

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

Living and learning together with a joyous heart



Newsletter No 18

Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we celebrated Pentecost during worship together. The children, from our very youngest pupils to our oldest, impressed us with their knowledge, sharing what they had learned from their RE lessons.

Best wishes for the weekend ahead.

Mrs Sarah Williams

Bike and scooter storage

We had a report last week of a bike being damaged after school. A reminder that children should not go into the bike storage area unless they are dropping off or collecting a bike.

Sun safety

In the warmer weather, children can bring hats and suncream into school. Please ensure that these are labelled.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound Care staff would also be grateful if you have any board games that your children no longer play with to donate to add to their stock.

We still have spaces available for more children to attend our wraparound care provision - if you would like to find out more about wraparound provision, please just contact the school office.

Lunchtime equipment

The children love opportunities to use crafts when playing at lunchtime.

If anyone has spare colouring books, crayons, stickers, or playground chalks they would be willing to donate, we would be grateful for them.

Wellbeing Wednesday

On Wednesday, we talked about behaviour in school and the St Philip Neri Way - this underpins all we do in school. The children thought about all the ways we show love, trust and respect in our school community.

The School Council are running a competition to design stickers which will celebrate children following the St Philip Neri Way.

Catholic Life

Well done to our Year 4 children who led Celebration of the Word last week and to our Year 3 children who led Celebration of the Word today.

History Visitor

Year 1 children were visited by a member of staff from Durham University who came in to talk to them about history. The children were given the opportunity to investigate artefacts from the past, drawing the artefacts and wondering what they might have been used for. The children also looked at maps of the locality from the past.

[St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School, Dunston – Part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust \(bwcet.com\)](http://stphilipneridunston.bwcet.com)

<http://stphilipneridunston.bwcet.com>

info@spd.bwcet.com

01914604378



Bishop Wilkinson
Catholic Education Trust

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

Living and learning together with a joyous heart



Y6 History Visit

Year 6 were joined on Thursday by a member of staff from Durham University. They were transformed into university students and had to use primary sources and artefacts to find out about life in Dunston in the past. It was an enriching learning experience, and everyone had great fun looking at objects and maps from the past. We think Y6 are ready to be independent learners now!

Y6 Cricket Tournament

The sun was shining brightly before half-term when Y6 attended a cricket tournament at Whickham Cricket Club. The pupils were organised into two teams, and played games of cricket against the many other teams present. They worked hard all day in the sunshine, showing great determination and team spirit. A third-place medal topped off a fantastic day. Well done, Year 6!

Bag 2 School

Thank you very much for all your collection bags handed back into school.

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 06.06.25

Y6	79.8%
Y5	93.98% This week's winners!
Y4	92.36%
Y3	93.98% This week's winners!
Y2	92.4%
Y1	89.71%
YR	90.74%

This Week's School Attendance W/E 13.06.25

Y6	80.81%
Y5	91.67%
Y4	85.42%
Y3	95.37% This week's winners!
Y2	91.23%
Y1	86.83%
YR	88.89%

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 06.06.25

Hanna C	For setting a wonderful example to her friends and following the St Philip Neri way.
Isabelle H	For her wonderful writing and positive attitude.
Elchasdi N-E	For an excellent newspaper report.
Grace A-A	For always producing excellent work.
Billy C G	For his wonderful writing for a setting description.
Ephrahim M	For representing the St Philip Neri way like you've been here forever!

[St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School, Dunston – Part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust \(bwcet.com\)](http://stphilipneridunston.bwcet.com)

<http://stphilipneridunston.bwcet.com>

info@spd.bwcet.com

01914604378



Bishop Wilkinson
Catholic Education Trust

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

Living and learning together with a joyous heart



Oola V For a super piece of writing linked to our class novel 'Log heart'.

W/E 13.06.25

Gloria A-A For fantastic maths work – making 10!

Robyn T For some wonderful writing in R.E.

Lucas R For being a helpful and caring member of the class.

Summer C For some wonderful writing across the curriculum.

Olivia L For excellent contributions in class discussion.

Lawrence A For excellent effort in class.

Alanna H For taking a pro-active approach and being a great help during production rehearsals.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some key dates for the summer term.

New dates/ changes are highlighted.

June

Wednesday 18th June

Sports Day – Dunston Activity Centre
(R & KS1 9.15 – 10.30 am) (KS2 10.30 – 12.30 pm)

Wednesday 18th June

New Parents Meeting 5.00 pm

INSET DAY

Friday 20th June (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday, 24th June

FHC Liturgy of the Eucharist session for children 3:15pm

Friday 27th June

Year 2 Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall

Friday 27th June

Gateshead Athletics Festival

Monday, 30th June

Whole School Sponsored Walk

July

Wednesday 2nd July

St Thomas More visit day (Y6) & Meet New Teacher Day

Thursday 3rd July

Year 5 BWCET Celebration of Sport

Friday 4th July

Year 1 Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall

Friday 4th July

First Holy Communion at St Philip Neri Church, 5:30pm

Tuesday 8th July

Year 1 & Year 2 Visit to Shipcote Art Gallery & Saltwell Park

Wednesday 9th July

Summer Fair 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Thursday 10th July

Y6 production in the school hall at 2pm then 5:30pm

Friday 11th July

Reception Class Celebration of the Word, 9am in school hall

Wednesday 16th July

Leavers Mass, 9:30am in church

Thursday 16th July

Leavers' Liturgy, 9am in the school hall

Thursday 17th July

School closes for the summer holidays

[St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School, Dunston – Part of the Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust](http://stphilipneridunston.bwcet.com)
([bwcet.com](http://stphilipneridunston.bwcet.com))

<http://stphilipneridunston.bwcet.com>

info@spd.bwcet.com

01914604378



Bishop Wilkinson
Catholic Education Trust