

Nelson St Philip's C of E Primary School

We love to learn. We learn to love. With Christ as our Guide, we love and learn together.



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Summer Term Newsletter

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Creative Class Pendle

Mrs Swire said, "What a wonderful morning some of our children had with their grown-ups in school on Friday. The Adult Learning Centre provided this free Spring craft session and the children got to make some fabulous things. Thank you to the parents that could attend. We hope to see many more at the next event."





Important Update

Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices

Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning.

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning.

This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential.



- **Activation letters containing your details to enable you to set up your ParentPay account have been sent home this week. Videos have also been emailed to parents to show the activation process.**
- **Please activate your account as soon as possible. Payments for school dinners, trip and milk money will be paid through ParentPay.**
- **If you have more than one child at a ParentPay school/s you can add them to a single account, providing one login for all children at ParentPay schools. Each child will need to be activated separately using the codes on the activation letters.**
- **Please let the school office know if you are experiencing any issues with ParentPay.**

YOU'RE A SUPERSTAR!

Superstars of the Week

Pendle - Hawwa Shahzad

Barley - Noor Fatimah

Marsden - Maira Shah

Towneley - Asadullah Warraich Shamsa

Wycoller - Ahad Banaras

Our Christian Value Next Week:



Reverence



- Honour or respect for someone or something.

In the Bible...

'Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honour one another above yourselves.'

(Romans 12:10)



Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is 'Ascension'. The Christian Value will be 'Reverence'.

Please pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have about what you feel your child would benefit from knowing about this theme.



Class Attendance

Class Pendle	93.45%
Class Barley	90.00%
Class Marsden	92.33%
Class Towneley	96.33%
Class Wycoller	100%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	94.06%
Extended Leave (18 sessions of lost learning across school)	1.31%
Whole School Attendance (With Extended Leave)	92.75%

Attendance Matters



Please read our Vision Statement below and pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have about it. Our school vision influences every aspect of school life, is at the forefront of all our thoughts and prayers and is at the heart of our environment. Thank you

Our Vision Statement

We love to learn. We learn to love.
With Christ as our Guide,
we love and learn together.

**'God is love, and all who live in love live in God,
and God lives in them.'**
(1 John 4:16)

Living out our vision, we aim to:

Guide our children to prepare them for life; Respect themselves and one another; Aspire to achieve their highest potential; Care for the local and wider community; Every child is special in God's eyes.

GRACE

Guide Respect Aspire Care Each of us is special



Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024

Date and time	Event
Tuesday 7 th May	Class Towneley's visit to the library.
Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Wednesday 15 th May	Class Wycoller's PSHE walk around Nelson.
Tuesday 21 st May	RE Day in school - Sikhism Workshop (whole school).
Thursday 23 rd May	Music and shanty-writing workshop with Chris Fox (Towneley Class).
Friday 24 th May 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSES
Monday 3 rd June 8.45am	SCHOOL OPENS

Emails, Texts, and the School Website

It is vital that you check and read **all** emails and texts sent from school so that you are kept up to date with important information. Please keep checking our school website too as you will find further information there, including a weekly newsletter.

Absences from school

It is essential that school is notified by telephone (01282 614463) before 8.55am on the first day of absence. If the school is not informed, then enquiries as to the child's whereabouts will be made. If possible, could parents make any medical appointments out of school hours so that your child's education is not disrupted. If, however you do need to take your child out of school, an appointment card will need to be filled in. These are available in the school office. *Please note: if your child has not arrived in school and ordered a school lunch before 9.30am, parents will need to bring in a packed lunch for their child(ren).*

Important Reminders

1. Footwear

- We have noticed several children in school wearing boots or trainers as part of their school uniform. In line with our School Uniform Policy, pupils **must** wear plain black shoes. Trainers may be worn on PE days only.
- During winter months children are allowed to wear sensible plain black boots on the journey to/from school but must change into school shoes upon arrival to their classroom.

2. End of the school day

- We have had an increase in children being collected late at the end of the school day. As a reminder, KS1 pupils finish at 3.25pm and KS2 pupils finish at 3.30pm.
- Children **must** be collected by 3.30pm, with the exception of attendance at an after-school club, when they must be collected at 4.15pm.
- When children are collected late it causes disruption to after school clubs and staff meetings/training.
- If you have an emergency and are unable to collect you child(ren) on time, please inform the school office.

School Uniform Reminders:

Boys

Royal Blue sweatshirt (preferably with school logo)

Dark trousers

Plain black/grey socks

White polo/cotton shirt

Girls

Royal Blue sweatshirt/cardigan (preferably with school logo)

Dark skirt or trousers

Plain socks, tights or shalwar (black, grey or white)

White Polo/Cotton Shirt

In the summer girls may wear a pale blue checked dress

We expect all children to wear full school uniform every day. This includes plain black school shoes with a sensible heel, not trainers and no logos. If children have a problem with their usual school shoes, they must wear their black school pumps whilst in school. During winter months children are allowed to wear sensible plain black boots on the journey to/from school, but must change into school shoes upon arrival to their classroom.

- The children are expected to keep their shirts tucked in if they remove their jumpers and not to have their jumpers around their waist, as we want high standards from our pupils, including their uniform presentation.
- It is the School's Governors' Policy that all children do not wear scarves of any type, in our school or in our school grounds, in view of their age and in the interests of health and safety.
- **Please ensure that all items of clothing are named** – then they can be returned to your child if the items become lost. Jewellery is not allowed in school. **Pupils should not wear rings, bracelets, necklaces, or earrings in school.** Inexpensive wristwatches are allowed.

Come and join us for



for Everyone

this Sunday 5th May

9:30am Breakfast for all

10:30 Morning Worship or

10-11am Messy Crafts in the Dunlop Room

followed by Messy Service in church



St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road

following Jesus together as family