

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 8

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We're in full Christmas mode this week in school, with Christmas lunch, jumpers, nativities and parties to celebrate. Thanks as ever for your support with all the activities in school.

Best wishes for the weekend ahead.

Mrs Sarah Williams

Advent prayer stations

On Monday and Tuesday, we took time to pray and reflect through missions at our Advent Prayer Stations. What a wonderful way to take time to think about the hope and peace of Christmas.

Christmas Jumper Day

Money raised for Save the Children was £45.61.

Christmas Fair

We made an incredible £728 at this year's Christmas Fair – thank you for attending, supporting and donating.

A great deal of hard work goes in to organising the school fair and we couldn't do it without The Friends of St Philip's. We really do appreciate your hard work – thank you.

If anyone is interesting in getting involved, please contact the school office.

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 5/12/2025

Y6	90.0%
Y5	88.89%
Y4	93.94%
Y3	97.22% This week's winner!
Y2	92.72%
Y1	91.36%
YR	87.96%

W/E 12/12/2025

Y6	91.56%
Y5	93.75% This week's winner!
Y4	89.9%
Y3	93.75% This week's winner!
Y2	85.06%
Y1	92.59%
YR	92.13%

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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 (05/12/25) stars are:

Mila M	For being a fantastic role model in reception class.
Tommy H	For a wonderful effort in all lessons particularly independent writing.
Archie B-H	For being a super helper around school.
Ariam T	For an excellent attitude to learning.
Charlie R	For being super helpful in class this week.
Year 5	For being adaptable under trying circumstances.
Year 6	For showing determination, resilience and courage during the Robinwood residential.

This week's (12/12/25) stars are:

Haroun B	For great effort in handwriting.
Lucas N	For wonderful singing and dancing in our Nativity.
All Y2	For amazing reading, acting and singing in the Nativity!
Ethan S	For being an excellent narrator in the Christmas production.
Reuben C	For working hard on his handwriting.
Oliver S	For always following the St Philip Neri Way.
Jack R	For excellent presentation in all learning.
Lawand M	For excellent teamwork and sportsmanship in our PE lesson this week.

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.

December

Monday 15th December	Year 3 & Year 4 parties
Tuesday 16th December	Year 5 & Year 6 parties
Wednesday 17th December	Mass in church, 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	

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Behaviour Survey

In November, you were invited to complete a survey about our school behaviour policy.

The survey received a total of 19 responses.

Main outcomes are shared below.

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved

78% of people agree.

Do you feel the behaviour policy is easy to understand?

84% of people agree.

Do you feel that the behaviour policy reflects the values you hold as a parent?

84% of people agree.

Do you feel that the behaviour policy helps your child to feel safe and respected at school?

84% of people agree.

Parents/ carers were also asked to share responses about children's views and their own views

- Parents reported that many children feel positive and confident about expectations.
- Parents reported positively on the Star of the Week system
- Some parents said that they would prefer stricter rule enforcement.
- Some parents said that they would appreciate the reporting of both negative and positive behaviours to foster well-rounded dialogue.

Next steps

- Roll out the updated