

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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Our Nativity Performance - 'It's a Baby'.

Congratulations to all our children for the amazing performances this week. We are extremely proud of them all and it has been a warming start to this special time of year. We had lots of lovely comments about the children's wonderful singing, narrating and enthusiasm, from parents and governors - a huge well done to everyone!

A big thank you to all our members of staff who have made these performances happen and to our parents for attending these memorable events.









Our Christian Value Next Week:



Generosity



Generosity is the quality of being kind and a willingness to give help or support.

'Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)





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



Class Pendle	87.67%
Class Barley	86.21%
Class Marsden	82.50%
Class Towneley	94.67%
Class Wycoller	92.00%

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	88.46%
Extended Leave (4 sessions of lost learning across school)	0.28%
Whole School Attendance (With Extended Leave)	88.18%



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

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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

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

St Philip's C E Primary School Christmas Production (first performance) at 2.00pm (prompt). **Admission will not be permitted once the concert has started at 2.00pm.** Tickets are available from the school office.

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

St Philip's C E Primary School Christmas Production (second performance) at 2.00pm (prompt). **Admission will not be permitted once the concert has started at 2.00pm.** Tickets are available from the school office.

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER

The PTA will be hosting a Christmas Fayre from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. All parents and pupils are welcome. Pupils must attend with an adult and be supervised.

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Christmas Lunch – pupils will enjoy a festive lunch.

The Christmas Party will take place from 1.00pm onwards. **Pupils may bring party clothes to change into for the party but must attend the morning session in school uniform.**

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER

The class with the highest attendance for the Autumn Term will have a reward. Details to follow.

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

Christmas Jumper/Christmas Accessories Day. This is a non-uniform day. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper or Christmas Accessories e.g. Santa hat etc

School closes at 3.30pm and re-opens on Monday 6th January 2025.



We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Key Dates for the Autumn Term, 2024



Date and time	Event
Monday 16th December 3.30-4.30pm	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch/Christmas Party
Friday 20th December 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSES
Monday 6th January 8.55am	SCHOOL OPENS

Please find below the menu for week commencing 16th December:

Weekly Menu: Week3a

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Main	Main	Main	Main
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Cheese Sandwich
Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich
Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Egg Sandwich
Egg Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Egg Sandwich	Pizza served with Chips and Beans
Quorn Sausage, Omelette, Potatoes and beans	Pasta with Herby Bread and Salad	Quorn Fillet, Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Veg	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans
Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch

Allergens
Quorn Sausage, Omelette, Potatoes and beans : **Eggs**; Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Wedges: **Cereals containing gluten**; Pasta with Herby Bread and Salad : **Cereals containing gluten**; Cheese Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Milk**; Tuna Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Fish**; Egg Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Eggs**; Quorn Fillet, Gravy, Roast Potatoes & Veg: **Cereals containing gluten**; Pizza served with Chips and Beans: **Cereals containing gluten**; Fish Fingers with Chips and Beans: **Cereals containing gluten, Fish**

Subject: Important information re school communication

We are switching to a new communication app on Monday 2nd December. This means all communication will be then sent via this platform. It is important that you download the School Spider app, so you do not miss any information about your child.

You can download the app via the Apple Store or Google Play Store by searching School Spider Parents.

Please select Nelson St Philip's C E Primary School and "Create account" using the email associated with the school. A user guide has been sent to parents via email.

Parents will be able to notify school of pupil absences through the app, however, you are still welcome to ring or email school, if your child is going to be absent.

Translation Service

On your School Spider App please see the dropdown menu at the top to change your language. An information leaflet regarding the translation service has been sent to parents via email.

Urdu- اپنی اسکول اسپائیڈر ایپ پر براہ کرم اپنی زبان کو تبدیل کرنے کے لیے سب سے اوپر ڈراپ ڈاؤن مینو دیکھیں

Romanian- În aplicația School Spider, consultați meniul drop-down din partea de sus pentru a vă schimba limba

The app can translate messages from English to Urdu and Romanian. You can send messages to school in your language and this will translate into English for the school to read.

If you are unable to download the app or have forgotten your password, and require assistance, please email bursar@st-philips.lancs.sch.uk.

The new system will send communications via email, if you have not been able to download the app.

NB: From Monday 2nd December, we will be no longer using the text messaging system.



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 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.

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 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.

Christmas at St John with St Philip

Sat 7th Dec

6pm Asian Carol Service *followed by curry*

Sun 8th Dec

10:30am International worship for Advent

4pm Messy Christmas – *for families*

Sun 15th Dec

10:30am Traditional worship for Advent

6pm No room at the Inn

Carols by candlelight and drama
*followed by mulled wine, mulled punch
and mince pies*

Sun 22nd Dec

10:30am All age Christmas

Christmas Eve

4pm A Christingly Christmas!
goody bags, candlelit singing, refreshments

11pm International Midnight Mass
followed by South Asian refreshments

Christmas Day

10:30am Holy Communion (45 mins)

St John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson

following Jesus together as family

