

# 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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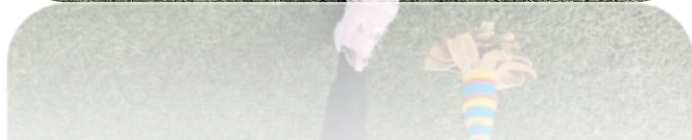
## Summer Term Newsletter

Friday 28th June 2024

### SWAT (Schools Working and Achieving Together) Celebration Day

Last Friday, our SWAT Ambassadors thoroughly enjoyed a fun day of activities at Prairie Sports Village in Burnley, (Dance, boxing, circus skills, soft archery and mini golf). They were celebrating the theme, 'Paris 2024 Olympic Games' and exploring new friendships, alongside the other schools in the cluster. Each school represented a different country, with St Philip's representing Albania. Thank you to Mrs Romanska, for designing our t-shirts - the children looked fantastic as they took part in the opening and closing ceremonies. Well done to Aliza and Zeeshan for winning the 'Sporting Values' awards and to all the children for their impeccable behaviour once again - Well done!











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](mailto: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.**

**YOU'RE A SUPERSTAR!**

Superstars of the Week

Pendle - Yasin Akram

Barley - All Year 2!

Marsden - Hafsa Chaudhry

Towneley - Ashbaan Rahat

Wycoller - Aleemuddin Haider

**Our Christian Value Next Week:**

**Trust**



*Trust lies at the heart of all relationships. Trust is putting yourself in others' hands and believing in the honesty and reliability of others.*



*(Jesus' words to his disciples)*

*'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.'*  
*(John 14:1)*





### Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is 'Giants of Faith'. The Christian Value will be 'Trust'.

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



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
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Class Pendle Library Visit
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Transition Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Ribchester Roman Museum - Classes Marsden and Towneley
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July, 2.30 - 4pm	Art Gallery
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Show / Prom Night
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 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.