

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 7

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We're getting ready for the start of Advent next week in school, with lots going on. Please note that there are a couple of additions/ changes – listed under dates for the diary.

Christmas jumper/ Christmas accessory day is on Tuesday 9th December. We have a few spare Christmas jumpers in school, but if you do have any that your child has grown out of, please bring into the school office.

Best wishes for the weekend ahead.

Mrs Sarah Williams

Year 1 & Year 2 Celebration of the Word

Thank you to our Year 2 and Year 1 classes for leading our Celebration of the Word over these last two weeks. It's lovely to see the children's confidence grow as they celebrate with their adults - the children really do appreciate you joining us.

Wellbeing Wednesday:

On Wednesday, Year 4 pupils led our Wellbeing Wednesday assembly. This is an annual initiative aimed at inspiring interest in the UK Parliament, politics, and democracy.

Afterwards, children got a chance to see democracy in action, voting in their classes for their two new school council representatives. These two children will represent their class until this time next year.

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.

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](#)

Attendance

W/E 21/11/2025

W/E 28/11/2025

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Y6	95.11%	Y6	92.389% This week's winner!
Y5	96.53%	Y5	90.28%
Y4	99.49% Last week's winner!	Y4	69.19%
Y3	92.36%	Y3	81.94%
Y2	92.72%	Y2	89.66%
Y1	98.15%	Y1	89.51%
YR	81.94%	YR	82.41%

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 (21.11.25) stars are:

Billy Y	For a fantastic retell of Room on the Broom.
Jack H	For fantastic writing about Grandad's Island.
Emily T	For her excellent attitude towards learning and being a role model for behaviour.
Harry S	For great work in maths.
Christabel I	For always following the St Philip Neri Way and being a great role model.
Olivia L	For working hard to improve her sentence structuring excellent writing.
Andre C	For having a positive attitude towards all his schoolwork.

This week's (28.11.25) stars are:

Wave T	For fantastic speed sound work in phonics.
Hanna C	For being a class role model especially in phonics.
Isobelle H	For always being a role model for behaviour.
Lucas R	For always bringing his reading book to school and getting it signed.
Emmanuel A	For great times tables and number facts.
Hao Hao	For brave and improved language choices when writing.
Korey S	For excellent work in Maths lessons – particularly with fractions.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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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.

December

Wednesday 3rd December Creative Christmas Dance Workshop (PE Kits needed)

Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th Y6 Robinwood Residential Visit

Monday 8th December Advent prayer stations, 3:15pm in the school hall

Tuesday 9th December Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 9th December Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 9th December Christmas Fair from 3.30 pm

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th Reception Class and KS1 Nativity, 2pm in church

Friday 12th December Year 1 & Year 2 parties

Monday 15th December Year 3 & Year 4 parties

Tuesday 16th December Year 5 & Year 6 parties

Wednesday 17th December Mass in school, 9:30am

Wednesday 17th December Reception class party

Friday 19th December KS2 carols in church, 1:30pm

Friday 19th December Last day of term

January

Monday 5th January INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 6th January First day of new term for pupils

May

Monday, 11th – Year 6 SATS week

Thursday 14th May