

St Philip Neri Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter No 22

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of another busy school year, and it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by again!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a wonderful summer break and to thank you. Your support means so much to us and is greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you also for the lovely cards, messages and gifts that have been sent in recently. They are never expected but are very much appreciated.

I'd also like to say a huge thank you to our staff and governors. Their dedication, hard work and care for the children is what makes St Philip's such a special place. Best wishes to Mrs King, Mrs English and Mrs Brunnock who are leaving us today. We wish them well in their new ventures.

Best wishes for the weeks ahead – let's hope the sunshine stays with us!

Mrs Sarah Williams
Headteacher

Year 6 Leavers

It's been a busy couple of weeks for our Year 6 students. On Wednesday, we celebrated mass together in church. Thanks to all of you for joining us and making this such a special occasion. Yesterday, we gathered for Celebration of the Word in the school hall, a trip down memory lane and a few tears!

Year 6, we are all so proud of the wonderful young people that you've become, and I am sure you will continue to flourish in your new schools. You will be such a huge miss at St Philip's!

Uniform Reminders for September

Uniform plays a vital role in our school community, fostering a sense of equity and shared identity among our pupils. While most of our pupils wear their uniform with pride, we will be proactively addressing any uniform issues to ensure consistency across the school.

All uniform items may be purchased from any retailer. We do have lots of spare uniform in school, in good condition, so please contact school if you'd like some of this.

Main Uniform

- Red polo shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey skirt or trousers
- Black school shoes

PE Uniform

- Trainers should be worn for PE days – days to be confirmed in September
- Red t-shirt
- Black/navy shorts/joggers/leggings for PE days
- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- A simple watch may be worn.
- **Earrings and other jewellery should not be worn to school. Please ensure any planned piercings are done early in the school holidays to allow piercings to heal.**
- **Smart watches are not to be worn to school. Any smart watches worn to school will be placed in the phone box during school time.**

Please label all school uniform.

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Summer Reading Challenge

The theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge is Read to the Beat. 2026 is National Year of Reading and throughout the summer, families can expect special events, digital activities and fun musical experiences in libraries.

The challenge is to borrow 6 books from the library during the summer, collect stickers and receive your medal!

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place in all Gateshead Libraries over the summer - just pop in to take part.

School Funds

Thank you for your support with fundraising events over the summer term. With the school fair we have raised £1036.74, sponsored walk £1063.75, we have now raised in total £2100.49. Thanks for all your generous contributions!

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 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 in school - well done everyone!

W/E 17.07.2026

Y6	90.67%
Y5	94.44%
Y4	93.43%
Y3	95.83%
Y2	93.7%
Y1	98.83% This week's winner!
YR	94.67%

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Golden Book Award

Each term, each member of staff picks a child to be awarded the Golden Book Award. This award recognises school values, achievements, effort, or positive behaviour over the course of a term. The prize is a book.

Golden Book Award Winners are:

Matthew S	For being a fantastic member of Reception class and being such a good role model.
Finley S	For a wonderful year in Reception class, always following the rules and setting a good example to other.
Annabel I	For approaching all tasks with maturity, diligence and care – a super role model.
Hanaan O	For a fantastic attitude to learning all through year 1.
Ebony D	For showing others the St Philip Neri way through kindness.
Mia H	For always working hard demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning.
Isobelle N	For always working with a 'can do' attitude and being an outstanding role model for behaviour.
Olivia L	For excellence in all areas as a St Philip Neri way role model both in and out of class.
Emily C	For her amazing attitude, energy and commitment throughout her time at St Philip's.
Frank M	For being an amazing Y6 role model, always polite and always having a great greeting!
Oliver G	For developing into a well-mannered young man and being a lovely member of St Philip's community.
Michael B	For a fantastic year in Reception class, demonstrating an excellent attitude to everything he does.
Daisy S	For maturing into an excellent St Philip showing resilience and being a shining example to all.
George G	For many things growing into a fabulous role model, wonderful acting skills and a great sense of humour.
Sam S	For being an excellent Y6 role model – always hard – working, polite and always helpful.
Daisy S	For maturing into an excellent St Philip pupil, showing resilience and being a shining example.
Oliver G	For developing into a well-mannered young man and being a lovely member of St Philip community.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

More information will follow in September.

Summer Holidays from 20.7.2026 to 1.9.2026

September

Tuesday	1st September	Staff training
Wednesday	2nd September	School opens for pupils

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