

# St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter No 6

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a busy week in school with lots going on. Thank you for all the support with our Feeding Families collection. Food will all be collected next week, so if you still want to donate, we can accept donations on Monday.

Best wishes for the weekend ahead.

Mrs Sarah Williams

### Children in Need

We've had a lovely day celebrating Children in Need. A huge thanks for your generosity - we've raised £155.20 – so far.

### Year 3 Celebration of the Word

Thank you for joining us for Celebration of the Word - the children really do appreciate you joining us. In Celebration of the Word last week, year three reflected on Remembrance Day. We thought about peace and shared our own prayers and thoughts for peace.

### Remembrance Day Y6

On Tuesday our Year 6 pupils led us in a Remembrance Day service to honour those who served in wars. It was a beautiful celebration with reflection, prayer and singing. Thank you, Year 6.

### Wellbeing Wednesday: Odd Sock Day

During our Wednesday Wellbeing assembly, our Year 3 pupils shared anti-bullying messages. We wore our Odd Socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. This year's message was about empowering children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.

### Y5 & Y6 Big Sing at St Chad's

Year 5 and Year 6 had a fantastic afternoon joining other local schools for The Big Sing, organised by Side-by-Side Arts. [Side by Side Arts – Music lessons with a social purpose](#)

### Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for feeding families.

### Parking around school

We kindly remind all families that cars should not be parked outside of school or in the school carpark. If you are dropping off children, please use parking on Forge Road. Traffic wardens have been monitoring parking and issuing fines.

### Safeguarding

Designated persons for safeguarding and child protection are Mrs Sarah Williams, Headteacher, Miss Anthony, Deputy Headteacher, Miss Ormerod, SENDCo and Mr Wright, Y5 Class Teacher.

If you need to speak to a designated person, please contact the school office.

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## Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think that you might be eligible to claim for Free School Meals, please apply via the Gateshead Council website [Free school meals - Gateshead Council](#)

## Wraparound Care

There are still spaces for our wraparound care group.

## Attendance

W/E 07/11/2025

Y6	96.3%
Y5	93.75%
Y4	98.99%
Y3	93.06%
Y2	96.55%
Y1	100% <b>Last week's winner!</b>
YR	96.76%

W/E 14/11/2025

Y6	98.64%
Y5	97.92%
Y4	96.46%
Y3	97.92%
Y2	99.23%
Y1	100% <b>This week's winner!</b>
YR	83.8%

## Stars of the Week

Every week, teachers pick children to be awarded Star of the Week. This award recognises school values, achievements, effort, or positive behaviour over the course of a week.

### Last week's (07.11.25) stars are:

<b>Ruben C F</b>	For a fantastic attitude and effort all week.
<b>Gloria C</b>	For excellent learning behaviours and a helpful attitude.
<b>Hugo T</b>	For having lovely manners.
<b>Michael A</b>	For an excellent piece of descriptive writing.
<b>Freddie H</b>	For wonderful ideas in writing.
<b>Isabelle G</b>	For great progress in multiplication facts.
<b>Michael G</b>	For improving presentation in learning.
<b>Annabel I</b>	For an excellent effort during assessments in class.

### This week's (14.11.25) stars are:

<b>Lyle F</b>	For amazing writing about a baptism.
<b>Jashwin V</b>	For wonderful writing about a baptism.
<b>Michaela I</b>	For a fantastic rhyming poem inspired by Michael Rosen.
<b>Mark M</b>	For excellent and rapid mathematical calculations.
<b>Hugo C</b>	For excellent contributions in lessons.
<b>Carter R</b>	For working exceptionally hard in his reading and writing.
<b>Gloria C</b>	For exemplary conduct as a St Philip Neri way role model.
<b>Ethan H</b>	For excellent sportsmanship in PE.

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some key dates for the Autumn term. Classes will lead a celebration of the word or assembly every term. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. More information may follow on some the activities listed below.

### November

<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Photographer (am)
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Year 2 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Y6 Visit Safety Works.
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 Celebration of the Word, 9am in the school hall

### December

<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair from 3.30 pm
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Y6 Robinwood Residential Visit
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Class and KS1 Nativity, 2pm
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 & Year 2 parties
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 & Year 4 parties
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 & Year 6 parties
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mass in school, 9:30am
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception class party
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 carols in church, 1:30pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term

### January

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET Day (school closed for pupils)</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	First day of new term for pupils

### May

<b>Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> –</b>	Year 6 SATS week
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	