

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 11

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We always try to link the Gospel message back to our school mission values of love, trust and respect. On Monday, we heard about Simon Peter taking a leap of faith when following Jesus' instructions. Children reflected on Simon Peter's trust in Jesus thought about how they could follow Jesus, like the first disciples. Year 4 children took the mission back to class to reflect on the message this week.

Best wishes for the weekend ahead,

Mrs Sarah Williams

Catholic Life

Yr 4 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall

Thanks to Year 4 for leading us in beautiful Celebration of the Word. The children asked to reflect on happiness – a really powerful message.

Yr 5 Children's Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week 2025 - thank you to Year 5 for leading us in an assembly about knowing ourselves and growing ourselves, especially thinking about our mental batteries.

When our mental battery is drained, it can be difficult to do lots of the things we normally do, day to day. An empty battery feels like being in the blue zone, or maybe the yellow. However, when our mental battery is full, we feel like our friendships are more fun, we work well, and can concentrate, life feels better!

Do one thing each day to recharge your battery: call your friend, have some alone time, take a bath, turn off the screen, be in nature, help someone out. Good luck in your mission!

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday we marked Safer Internet Day in school. The day is a chance to focus on the online safety and wellbeing of children. The theme of this year's day was, 'Too good to be true,' which explores online scams.

Guides and resources to support parent and carers to help keep their children safe online are linked below.

[Parents & carers | Childnet](#)

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

After School Clubs Spring 2

After school clubs have been organised for Spring 2. There are still spaces in all clubs.

Clubs are taking place first week back after half-term, so please make sure you are registered before to allow us to complete the registers for the coaches.

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.

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This Week's School Attendance

What a fantastic week for attendance!

W/E 07.02.25

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| Y6 | 95.96% |
| Y5 | 95.37% |
| Y4 | 97.22% |
| Y3 | 96.76% |
| Y2 | 98.83% |
| Y1 | 98.35% |
| YR | 100% This week's winners! |

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What a fantastic week for attendance!

W/E 14.02.25

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| Y6 | 90.4% |
| Y5 | 94.91% |
| Y4 | 98.61% This week's winners! |
| Y3 | 95.83% |
| Y2 | 97.66% |
| Y1 | 98.35% |
| YR | 97.53% |

Stars of the Week

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

W/E 07.02.25

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| Lucas N | For always being a kind and cheerful member of reception class. |
| Riley N | For being a kind, thoughtful and respectful friend. |
| Elchasdi N-E | For excellent progress in Maths. |
| Ikmal S | For always being an excellent role model. |
| Lucas T | For sensational handwriting. |
| Iman S | For excellent contributions and ideas in learning. |
| Candy K | For an excellent performance in recent assessments. |

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| Tobenna N | For excellent contributions to group work and class discussions. |
| Bella I | For a fantastic effort and improvement in reading. |
| Reuben C | For his excellent Mathematical reasoning. |
| Carter R | For his positive attitude. |
| The Dragon Table | For great planning and leading a wonderful Celebration of the Word. |
| Sophia K | For a mature and hard-working attitude – impressive! |
| Frank M | For always offering a polite greeting. |
| Sophie B | For an excellent piece of writing in English – keep up the good work! |

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some key dates for the Spring term. New dates/ changes are highlighted.

February

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| Wednesday 19 th | Swimming Gala |
| Thursday 20 th | Cricket Tournament |
| Friday 21 st | Y3 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall |

HALF TERM: Monday 24th February – Friday 28th February

March

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| Tuesday 4 th | Yr 6 SATS information meeting at 5 pm |
| Wednesday 5 th | Yr 1 phonics meeting at 3:30 pm |

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| Friday 7 th | Yr 2 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall |
| Monday 17 th | Reception Class Hall Hill Farm Visit |
| Friday 21 st | Yr 1 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall |
| Wednesday 26 th | Dance Festival Y2 |
| Friday 28 th | Reception Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall |
| Monday 31 st | Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm (Reception -Y6) |

April

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| Tuesday 1 st | Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm (Y1 – Y6) |
| Thursday 3 rd | Reception Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm |

EASTER HOLIDAY: Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April

May

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| Monday, 12 May – Thursday, 15 May | Year 6 SATS week |
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June

INSET DAY Friday 20th June (school closed to pupils)

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