



ST PHILIP'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hello!

8TH July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we are nearly at the end of our Academic Year of 2023/2024. Please read and refer to for key dates and information over the Summer Term and New Academic Year 2024-2025.



Pope Francis prayer intention for July

In July, we pray with Pope Francis that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our children who received the sacrament of the Eucharist on Sunday 30th June. A beautiful celebration mass took place with our group of children and 2 children from the parish of St Philip Neri. Well done children! you have been an amazing group to work with and we are very proud of you in receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Ofsted

On the 8th & 9th May, our school had Ofsted. We are very proud to announce that St Philip's Catholic Primary School continues to be a **Good** School. There is lots to be proud of with the report and there is some really positive comments about our wonderful school, curriculum and our children. We are very proud of our school!!

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Meet your new teacher!

Year 6	Miss Reaney
Year 5 -	Mrs Khan
Year 4 -	Miss Foster
Year 3 -	Mrs Davidson- Pope
Year 2-	Mrs Eaton
Year 1-	Mrs Evans
Reception class -	Miss Harris

On Thursday 11th July your child will meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom in readiness for September 2024.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be sent home to you with your child shortly. Included in your child's report will be the overall attendance certificate for the year and a separate report to share your child's results for SATS at the end of year 6, year 2, PHONICS for year 1, GLD for the end of Reception class.

On Monday 15th July you can speak with your child's teacher face to face or via telephone to discuss your child's report IF ONLY you have a concerns you wish to talk about.

Training Days in the Autumn term

The term dates for the next Academic Year have been shared with you over this year and are on our website. I am writing to let you know that due to important training for all staff in our school, we have had to change 2 dates over the year.

We have a training day on Monday 2nd September, and on **Tuesday 3rd September the children WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL** and our autumn term starts.

On Wednesday 27th November 2024 our next training day will happen AND SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS



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Please accept my apologies about the change of dates, but we have had to accept these training days as the two dates shared above due to very important training on phonics and reading for all of our staff. I understand that this may cause inconvenience to you, but want to assure you that this will benefit your child. Thank you for your understanding .



Contact Details

Please note! It is very important that school has the most up to date contact details of your telephone numbers as we come to the end of our school year. **If you have changed your contact details**, please pop into the office and let the school know. We want to ensure that we can contact you directly in the case of an emergency or if your child falls ill or has an injury at school during the school day.

Healthy Choices - a polite reminder!

We continue to be proud of our Platinum Healthy School Award. **Please support your children to make healthy choices for break times and at lunchtimes in their lunch boxes.** Please choose the children's snacks with a careful thought. We are seeing a rise in unhealthy snacks across school in the last few weeks!. Please check your child's lunchboxes as this will give you an indication of how much your child has eaten. Please note that school provides a piece of fruit at breaktime for your child. Thank you for your support.

AIP Catering

Free School Meals and KS1 Universal Free School Meals children - please note !

If your child is a Free School Meal child or is in EYFS or KS1 they are entitled to a free school lunch which would be a hot meal from the school canteen.

If your child is moving in KS2 in September and your child is Free school meals /pupil premium there is NO cost for their lunch.

If you are NOT receiving Free school meals / Pupil premium and you want your child to receive a hot lunch , there will be a cost of £ 2:30 per meal per day **if your child is years 3,4,5 or 6.** Please book lunches online on **SCHOOL FOOD UNITED TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PREFERRED LUNCH OPTION.** You can access your account online to

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identify if you have an outstanding bill to pay. If you are having trouble logging in or creating your School Food United account, please come and see Mrs Slater in the School Office.

If you would rather send your child in with their own packed lunch you are welcome to do so (please remember **no nuts (including Nutella), tomatoes or oranges** as we have children with severe allergies in school).

Attendance

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning. Please ensure that you endeavour to get your child to school and in on time for **8:50 am**. The playground gates open at **8:40am and the official start to the school day is 8:50 am**. If your child arrives to school after the registers close, they will receive a late mark that is recorded on your child's attendance record. If your child is ill and is unable to come to school, please contact the **school office on 0121 558 1643** and leave a message or speak to Mrs Slater.

Please remember that taking holidays in term time will affect your child's schooling and we ask for your co-operation to not take your child away in school time as this will be UNAUTHORISED.

Nursery places — Please see the information below!

We have nursery places available for September 2024. If you have child who has turned 3 years old or will be within the term, please get in contact and we will be happy to support with completing the application forms and supporting you. Our next intake will be September 2024. Please pop into the school and speak with us at the school office.

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Learning and working together through Christ

Nursery Places Available
FREE 30 HOURS
FOR WORKING PARENTS

Ring us now on 0121 558 1643 to find out more

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The banner features the school logo and three circular images showing children in a nursery setting.

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Going Cashless

From September 2024 the school will be going cashless. Payments should be made via the apps for different platforms. Also, the school now has a card payment facility where you can pay via credit/debit card at the office. This facility is available between **10.30 am - 3.00 pm** and you will need to see Mrs Slater (School Office) to make a transaction. In certain circumstances the school will accept cash but would rather have payments paid via the apps or card.

Our School Website

Please remember to visit our school website which is full of useful and up to date information. Please log on and have a look. You can post a message on the guest book page to let us know your thoughts and take a look at our X page and blog.

The address is: www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/

Dates for your diary

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Term Dates	Activity
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 trip to Cinema and Bowling
Sunday 14 th July	School /Parish mass @ 9:30 am
Monday 15 th July	Parent consultations
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 leavers Mass in Church @ 10.00 am Year 6 Production of The Lion King @ 1.45 pm (School Hall)
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Graduation @ 9:15 am
Friday 19 th July 2024	Children break up for Summer
Monday 22 nd July 2024	Training Day

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Term dates for 2024 /2025

Autumn term 2024

Term starts: Monday 2 September 2024 - Inset Day
Tuesday 3 September 2024 - Children return to School
Half-term holiday: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024
Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024
Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January 2025

Spring term 2025

Term starts: Monday 6 January 2025
Half-term holiday: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025
Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025
Easter Holiday: Monday 14 April 2025 to Friday 25 April 2025

Summer term 2025

Term starts: Monday 28 April 2025 (Bank Holiday Monday 5 May)
Half-term holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025
Summer holiday starts: Tuesday 22 July 2025

Proposed MAC INSET dates for 24/25:

Monday 2nd September 2024
Friday 4th October 2024
Wednesday 27th November 2024
Monday 21st July 2025 (disaggregated over 3 twilights)
Plus one MAC training Day perhaps Friday 14th February 2025.

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