

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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Spring Term Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025

INSET Days - School will be closed for the children on Monday 31st March and Tuesday 1st April.

Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating!

Our Short Story Winner!

Mrs Swire said, "At the start of March, Veritas Education invited our school to participate in a creative writing challenge for World Book Day. The children had to write a story, based on any theme, which had to be no more than 300 words. I read some super stories that were entered but there could only be one winner and Arfa, with her truly fabulous story, of exactly 300 words, was the overall winner out of all the schools involved. Not only did Arfa win a new book and a dragon model for herself, but she also won a £100 Amazon voucher for the school. This week, she is going to help choose some new books for our school library. Well done Arfa - I hope you always keep writing."





£100 Amazon
voucher for
school!



Our Christian Value This Week: Trust

Trust: Class Pendle, trusting and supporting each other when exploring plants and rolling down hills at Walverden Park last week.



Our Christian Value Next Week: Hope



Superstars of the Week

Pendle - Hoorain Mian Akhtar

Barley - Zarnab Waqas

Marsden - Noor Fatimah

Towneley - Leon Howorth

Wycoller - Zoya Usman

Hope

'Hope is believing that good things will happen.'

In the Bible...

'Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit.'

(1 Corinthians 13:13)





Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is 'Easter Week'. The Christian Value will be 'Hope'.

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	95.52%
Class Barley	91.00%
Class Marsden	93.67%
Class Towneley	96.67%
Class Wycoller	96.50%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	94.53%
Extended Leave (sessions of lost learning across school)	1.58%
Whole School Attendance (With Extended Leave)	92.95%



PLEASE NOTE

- Following guidance from Lancashire County Council, with effect from 22nd April 2025, the cost of school lunches will increase to £2.90. The increase is due to rising food and salary costs.
- Data Collection Sheets have been sent home this week, please check the information on the sheet and complete any missing/incorrect details. The sheet needs to be returned to the school office by Friday 4th April.



Key Dates for the Spring and Summer Terms, 2025



Date and time	Event
Tuesday 2 nd - Thursday 4 th April	Right Start Road Safety (Year 1)
Thursday 3 rd April 2-2.30pm	Easter Service in Church
Friday 4 th April 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSES
Tuesday 22 nd April 8.55am	SCHOOL OPENS

Monday 28 th April	Viking School Days visit to Class Marsden
Tuesday 29 th April	Viking School Days visit to Class Towneley
Thursday 8 th May 1 - 3.30pm	VE Day celebrations
Friday 23 rd May	Food for Life Theme Day
Monday 2 nd June 11am - 12pm	Class Pendle library visit
Friday 6 th June	INSET Day
Friday 27 th June 9.30 - 11.30am	Sports Day at Seedhill
Wednesday 2nd July	Class Pendle visit to Woodend farm, Dunsop Bridge
Thursday 3 rd July	Worship and Prayer Day
Friday 4 th July	Class Barley visit to Woodend farm, Dunsop Bridge
Thursday 10 th July	Class Wycoller visit to Saltaire
Friday 18 th July 3.30pm	SCHOOL CLOSSES
Monday 1 st September 8.55am	SCHOOL OPENS

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,
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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

Please find below the menu for week commencing 31st March:

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

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.