

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 9

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

🎄 Season's Greetings from All of Us! 🎄

As we finish another busy and rewarding term, the staff and I would like to send our warmest wishes to you and your families for a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year!

A huge thank you to our wonderful children for their enthusiasm, hard work, and smiles throughout the term. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break filled with fun!

From myself and all the staff, thank you for all the lovely cards and thoughtful gifts we have received.

Best wishes

We look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 6th January**.

Mrs Sarah Williams

KS2 Carols in Church

What a lovely start to the Christmas period our Key Stage 2 children have given us today! Their singing was magical. A huge thank you to all our talented Key Stage 2 pupils – you sang beautifully.

Admissions

The deadline for **admissions for Reception Class is 15th January 2026**. If you or anyone you know wants to arrange a visit, please call or email school.

Applications are welcome across all year groups.

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 19/12/2025

Y6	97.78%
Y5	95.83%
Y4	95.45%
Y3	96.53%
Y2	89.66%
Y1	100% This week's winner!
YR	92.59%

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Golden Book Awards (19/12/25)

Mila M	For being a fantastic member of Reception class helping others and always setting a good example.
Frankie S	For being an excellent year 6 role model and learning by example for others to follow.
Frankee I	For working so hard during our first term in year 1.
Lucas R	For always having his reading record signed with his book in school come rain or shine.
Nkanyeziyethu N	For hard work, determination and an excellent attitude.
Olivia G	For always being an outstanding role model for behaviour, resilience and attitude.
Billy C-G	For supporting peers in a compassionate manner both in learning and play.
Gracie C	For being an excellent role model always displaying, the St Philip Neri Way.
Lawrence A	For being brave and committed in overcoming his fears to fly on the zipwire at Robinwood.
Emily C	For being an amazing role model to the reception class children.
Adylaide A	For a fantastic start in Reception class always setting a good example to others.
George G	For being a sensible role model to the reception children and a wonderful buddy.
Sumukh H	For setting a fantastic example to all his peers.
Michaela I	For being a fantastic member of St Philip Neri: always hard working, kind and respect.

Afterschool Clubs Spring Term 1

The following clubs will take place during the 1st half of spring term. Deadline for sign up to clubs is Tuesday 6th January. Enrolment is through Arbor. To secure your child's place, you must sign up and pay.

Tuesdays

SATS Booster	Year 6	Starts 13.1.26
SSP Yoga	Year 1 & 2	Starts 13.1.26 ends 17.2.26

Wednesdays

Eco Club	Committee	Starts 21.1.26 – 11.2.26
Mini Vinnies	Year 5 & 6	Dates to be confirmed
Science	KS2	Starts 7.1.26 ends 11.2.26

Thursdays

NUFC Multi skills	Year 3 & 4	Starts 8.1.26 ends 19.2.26
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Please find below some key dates for the Spring 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.

January

Monday 5th January

INSET Day (school closed for pupils)

Tuesday 6th January

School open - First day of new term for pupils

Monday 19th January

Durham University History Outreach visit Y4 (Roman Britain)

Half term holiday:

Monday 23rd to Friday 27th February 2026

May

Monday, 11th –

Year 6 SATS week

Thursday 14th May