

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 17

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy and productive time in school. Over the coming weeks, we have a number of events and activities planned. Please see dates below for more information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Williams

Bishop Stephen's visit

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Stephen to St Philip Neri for a special visit last Friday. Together, we celebrated a beautiful Celebration of the Word, focusing on our patron saint. Bishop Stephen also spent time visiting each class, where the children impressed him with their thoughtful and challenging questions.

Year 6 SAT'S Week

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this week. They have shown resilience and hard work and approached each test with a positive attitude.

To celebrate their efforts, the children have enjoyed a well-deserved afternoon of pizza and fun together. It has been lovely to see them relax, smile and enjoy this special moment after such a busy week—well done, Year 6!

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!

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W/E 08.05.2026

Y6	100%	Last week's winner!
Y5	100%	Last week's winner!
Y4	95.45%	
Y3	96.43%	
Y2	98.1%	
Y1	96.99%	
YR	99.43%	

W/E 15.05.2026

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Y5	99.31%	
Y4	95.45%	
Y3	89.58%	
Y2	100%	This week's winner!
Y1	97.66%	
YR	93.33%	

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 (08.05.2026) stars are:

Finley S	For fantastic writing in RE.
Brody T	For imaginative writing about the Giant Arctic Jellyfish.
Wamu N	For excellent attitude to learning always giving 100%.
Matthew G	For always being an excellent role model.
Jayden S	For an outstanding setting description based on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.
Ikmal S	For an outstanding setting description based on The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe.
George C	For making valuable contributions during class discussions.
Gracie C	For having a mature approach to all her work and striving to do her best in all her work.

This week's (15.05.2026) stars are:

Peadar V	For wonderful singing and actions to our new songs.
Gloria A-A	For fantastic effort and work in all lessons.
Carolina P	For being a supportive classmate.
Noah S	For showing thought and skill in art.
Emmanuel A	For super effort with his handwriting.
Danielle A	For working at a constant high standard.
All of Year 6	For showing hard work, resilience and determination in SATs week – you should all be incredibly proud!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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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 will follow on some the activities listed below.

May

Thursday	21 st May	Y6 Countdown Cricket
Friday	22 nd May	Y4 & 4 Gateshead Fun Run
Friday	22 nd May	Y1 Celebration of the Word

June

Friday	12 th June	Summer Fair Donations Day
Friday	12 th June	First Holy Communion – 5.30 pm in Church
Tuesday	16 th June	Y4 & 4 Centre for Life Visit
Wednesday	17 th June	New Reception Parents Mtg 5pm
Friday	19 th June	INSET DAY (School closed to children)
Monday	22 nd June	Y2 Beamish Visit
Friday	26 th June	Gateshead Athletics Festival
Tuesday	30 th June	STM & Emmanuel College Y6 Transition Days

July

Wednesday	1 st July	STM & Emmanuel College Y6 Transition Days
Thursday	2 nd July	Y5 Trust Celebration of Sport Day
Tuesday	7 th July	Summer Fair
Wednesday	8 th July	Sports day (morning)
Wednesday	8 th July	Year 6 production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' – 1.30pm and 5.30pm
Friday	10 th July	Sponsored Walk (Whole School)
Wednesday	15 th July	Leavers' Mass
Thursday	16 th July	Leavers' Celebration of the Word 2.30pm

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