



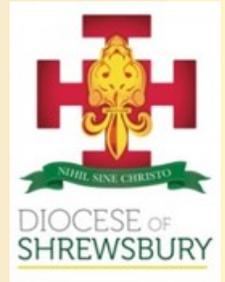
# St Philip's Catholic Primary School

## Christ at the Centre

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Gates open at 8.40am	Learning Activities begin at 8.45am	School Day ends at 3pm
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Hello everyone,

It was lovely to welcome many of you into school on Thursday for our very first Parent Pop in. It was wonderful to hear the buzz around school and see so many of our children being transported on a new adventure whilst enjoying a story with a loved one. These sessions will continue to take place on a half termly basis across the school year, with a different focus each time. Our next one will be on **14th December at 2.30pm.**

As outlined in my letter in September, we have made some changes to our approach to Home Learning this year. As a school, we are looking to develop and embed the use of fluency in our Maths' curriculum. Maths' fluency means that children are able to use their skills to know the best way to figure out a Maths' problem. It also means developing number sense and applying the skills in a variety of contexts. Instant recall of basic number facts such as number bonds and multiplication facts are a key building block within this, with our online resource Numbots and Timestable Rockstars being a manageable, fun way for the children to do this at home. All of the children have an individual log—in in their Reading Log and should be engaging with this at least 3 times per week. This regular practice will enable them to know key mathematical facts which they can recall quickly and accurately, in turn support their working memory when solving a variety of problems.

Thank you for all of your support in during the first half term.

Wishing you a restful half term break.

God bless and see you all at 8.40am on Monday 30th October.

Mrs Holland



### The National Sleep Helpline

**the national sleep helpline**

**Want to know more about sleep?**

ASK US THE QUESTIONS YOU WANT ANSWERS TO

**03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

**Does your child suffer with sleep issues?**

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?  
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

**WE CAN HELP**

**03303 530 541**  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

### Headteacher Awards:

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Reception	Isla, Leo, Emma.
Year 1	Tom
Year 2	Greyson.
Year 3	Henley.
Year 4	Caitlyn, Safia.
Year 5	Frankie, Indie.
Year 6	Kaylan

## Dates for your Diary

### **October**

20th School closes for half term

30th School opens

### **November**

10th Crazy Hair Day (bottles for Christmas Fair)

11th Remembrance Day

13th Parliament Week

17th Silly Socks (chocolate for Christmas Fair)

24th Flu Vaccinations

24th Christmas Fair 6—8pm

### **December**

1st History Day

13th Reception and KS1 Nativity 2pm

14th Reception and KS1 Nativity 9.15am

15th Christmas Wrap

20th Christmas Lunch

21st Christmas Party Day

21st School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm

## Family Mass Dates

Family Masses will be held throughout the year At St Philip's Church at 6pm on the following dates,

Saturday 18th November

Saturday 3rd February

Saturday 23rd March

Saturday 18th May

## Secondary School Applications

A reminder that applications for Secondary School places must be made by 31st October 2023.

Stockport have a helpline set up for parents to call and receive advice about applying for a secondary school place. Call 0161 521 8871 between now and 27<sup>th</sup> October between 10am – 6pm.

## Is my child too ill for school?

Follow the link for further guidance:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## Attendance

Reception	96.3%
Year 1	86.1%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	88.6%
Year 4	91.9%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	98.2%

A reminder that the gates open at 8.40am for all of our children and their learning activities begin at 8.45am each day. Our school target for

attendance is **96%**.

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS

Mass at St Philip's is on Saturday evening at 6pm, Sunday Mass at St Peter's is to 8.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm.