17th September	Year 6 Curriculum Meeting, 3.30 – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 18th September	Reception Curriculum Meeting, 3:30 – 4.00pm
Wednesday 18th September	Year 5 Curriculum Meeting 3.30 – 4.00 pm
Thursday 19th September	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting, 3:30– 4.00pm
Tuesday 24th September	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting, 3.30– 4.00pm
Wednesday 25th September	Y4 Curriculum Meeting, 3.30 – 4.00 pm
Thursday 26th September	Y3 Curriculum Meeting, 3.30 – 4.00 pm

October

Friday 11th October	Reception/ Year 6 Class Buddies Assembly, 9am in the school hall
Friday 18th October	Year 5 Class Liturgy, 9am
Friday 25th October	Year 4 Class Liturgy, 9am

Half Term Holiday: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

November

Friday 15th November	Year 3 Class Liturgy, 9am
Friday 22nd November	Year 2 Class Liturgy, 9am
Friday 29th November	Year 1 Class Liturgy, 9am

December

Friday 20th December	last day of term
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January

Tuesday 6th January	first day of new term for pupils
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