

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 12

Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a busy week in school this week. It's been a week with a lot of rain, but the children have all coped brilliantly with the frustration of lots of indoor breaktimes – fingers crossed for a better week next week!

Best wishes for the weekend ahead,

Mrs Sarah Williams

Valentine's Treats

Thanks to our Wellbeing Ambassadors for organising our Valentine's Treat Stall today – we have had a lovely time. It was just the lift we all needed after all this horrible weather!

Catholic Life

On Monday mornings, we always come together as a school to share Sunday's Gospel messages. This week, children explored how we can be lights, just like the disciples. Year 6 children took the Monday Mission back to class to reflect on the message this week.

Library Visits

As part of National Storytelling Week, classes have been visiting Dunston Library this week, and we will continue our visits next week. The children had a fantastic time – exploring books, listening to stories and borrowing a book of their own to take back to school.

Please, do try to use this wonderful resource on our doorstep.

Opening Times

Monday to Friday	10am to 4pm
Saturday	10am to 1pm
Sunday	Closed

Safeguarding

Safer Internet Day

We've celebrated Safer Internet Day in school this week. This year's theme is about using AI positively, responsibly and safely. We reminded children that if something online feels worrying, confusing or not quite right, they should talk to a trusted adult.

For more information: [Top Tips for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

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.

Wraparound Care

We still have spaces in our wraparound care groups before and after school. Children take part in lots of fun activities and it's a great opportunity for children to make new friends. Places can be booked via Arbor, or you can contact the school office for more information.

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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.

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

We're making a big effort with our attendance this week in school -well done everyone!

W/E 06.02.2026

Y6	87.56%
Y5	93.75%
Y4	94.92%
Y3	98.52% This week's winner!
Y2	91.85%
Y1	95.32%
YR	89.81%

W/E 13.02.2026

Y6	93.33%
Y5	93.06%
Y4	98.99%
Y3	99.26%
Y2	98.89%
Y1	100% This week's winner!
YR	97.69%

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 (06.02.2026) stars are:

Brody Y	For showing great enthusiasm across all areas of learning.
Reid B	For excellent effort and work in writing.
Luke D	For being an excellent role model for behaviour, everyday!
Archie T	For great vocabulary choices.
Jayden S	For working so hard to perfect his handwriting.
Jayden B	For consistent hard work to improve your writing.
Sumukh H	For a fantastic piece of descriptive writing.

This week's (13.02.2026) stars are:

Esme A	For her wonderful phonics and reading.
Issac C	For being an excellent member of our class and a brilliant role model.
Riley N	For excellent reasoning in mastering number.
Isabella N	For being an excellent role model.
Emily S-E	For a fantastic attitude in class.
Michael G	For a high-quality written work with much improved handwriting.
Daniel C	For always following the St Philip Neri Way. Thank you!

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.

February

Tuesday 17th February	Y3 Library Visit
Friday 20th February	Year 5 Celebration of the Word, 9am

Half-term: Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th February

March

Friday 6th March	Year 4 Celebration of the Word, 9am
Tuesday 10th March	Y5 & Y6 History Outreach Day Vikings
Friday 13th March	Science Day in school
Friday 13th March	Reception Celebration (Mothering Sunday theme), 9am
Friday 20th March	Year 3 Celebration of the Word, 9am
Wednesday 18th March	Ash Wednesday
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief
Monday 23rd March	YR – Y6 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 24th March	Y1 – Y6 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 25th March	YR – Parents' Evening
Friday 27th March	Year 2 Celebration of the Word, 9am

April

Wednesday 1st April	Year 1 Come and Pray (Lent Stations), 9am
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Easter Holiday: Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April

Monday 27th April	Year 3 History Outreach Day: Ancient Greeks (in school)
Monday 27th April	Year 1 History Outreach Day: Local History
Tuesday 28th April	Reception Class Rockpool School (in school)

May

Monday, 11th – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATS week
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