

# St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

*Living and learning together with a joyous heart*



Newsletter No 15

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very busy few days in school, focusing on the key messages of Lent and taking the opportunity to come together to mark this most important time in the Christian calendar. As a school community, we have listened to Gospel readings, shared meaningful stories, and celebrated the Stations of the Cross.

Thank you to all our families for the support you have given to school this term.  
Best wishes for the Easter break ahead.

Mrs Sarah Williams

## Catholic Life

We've had a wonderful week in school focusing on the events of Holy Week. We all gathered together to celebrate mass on Tuesday with the parish. Children in Early Years and KS1 have visited the Lenten prayer stations in school, while KS2 pupils led the Stations of the Cross in church. Their thoughtful participation reminded us all of the significance of this important week.

Father Peter and Father Endre would be delighted to welcome you at church in the coming days.

## Mass Times for the Parish of Our Lady and St. Philip Neri

THE EASTER TRIDUUM	
<b>Holy Thursday 2 April</b>	<b>6.30pm Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>6.30pm Immaculate Heart</b>
<i>At the end of Mass there will be a period of silent watching at the Altar of Repose</i>	
<b>Good Friday 3 April</b>	<b>3.00pm Sacred Heart</b>
<b>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</b>	<b>3.00pm St Philip Neri</b>
<b>Holy Saturday 4 April Vigil &amp; First Mass of Easter</b>	<b>5.30pm St Mary's</b>
<b>Eaaster Sunday 5 April Morning Mass</b>	<b>10.00am Sacred Heart</b>
	<b>10.00am Immaculate Heart</b>

## Celebration of the Word

Thank you to our Year 2 children who led us in a beautiful Celebration of the Word last week, telling the story of Palm Sunday. You impressed us with your confident reading and wonderful singing – well done to Year 2.

## CAFOD Golden ticket sale

There was a real buzz in school last Friday as children bought chocolate for the chance to win a Golden Ticket. We're delighted to share that all five winners have now claimed their prizes.

A huge thank you to our School Council and Wellbeing Ambassadors for organising the event. Thanks to their hard work—and your support—we raised **£116 for CAFOD**.

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## Easter Raffle

Thank you for your support with the Easter raffle. We are delighted to have raised more than **£275.00** for school. Our lucky winners have taken home some delicious looking prizes this afternoon.

## 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.

## Polite Reminder

Please remember that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds or church premises at any time. This is to ensure the safety and comfort of all our pupils, families, and visitors.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## 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.

## 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.

## Attendance

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

### W/E 27.03.2026

Y6	98.22%
Y5	90.28%
Y4	94.95%
Y3	98.52% <b>Last week's winner!</b>
Y2	95.93%
Y1	95.32%
YR	91.98%

### W/E 02.04.2026

Y6	100% <b>This week's winner!</b>
Y5	97.32%
Y4	96.75%
Y3	99.05%
Y2	97.14%
Y1	95.49%
YR	94.55%

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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 (27.03.2026) stars are:

<b>Evie W</b>	For a fantastic effort with her writing.
<b>Robbie T</b>	For fantastic independent writing in English and Geography.
<b>All Year 2</b>	For a fantastic performance at the dance festival.
<b>Bethany B</b>	For an excellent effort with joined handwriting.
<b>Summer C</b>	For super work ethic resulting in excellent progress.
<b>Claudia G</b>	For excellence in mathematics because of hard work ethic.
<b>Kethan S</b>	For being a kind, caring member of the class who keeps us all laughing.

### Golden Book:

At the end of every term, staff pick children to be awarded Golden Book. This award recognises excellent effort over the school term.

<b>Billy Y</b>	For making amazing progress in all areas of learning.
<b>Ephraim M</b>	For adopting a mature approach towards his work and making excellent progress as a result.
<b>Hanaan O</b>	For continued hard work and determination in all lessons.
<b>Ariam T</b>	For coming on leaps and bounds with reading and writing.
<b>Isabelle G</b>	For determination and dedication in her maths work - especially times tables.
<b>George C</b>	For embodying excellence in learning and conduct – a St Philip Neri Way role-model.
<b>Isabelle S</b>	For making super progress and having a can-do attitude to all her lessons.
<b>Robyn T</b>	For making excellent progress producing some amazing writing.
<b>Wave T</b>	For following routines and demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning.
<b>Esme S</b>	For a kind and caring attitude on the playground at lunchtime.
<b>Eva A</b>	For being a kind and helpful member of reception class. A wonderful role model.
<b>Nela V</b>	For being so kind and helpful to her classmates each and every day.
<b>Jack H</b>	For an amazing effort in lessons and working independently.
<b>Luke D</b>	For always working hard and showing such a positive attitude to all of school life.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please find below some key dates for the upcoming terms. 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.

### April

#### **Easter Holiday: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

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

### May Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> –

Year 6 SATS week

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

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