

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 18

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a busy half-term with lots going on in school. This week has been full of exciting sporting activities, with pupils across all year groups getting involved and enjoying a range of events.

We've had a lovely sunny day in school today, and with St Philip Neri Feast Day coming up on May 26th, we started the celebrations a little early by enjoying ice lollies in the sunshine this afternoon!

Enjoy the half-term break ahead.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Williams

Choir Singing at Aldi

Our wonderful St Philip Neri choir have been out and about spreading joy and happiness in the community again this week. They performed a selection of songs for shoppers at Aldi and really made everyone smile. Well done!

Y6 Countdown Cricket

Year 6 pupils attended an all-day cricket tournament yesterday. They all played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship – well done, Year 6.

Basketball

We enjoyed a fantastic morning of basketball fun on Wednesday. Our Key Stage 2 pupils took part in basketball tournaments organised by the School Sports Partnership, where teams competed brilliantly and were awarded medals for both first and second place.

Back in school, our Key Stage 1 pupils got involved in the action too, taking part in a range of basketball skill stations. The activities provided a great opportunity for them to practise their coordination, control and teamwork skills while having lots of fun.

Y3 & Y4 Gateshead Fun Run

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children took part in the Fun Run this morning at Saltwell Park, organised by the School Sports Partnership. It was a very hot day for running, so well done to everyone for a brilliant effort!

Y1 Celebration of the Word

Year 1 led a prayerful celebration of the word this morning for parents and carers. They talked about the events of Pentecost, when Jesus sent a helper, the Holy Spirit. They read and sang beautifully – thank you Year 1.

Vacancies

We currently have two exciting vacancies within our school, advertised on the Bishop Wilkinson website. These are for a **Lunchtime Supervisor** and a **Wraparound Care Assistant**. Full details, including job descriptions, hours and application information, can be found on the Bishop Wilkinson website. We encourage anyone who may be interested, or who knows someone suitable, to take a look. The closing date for applications is **7 June 2026**.

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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 22.05.2026

Y6	98.22%
Y5	100% This week's winner!
Y4	97.47%
Y3	100% This week's winner!
Y2	98.15%
Y1	98.25%
YR	94.67%

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.

This week's (22.05.2026) stars are:

Jashwin V	For amazing creativity on undersea crafts.
Tobenna N	For fantastic factual writing about Blue Whales.
Ayla M	For showing excellent learning behaviour.
Ebony D	For working hard to improve her sentence structure.
Year 4	For fantastic team spirit and camaraderie in the Basketball tournament on Wednesday.
Gloria C	For a fantastically positive approach to learning.
Isabelle S	For fantastic fielding skills in Cricket.

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.

June

Friday	12 th June	Y3 Celebration of the Word
Friday	12 th June	Summer Fair Donations Day
Friday	12 th June	First Holy Communion – 5.30 pm in Church
Friday	12 th June	Balance bike day Reception & Year 1 children
Tuesday	16 th June	Y3 & 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
Friday	26 th June	Y2 Celebration of the Word
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
Friday	3 rd July	Y4 Celebration of the Word 9.00 am
Tuesday	7 th July	Summer Fair 3.30 pm
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)
Friday	10 th July	Reception Celebration of the Word 9.00 am
Wednesday	15 th July	Leavers' Mass
Thursday	16 th July	Leavers' Celebration of the Word 2.30pm
Friday	17 th July	School closes at 3.15 pm for 6 weeks summer holiday.

Summer Holidays from 20.7.2026 to 1.9.2026

September

School open	
Wednesday	2 nd September

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