

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

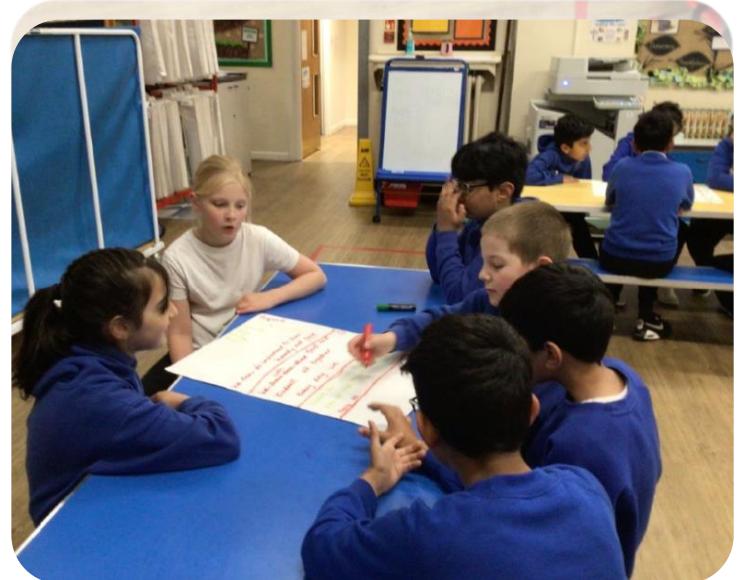
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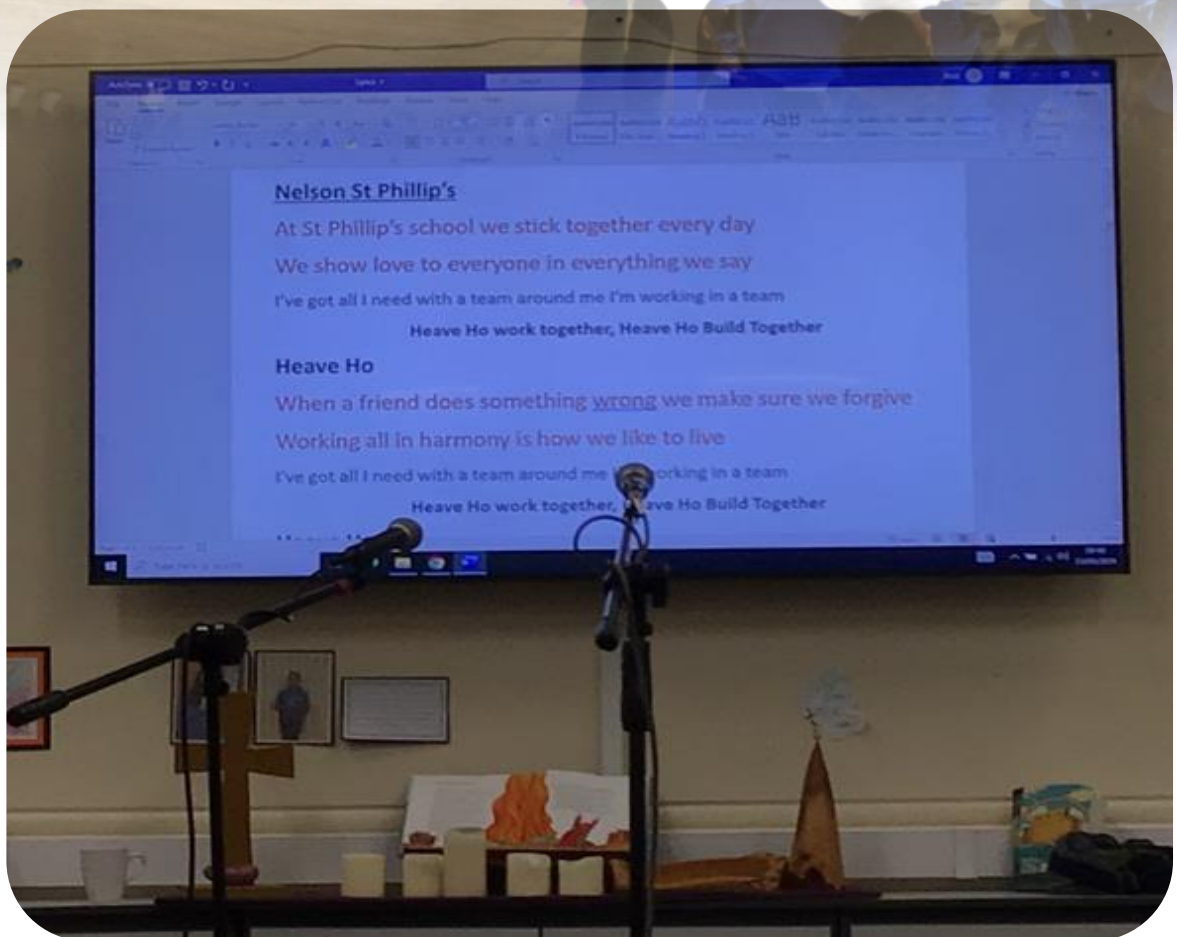
Music and Shanty-Writing Workshop

