

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 19

Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We've had a busy couple of weeks in school with lots of exciting things happening, and the next few weeks are set to be just as full! It's wonderful to see the children so engaged and enjoying everything we have planned. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Williams

Summer Fair Donations

Thanks for all the donations sent into school today. If you do have any more donations of toiletries, games or chocolates, please do send them into school.

First Holy Communion

Best wishes to all of our children celebrating their First Holy Communion tonight in church. The service begins at 5:30pm and all are welcome.

Balance Bike Day

Our Reception and Year One children had a wonderful time during their balance bike day. They developed confidence and coordination and showed great determination while learning new skills. They practised gliding, steering, and stopping safely while taking part in exciting games and obstacle courses!

Celebration of the Word Y5

Thanks to our Year 5 children who led us so beautifully in a Celebration of the Word all about St Philip Neri.

Celebration of the word Y3

Our Year 3 children have been teaching us all about the importance of the Holy Trinity. They shared their own prayers and artwork – thank you, Year 3.

Spare clothes for reception children

Spare clothes for some of younger pupils are running low. Reception class would really appreciate it if you could send any spare school uniform: a spare polo shirt, jumper or cardigan, trousers or skirt, along with underwear and socks, would be perfect – we love our messy play! Thank you!

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

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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 06.06.2026

W/E 12.06.2026

Y6	99.11% Last week's winner!
Y5	97.22%
Y4	97.47%
Y3	94.44%
Y2	98.52%
Y1	98.25%
YR	95.56%

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Y1	94.74%
YR	88.89%

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 (05.06.2026) stars are:

Zoe G	For making a fantastic effort to learn her production lines and for designing a super front cover.
Jack R	For always answering in complete sentences.
All year 4	For amazing multiplication table results.
Harry S	For lovely manners to all.
Kiera S	For consistent effort in all lessons all week.
Tommy H	For a fantastic effort in all lessons.
Matthew S	For always giving 100% in everything he does.

This week's (12.06.2026) stars are:

Adylaide A	For a fantastic attitude and effort in Phonics.
Georgie-May R	For fantastic writing about the Tale of the Whale.
Arlo F	For excellent effort when writing.
Hugo C	For wonderful vocabulary ideas in English.
Alistair M	For overcoming his fears of reading in public and introducing the first Holy Communion in church.
Jacob G	For his positive approach to learning in every lesson.
Rosalyn H	For making a fantastic effort to learn her production lines.
Sarah-Jo G	For making a fantastic effort to learn her production lines.

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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 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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