



ST PHILIP'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

15th July 2025

Hello!

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the last day of our academic year at school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for your continued support over the year to our school and children. We as staff are very proud of all the achievements of all of our children across the school year and thank you for your support, co-operation and dedication to St Philip's Catholic Primary school. Thank you.



Goodbye Year 6 !

I would like to wish all of our year 6 pupils who will be leaving us on Friday and flying their wings to a new chapter of life when they start secondary school in the autumn term. Good Luck to you all!

We have been incredibly proud of all of our year 6 pupils and of all their achievements. You have been wonderful role models in school and when you have represented our school at sporting tournaments, debates and working with other schools. Thank you and well done children! We wish you all the very best for the future.

Good luck !

We wish our nursey children who are leaving nursery to join our Reception class in another school, good luck and we are very much looking forward to greeting our new Reception class.

Prayer of reflection for our school leavers "Dear God, we thank you for the time these students have spent at our school. Bless them as they move on to new adventures, and grant them wisdom and guidance in all they do. Amen

Goodbye and Farewell !

At the end of our year, we say goodbye to Miss Foster who will be leaving us on Friday. She will be moving home to Worcestershire and we want to wish her all the very best in her new school

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and career. We also say goodbye to Mrs Davidson-Pope who is leaving our school to pursue her career in another school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both our teachers for their dedication and commitment to St Philip's. Both Mrs Davidson-Pope and Miss Foster have both inspired and shared passion of learning with our pupils.

We wish you all the very best for the next exciting opportunities that await you both in your new schools.

Welcome !

We welcome in September, Miss Bayliss who will be joining our school.

Teaching Staff for September 2025

Nursery - Miss Kay
Reception - Miss Harris
Year 1- Mrs Evans
Year 2- Mrs Eaton
Year 3- Miss Bayliss
Year 4- Mrs Khan
Year 5 - Mrs Anslow & Mr Raj
Year 6 - Miss Reaney

Please note that support staff will be allocated to classes and other classes in school during the week.

School places — Please see the information below!

We have nursery and reception places available for this September 2025 and 2026. If you have a child that 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. If your child is of Reception age and you would like to come and visit our school. Our next intake will be September 2025. Come and talk to us!

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Free School Meals

Pupils in current Year 2 Pupils in our current year 2 class will not receive Universal Infant Free School Meals once they move up into Year 3 this September. However, you may qualify for free school meals, and if you do it's really important to apply in advance. See below for details of how to apply and the eligibility criteria.



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding - Please help us to access precious government funding

For every child that is eligible for free school meals - we receive very valuable funding from the government called 'Pupil Premium Funding.' This funding is very precious and valuable and is always spent on improving the provision in school for the children. If you successfully apply for free school meals, you not only have the option to choose free school lunches for your child but you also bring in very precious funding for the school for the next 6 years

Contact Details



It is very important that school has the most up to date contact details of your telephone numbers. **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.

ARBOR system

We use the system -ARBOR for all communications to you about school and updates of what's happening within School and to share updates. If you have not logged on Arbor as of yet, it is extremely important that you do.

Summer trips

We have tried to encourage summer trips to take place this term. A big than you parents for your support with payments. I would like to take this opportunity to share that we have tried our utmost to keep the cost to a minimum, but we have seen soaring prices from the coach companies, where it's been extremely difficult to keep the cost down. Thank you, parents, for making the trips happen and to enable us to take the children out of school.

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Online safety

As we are entering into the summer holidays it is important to talk to our children about keeping safe online.

Here are some key tips to help support your child's online safety:

- **Talk regularly** with your child about their online activities and who they interact with.
- **Set clear boundaries** around screen time and appropriate content.
- **Use parental controls** on devices and apps to help manage what your child can access and spot check your child's devices.
- **Encourage critical thinking**—help your child understand that not everything they see online is true or safe.
- **Model good behaviour** by demonstrating responsible and respectful online habits.

We also recommend visiting trusted websites such as ThinkUKnow, NSPCC Online Safety, and Childnet for further guidance and resources.



Uniform

St Philip's is well known for its high standards of uniform and appearance, and we have only achieved this because parents are completely supportive of us.

As a quick reminder for September, please remember:

- Children must wear smart, sensible, black school shoes/ trainers (or boots in winter) No bright coloured trainers, jelly shoes or shoes with a heel.
- Hair dying and extreme fashion haircuts such as shavings and engravings are not allowed. Boys' and girls' hair must be neat, tidy and sensible.
- Full uniform details are on our website.

You can also order uniform from MyClothing.com if you would like to purchase uniform with the school badge on.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOUR CHILD IS MOVING INTO YEAR 6 IN SEPTEMBER, YOUR CHILD'S JUMPER/CARDIGAN WILL CHANGE FROM ROYAL BLUE TO NAVY BLUE .

If you would like a pre-loved jumper /cardigan for your child, please let us know and we will be happy to help.



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IF PARENTS WOULD BE SO KIND TO DONATE YOUR CHILD'S JUMPER /CARDIGAN IF YOUR CHILD IS IN YEAR 6 CLASS AT PRESEN , PLEASE COULD YOU BRING IT INTO SCHOOL FOR US TO RE-DISTRIBUTE. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.

Our School Website

Please remember to visit our school website which is full of useful and up to date information and to see all the wonderful work the children have all done over the year. 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/

For your diary

Please note! The children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Term dates for 2025 /2026

Autumn term 2025

- Term starts: Monday 1st September 2025 for children to return to school on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025.

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

- 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 2026

- 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 2026

- 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 INSET DAY

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Prayer of reflection

As we come to the end of this school year Lord, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break and time to relax and enjoy the summer with your families.

God Bless

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