Thanks to Mrs Swire's successful application for our school to be awarded with a 'Music and shanty-writing workshop' with Chris Fox, Class Towneley were able to enjoy a full day of music, songwriting and creative activities.

There were countless applications from schools across Lancashire, as Chris Fox is a fantastic role model, particularly for reluctant writers. He demonstrates to pupils that music and songwriting are accessible to everybody and guides them through his creative process to help them put together their own collaborative shanty, celebrating the work they do together in school. We hope that Class Towneley will teach the rest of the school their unique shanty, which celebrates the important values we hold in school and describes what makes our school so special.

A huge well done to Class Towneley and Mrs Swire!







If you are having issues in activating your account, we are holding a workshop in school on Tuesday 11th June from 3.00pm to 3.30pm to assist parents in creating their accounts.

Parent Pay is being used to pay for school dinner, trips and milk money. Trips have been added to Parent Pay for every pupil this week. Forms and payments should be submitted through Parent Pay.

Activation letters were sent home at the start of the term. If you are require a duplicate letter, please email bursar@st-philips.lancs.sch.uk

If you are new to Parent Pay, please find a video below showing how to activate your account.

<https://fast.wistia.com/embed/iframe/knza87f1wm>

If you already use Parent Pay, please find a video below showing how to add additional children.

<https://fast.wistia.com/embed/iframe/i256ib6jp0>

Please note each child will need to be activated separately using the codes on the activation letters.



Superstars of the Week

Pendle - Artem Shmendiuk & Natalia Covaci

Barley - Amaya Bilal

Marsden - Killian Hayton

Towneley - Hafsa Usman

Wycoller - Laiyba Waheed

Our Christian Value Next Week:



Integrity



Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

'Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.'
(Proverbs 28:6)





Collective Worship in School
 Our Collective Worship theme next week is 'Eid'. The Christian Value will be 'Integrity'. 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

Whole School Attendance

Attendance Matters



Class Pendle	96.00%
Class Barley	96.90%
Class Marsden	94.00%
Class Towneley	97.67%
Class Wycoller	97.00%

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	96.26%
Extended Leave (10 sessions of lost learning across school)	0.72%
Whole School Attendance (With Extended Leave)	95.54%



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.
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**'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
Thursday 13 th June	Spelling Bee Final at Burnley Youth Theatre
Thursday 20 th June, 4pm	Meeting for Parents of the new Reception children starting September 2024
Friday 21 st June	SWAT Ambassadors Summer Sports Day Event at The Prairie
Monday 24 th June	Class Wycoller Library Visit
Monday 1 st July	Class Pendle Library Visit
Friday 5 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Monday 8 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 10 th July	Ribchester Roman Museum - Classes Marsden and Towneley
Thursday 11 th July, 2.30 - 4pm	Art Gallery
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Show / Prom Night
Friday 19 th July	Talent Show

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).*

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.

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 your 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.