

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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Well done to our Worship Ambassadors, Mrs Macdonald and Reverend Lorelli for a wonderful Christingle Service this morning and thank you to all the staff for organising the fun-filled Christmas parties this week.

From all of us at St Philip's, we hope our families have a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. School closed today for the festive season and reopens on Monday 8th January for the spring term. We look forward to working alongside you again in 2024!












Our Christian Value the First Week Back:



Humility

*Christian humility is understanding that you are not **more** important or **more** valuable or **more** loved by God and Jesus than anyone else.*





Jesus uses a series of images and examples to encourage his disciples to 'become like little children', 'to take the lower place', 'to wash each other's feet'.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.
- C.S. Lewis



Collective Worship in School

Our Collective Worship theme next week is 'New Year, New Start.' The Christian Value will be 'Humility.'

Please pass on any thoughts and ideas you may have about what you feel your child would benefit



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Class Attendance

Class Pendle	95.17%
Class Barley	95.86%
Class Marsden	94.33%
Class Towneley	89.00%
Class Wycoller	91.00%

Whole School Attendance

Whole School (Without Extended Leave)	93.19%
Extended Leave (60 sessions of lost learning across school)	4.35%
Whole School Attendance (With Extended Leave)	88.84%



WELL DONE TEAMS

MARS and VENUS!

You are the overall
WINNING TEAMS for this
term!

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 Spring Term, 2023

Date and time	Event
Monday 8 th January	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 9 th & Wednesday 10 th January	Go Velo to deliver cycling proficiency to Year 6
Thursday 11 th & Friday 12 th January	Go Velo to deliver cycling proficiency to Year 5
Friday 26 th January	Dress as a Word Day
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February	Reading Café

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).*

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.