



We are flying through our Summer term and our children have lots of awards and achievements to be proud of. Well done children.

### Farewell and Goodbye

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Vanessa Holwell who will be retiring next Wednesday. Mrs Holwell has been with us for 18 years here at St Philip's. She has been a dedicated member of staff to St Philip's Catholic Primary school. We wish her the very best for the future. Please join us to say goodbye to Mrs Holwell by joining us for mass on Wednesday 26th June in the church at 9:15 am and a goodbye assembly later on in the day at 2:30 pm. Or pop into the office to say goodbye.

### First Holy Communion

This coming Sunday children from year 3 will be making their first Holy Communion at church at 9:30am. This is a very special time for us to come together and support our children with their journey of faith. Please keep the children in your thoughts and prayers. Please join us at mass at 9:30 am.

### Year 6 transition days to Secondary Schools.

Please contact the school when your transition day/s are for your child is. It is so very important that the school knows the dates so we are in line with our safeguarding procedures.

### After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs in the last week of term. The clubs will finish on **Thursday 12th July.**

### Contact Details

It is very important that school has the most up to date contact details of you 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 and with class trips happening this term it is important that we have your contact details.

### Safeguarding

We are dedicated to safeguarding our young people. If you have any concerns with safeguarding, then please speak with a member of staff or myself and we will endeavour to help and support. The Designated Safeguarding leader in school is Mrs Hinton, Mr Wilkes, Mrs Evans, Mrs Hill and Mr Padaton. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website. Thank you.

### Parking and Safety

Please ensure that your child/children are safety inside the school gates and not left at the top of the road. There is a lot of traffic around school and school is very busy at times of the day. Please ensure that you park safely and do not obstruct residents drives or park on the zig zag lines. There are traffic wardens and PCSOs that are active around the school. Breakfast Club children must be accompanied into the reception area to ensure their safety. **The school gates open at 8.40am children must not enter the school through the reception area unless they are attending breakfast club or are arriving late after 8.55am.**

### We need you !

Would you like to become a member of our Academy Committee and become a school governor? We have vacancies on our governing body. The role is to continue to support the Catholic life of the school along with supporting standards and outcomes. If you are interested, please pop in and see me and I will be happy to chat with you.

### Nursery places — Please see the information below!

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### 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. The playground opens at **8:40am** and the school day starts at **8:50am**. If your child arrives to school after the registers close they will receive a late mark. 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. If you are considering a holiday please see the school office to complete a form at least 10 days before the date you intend to leave.

### Healthy Choices

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. Please check your child's lunchboxes and this will give you an indication of how much your child has eaten. Thank you for your support.

### Polite reminder — Hairstyles

Thank you for continuing to support our policy on appropriate hairstyles for school. There should be no hair sculptures or tram lines, shaving, highlights or hair colouring of any description. Extreme hairstyles should only be considered at the beginning of the summer holiday. Please continue to support us this term.

### End of the day!

If you are unable to collect your child on time at the end of the day or there is someone else collecting your child, please telephone the school office to let them know and please ensure you let the person know the password you have been given. We want to ensure the children are released safely and securely.

### 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. The address is : [www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/](http://www.st-philips.sandwell.sch.uk/).

## Dates to remember

Tuesday 25th July—Year 1 Barry Island trip

Wednesday 26th June- Visitors into school .  
Seminarians from Oscott College.

Thursday 27th June- KS2 Sports day  
1.15pm

Friday 28th June—Tag Rugby tournament  
and Bikeability for year 5&6.

Monday 1st July—KS1 Sports day 1.15pm

Tuesday 2nd July—Class visit to Blue Planet  
Aquarium

Tuesday 2nd July—EYFS sports day 1.45pm

Monday 8th July- Music concert & new  
reception parents meeting.

Thursday 11th July—New classes visits

Thursday 18th July—Y6 Production 2.00pm

Thursday 18th July—Y6 Leavers Mass  
9.15am

Friday 19th July—Y6 Graduation 9.15am

Date	Event
<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>	
Monday 2nd September	Children return to school
Wednesday 23rd October	Children break up for half term
Thursday 24th October	Teacher Training Day
Friday 25th October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 4th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 18th December	Children break up for Christmas
Thursday 19th December	Teacher Training Day
Friday 20th December	Teacher Training Day
<b>Spring Term 2020</b>	
Monday 6th January	Children return to school
Friday 14th February	Children Break up for half term
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Friday 3rd April	Children break up for Easter
<b>Summer Term 2020</b>	
Monday 20th April	Children return to school
Monday 4th May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Children break up for half term
Monday 1st June	Children return to school
Friday 17th July	Children break up for Summer Holidays
Monday 20th July	Teacher training day

Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

*Mrs Hinton*