

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 12

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you enjoyed the half term break. It's been a busy week back in school with lots going on. We began our Lent journey on Wednesday, gathering in church to place ash crosses on our foreheads as a reminder of the start of Lent.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Williams

World Book Week Activities

Thank you so much to all the children and families who joined us this week for our, Breakfast with a Book morning. A special thank you to the Friends of St Philips who helped with this event. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast and got cosy reading with some new books. Today, we celebrated in school with lots of additional reading opportunities. For some great tips on how to support your child with reading and lots of book recommendations, follow the link below.

[Tips for reading with your child | BookTrust](#)

Catholic Life

Mini Vinnies started our fundraising for Lent, selling pancakes to support CAFOD, a charity who reach out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. We will continue to support CAFOD throughout Lent.

Y3 Celebration of the word

Year 3 reflected on God's wonderful world and how we can look after it. We listened to the Creation Story from the Old Testament and then thanked God for the wonderful world that he gave us.

Y2 Celebration of the word

Year 2 reflected on the start of Lent and shared their Lenten promises this morning. Thank you, Year 1. You were amazing and your singing was fabulous!

Swimming Gala

Eight of our Yr5 & 6 pupils represented St Philip's in a Swimming Gala at Dunston Swimming Baths. An excellent afternoon of competitive sport was had by all participants – we even brought back some medals. The children were excellent representatives of school, and they all had lots of fun.

Cricket Tournament

A group of Year One children had a fantastic time at an indoor cricket festival. The children took part in a carousel of activities to develop their cricket skills; they practised throwing, catching, bowling and batting. Well, done to all the children who took part!

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

A big drop in our attendance this week, with lots of bugs around.

W/E 21.02.25

Y6	94.44%
Y5	90.28%
Y4	94.44%
Y3	96.3% This week's winners!
Y2	90.64%
Y1	95.88%
YR	94.44%

This Week's School Attendance

A much better week for attendance.

W/E 07.03.25

Y6	98.48%
Y5	99.07%
Y4	98.61%
Y3	94.44%
Y2	99.42% This week's winners!
Y1	89.71%
YR	89.51%

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 21.02.25

Theo W	For a fantastic effort in phonics and handwriting.
Mark M	For fantastic work this week in maths.
Ebony D	For impressive ten times table knowledge.
Archie Q	For being a kind and helpful friend.
Grace D	For wonderful demonstration of scientific knowledge in our topic of sound.
Frankie S	For bringing a bright and positive attitude to brighten our class day.
Fechi N	For taking pride in her work and making great progress in all subjects. Well, done!

W/E 07.03.25

King M	For fantastic instructions writing about how to plant a seed.
Ronel G	For fantastic work in science.
Hunter W	For his excellent mathematical reasoning skills.
Ola N	For a great effort with handwriting.
Jayden B	For being a kind and supportive member of our class.
Korey S	For being a supportive partner to work with.
Lana R	For working hard in maths lessons and making great progress.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

March

Friday 14th	Science Day
Monday 17th	Reception Class Hall Hill Farm Visit
Friday 21st	Yr 1 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall
Wednesday 26th	Dance Festival Y2
Friday 28th	Reception Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall
Monday 31st	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm (Reception-Y6)

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April

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

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

May

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

June

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

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