

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 4

Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this week's Celebration of the Word, the children thought about what treasures mean to them. As usual, they were extremely thoughtful in their responses, sharing examples from their own lives of treasured photographs of loved ones and of favourite teddies.

Best wishes,

Mrs Sarah Williams

Catholic Life

Y6 and Reception Class joined together last week for their buddy assembly. It was lovely to see so many of you there and to welcome some of our new families. Our Year 6 and Reception pupils have already become firm friends.

Thanks to our Year 5 pupils for leading our Celebration of the Word this morning, reflecting on the special gifts their friends have.

Wellbeing Wednesday

This Wednesday, we thought about what harvest is and how we can help people less fortunate than ourselves. This year, we will be supporting the local charity, Feeding Families. If you are in a position to support this charity, letters have been sent out with a list for items. Our collection date is Friday 8th November. [Home - Feeding Families](#)

Friends of St Philip's Christmas Preparations

We will be sending out information about preparations for the school Christmas Fair and our donation day. If you would be able to help Friends of St Philip's to get ready for the fair, or can help on the day, please contact the school office.

Parents' Evening

Most families have now booked their appointment for parents' evening. If you've been unable to book, please contact the school office and we will be able to help you.

Safeguarding

The designated persons for safeguarding and child protection are Mrs Williams, Miss Anthony, Miss Ormerod, Mr Wright. If you need to speak to a designated person, please contact the school office.

This Week's School Attendance

What a fantastic week for attendance!

W/C 07.10.24

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Y1	98.81%
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Stars of the Week

A Star of the Week is picked from each class every week and they have their star displayed in the school hall:

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Brody T	For fantastic listening and using wonderful vocabulary.
Emily T	For fantastic improvement in writing and phonics.
Hunter W	For his enthusiasm and dedication to learning about the Great Fire of London.
Emil S-E	For some great contributions in lessons.
Archie T-B	For fantastic reading.
Sumukh H	For sharing fascinating information about Diwali.
Kethan S	For sharing fascinating information about Diwali.
Summer W	For working hard consistently in every lesson. Well, done! A great role model.

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Milan M	For fantastic work in phonics and handwriting.
Olivia G	For being such an excellent role model and friend!
Sophia C	For excellent mathematical reasoning.
Esme S	For an excellent effort with handwriting.
Isabelle S	For excellent use of factors and multiples in maths.
Michael G	For fantastic language in writing of A River.
Joseph E	For excellent work when tackling long division.

After School Clubs – Starting w/c 4.11.24 (Autumn 2)

Next half term the following clubs will be running. Letters are coming out tonight with the children. Sign up will be available on Arbor from tonight at 3.15 pm. Remember you must consent and pay at the same time to secure your child's place. Make sure you select the correct charge as PP children have the reduced rate.

Day	Club	Year Group	Dates
Tuesday	Tag Rugby	Y5 & Y6	12.11.24 – 17.12.24
	Eco Club	TBC	
Wednesday	Choir	KS2	6.11.24 – 11.12.24
	Mini Vinnies	KS2	27.11.24
Thursday	NUFC Football	Y1 & Y2	14.11.24 – 19.12.24
	Christmas Crafts	Y3 & Y4	7.11.24 – 12.12.24

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some key dates for the Autumn term. Further details and dates may follow of events organised in school.

October

Friday 25th October Year 4 Class Liturgy, 9am

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

November

Monday 4th November Parents Evening 3.30 pm
Wednesday 6th November Parents Evening 3.30 pm
Monday 11th November Flu Nasal Spray
Friday 15th November Year 3 Class Celebration of the Word, 9am
Friday 22nd November Year 2 Class Celebration of the Word, 9am
Friday 29th November Year 1 Class Celebration of the Word, 9am

December

Wednesday 4th December Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nativity 2.00 pm
Thursday 5th December Reception, Y1 and Y2 Nativity 2.00 pm
Monday 9th December Christmas Fair 3.30 pm
Wednesday 11th December Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party 1.00 pm
Friday 13th December Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 16th December Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party 1.00 pm
Tuesday 17th December Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party 1.00 pm
Wednesday 18th December Reception Christmas Party
Friday 20th December KS2 Carols in church 1.30 pm
Friday 20th December last day of term

January

Monday 6th January INSET Day – School closed to children
Tuesday 7th January first day of new term for pupils

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