

# St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter No 16

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. It's been a busy week in school with lots more planned for the term ahead. Dates for the diary are listed below.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Williams

## Year 6

It's been a busy week for our Year 6 pupils with final bits of preparation before their SATs next week. We're very proud of how hard they've worked – well done to all of you! Good luck for next week.

## Wraparound Care

We're excited to get started with our new wraparound care provision next week. Welcome to Mrs Brunnock, Mrs English and Mrs Robinson who will be running our wraparound provision.

If you would like to find out more about wraparound provision, please just contact the school office.

## Catholic Life

Over the last couple of weeks, we've been following events in the Vatican. The children have found out more about Pope Francis and how his successor, Pope Leo XIV was chosen.

## Wellbeing Wednesday

Mrs Wright and her Mini Vinnies group led an assembly about the charity Mary's Meal. The charity provides a nutritious daily meal to some of the world's poorest children, helping them to access an education. During this month of May, we are praying the Hail Mary every day in school for the children receiving help from this charity.

## Victory in Europe Day

We marked VE in school on Thursday, participating in a minute's silence to reflect on VE Day's significance. Children were invited to make their own reflections.

## Bikeability

Well done to our Year 5 pupils who completed their Bikeability this week, learning how to cycle safely and confidently on the roads.

## Dr Bike Session

Time to get your bike ready for the summer! Bring your bike to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May and your bike will receive a free MOT. Your bike will be ready to collect at the end of the school day. For more information, please see the flyer attached.

## First Holy Communion Dresses

We've had some donations of First Holy Communion dresses – all in beautiful condition. If you do want to take a look, please just speak to Mrs Williams or Mrs Graham.

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## Parent communication in Arbor

St Philip's use Arbor to communicate with parents. This is the best way to keep you updated about things that are happening in school. **We ask parents to download the app on their phones and keep it open.** If you select the notification alert it will alert you when school has sent you a message. This would prevent us having to issue in-app messages and email at the same time for those parents who have not logged into Arbor.

## 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

### W/E 02.05.25

Y6	97.98%
Y5	98.55% <b>This week's winners!</b>
Y4	97.22%
Y3	97.69%
Y2	92.4%
Y1	95.06%
YR	96.91%

## This Week's School Attendance

### W/E 09.05.25

Y6	96.75%
Y5	93.79%
Y4	100% <b>This week's winners!</b>
Y3	98.81%
Y2	90.98%
Y1	95.24%
YR	98.41%

## 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 02.05.25

<b>Brody T</b>	For being a fantastic role model and great friend.
<b>Mark G</b>	For always working hard and setting a good example to others.
<b>Sophia C</b>	For excellent reasoning around fractions.
<b>Ola N</b>	For outstanding leadership and teamwork at orienteering.
<b>Michael G</b>	For his bright, sunny personality and his positive attitude.
<b>Andre C</b>	For a superb essay exploring themes in our novel.
<b>Barbara P</b>	For having a conscientious attitude during SATs preparation. Well done.

### W/E 09.05.25

<b>Robbie T</b>	For a fantastic work ethic in phonics.
<b>Finlay S</b>	For trying really hard with his phonics.
<b>Matthew G</b>	For always putting in 100% effort in all areas.
<b>Emmanuel A</b>	For always having lovely manners.
<b>George C</b>	For his magnificent music playing. A beautiful piece of music that he composed himself.
<b>Gracie C</b>	Embodying the St Philip Neri way in all areas of school life.
<b>Candy K</b>	For having a positive, mature approach towards her SATs preparation.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some key dates for the summer term.

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New dates/ changes are highlighted.

## **May**

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 & Y5 Vindolanda Visit
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 Bikeability
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3 & Y4 Saltwell Park Fun Run.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5 Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall

**May Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

## **June**

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – Dunston Activity Centre (R & KS1 9.15 – 10.30 am) (KS2 10.30 – 12.30 pm)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	New Parents Meeting 5.00 pm
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June (school closed to pupils)</b>
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	FHC Liturgy of the Eucharist session for children 3:15pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Gateshead Athletics Festival
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Sponsored Walk

## **July**

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	St Thomas More visit day (Y6) & Meet New Teacher Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	First Holy Communion at St Philip Neri Church, 5:30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 production in the school hall at 2pm then 5:30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in school hall
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Mass, 9:30am in church
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Liturgy, 9am in the school hall
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for the summer holidays

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