

# St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter No 17

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with Jesus' message of love: "Love one another as I have loved you." Children then thought about how they can spread this message of love to others. As always, the children impressed us with their ideas and reflections.

I hope you have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Williams

## Wraparound Care

Our new wraparound care provision has been running for a couple of weeks now. There are spaces for more children to attend - if you would like to find out more about wraparound provision, please just contact the school office.

## Catholic Life

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May is the Feast Day of St Philip Neri. Today children across school have been learning about the patron saint of our school – a saint known for his humour and joy. Year 5 children led a special celebration of the word for their families this morning, sharing their reflections about St Philip Neri.

Children's work from across school today will be displayed in St Philip Neri Church over the weekend for parishioners to enjoy.

## Yr4 & Y5 Visit to Vindolanda

Years 4 & 5 had a fantastic day at The Vindolanda Trust Roman Fort and Roman Army Museum. We talked to the director of excavations who answered many of our questions and demonstrated to us how lots of people would live in one household. We listened to a hologram teacher in the Roman classroom, who taught us Latin; we explored the ruins of the Roman town, and we even got to see the Roman letters that have given archaeologists so much information about life as a Roman soldier. We were amazed at the artefacts that have been preserved for centuries, underground at the site.

## Wellbeing Wednesday

This week's Wellbeing Wednesday focused on discrimination. We talked about the similarities and differences that we have and how these make us unique, and about how these differences should be celebrated. We talked about how discrimination can be hurtful and can have a negative impact on people. We remembered that we all have a part to play in preventing discrimination.

## Y3 & Y4 Saltwell Park Fun Run

Well, done to our fantastic Year 3 and 4 children who took part in the Saltwell Park run today. We joined children from across Gateshead for a one mile run through the park. The children all had a brilliant time.

## Year 6 Countdown Cricket

Year 6 had a fantastic day at the Countdown Cricket Tournament organised by the Gateshead Schools Sports Partnership. They played in their teams against other schools, always showing excellent sportsmanship and determination. Despite the heat, and never having played cricket before, they came away with bronze medals after making it through to the semi-finals. Well done, Year 6!

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## Grey to Green Grant

We've been busy with more planting in school today following a generous grant from the RHS to support us in turning some of our grey spaces green.

As I'm sure you know, school budgets are very limited, so we continue to look for grants to help support development of our school grounds.

## 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.

## Bag 2 School

We are taking part in a fund-raising activity for school. Your child will be bringing home a bag with a letter attached explaining about the activity. Please note the drop off date is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 25.

## 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 16.05.25

Y6	98.48%
Y5	93.93%
Y4	97.92%
Y3	99.07% <b>This week's winners!</b>
Y2	92.4%
Y1	87.65%
YR	97.531%

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Y6	79.8%
Y5	89.35%
Y4	89.58%
Y3	88.89%
Y2	88.3%
Y1	83.54%
YR	95.06% <b>This week's winners!</b>

## 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 16.05.25

<b>Cole A</b>	For fantastic adding and taking away in maths.
<b>Arran M</b>	For demonstrating an excellent attitude towards all his work.
<b>Bethany B</b>	For being an outstanding role model for behaviour.
<b>Sienna T</b>	For giving 100% in all lessons.
<b>Hao Hao Y</b>	For being a role model and working hard every day.
<b>Frankie S</b>	For excellent questions asked and knowledge in science learning.
<b>All of yr 6</b>	For wonderful effort and brilliant attitudes all throughout SATs week.

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- Georgie May R** For wonderful writing about Rainbow Fish.  
**Ethan S** For fabulous progress with his reading.  
**Lily W** For her impressive descriptive writing about flat Stanley.  
**Oliver S** For always having a great attitude and being an excellent role model.  
**All of Year 4** For showing the St Philip Neri Way on our school visit.  
**Zoe G** For exceptional presentation and handwriting in all learning.  
**Bailey H** For consistently striving to be the very best he can be and being a fantastic role model. Thank you!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

**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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