

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

A very warm welcome back to all of our St Philip's family.

It has been a busy start to 2024! We began the week focusing on the celebration of the Epiphany, when the Three Wise Men travelled to Bethlehem to see Jesus. The children reflected on the gifts which the Kings shared and how they can themselves share light in our world. We talked about how our school mission statement supports us in our mission as we keep Christ at the Centre of all that we do.

It has been lovely to see many of our children attending our extra curricular activities throughout the week. A huge thank you to all of our staff for providing these exciting opportunities for our children.

On Wednesday, Mrs Church and Miss Rowland spent some time visiting classes and talking to the children about our new Reading and Writing approach at St Philip's; they were blown away with the children's enthusiasm, engagement and ideas. This week you will have received your child's class newsletter which details lots of the learning and information for the Spring Term including the texts which the are currently studying should you wish to support them with this at home.

God Bless,

Mrs Holland

<u>Snacks</u>

A reminder that you child/children are welcome to bring a healthy snack with them to be consumed at break time each day. These snacks **MUST** be nut free and any grapes **MUST** be cut in half. We thank you for your support with this.



Rec

Yr 1

Yr 2

Yr 3

Yr 4

Yr 5

Yr 6

Uniform Reminder

- Make up should not be worn for school.
- Small earring studs are permitted, but these must be removed by the child before each PE lesson. Your child will have to put their own studs back in after the lesson. No other jewellery should be worn to school.
- Nail varnish and fake nails are not allowed in school. Please ensure your children do not come in wearing either.
- Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons.
- If your child is attending a sport's club after school then they may wish to bring an additional kit to be worn on the day.

Headteacher Awards

Matilda, Liam, Isla

Anthony, Emmanuel.

Jiva, Ahad.

Lyla.

Jorgia.

Tommy.

Mia, Sienna.

Dates for your Diary

January

12th Reception Stay and Play 2-3pm

February

2nd NSPCC Number Day

7th Safer Internet Day

9th St Philip's Got Talent

23rd Reception Stay and Play 2-3pm

27th Reception Liturgy

March

1st INSET—School Closed

2nd World Day of Prayer

4th World Book Week

21st Earth Day

25th Holy Week

Empowering parents Empowering communities

BEING A PARENT For parents / carers of children aged 2 – 11 years – all welcome!

Starting Monday 15th January: 9.30am-12 noon

One Stockport Family Hub at Westmorland Drive, Brinnington, SK5 8HH

Starting Monday 15th January: 9.45am-12.15pm

Reddish Vale Start Well, at Reddish Vale Rd, Reddish, Stockport, SK5 7EU

BEING A PARENT TOGETHER – BITESIZE (3 sessions)

An online version of the course for those co-parenting / caring to attend together

Starting Wednesday 21st February: 6pm – 8pm

Online course

Booking is essential – To refer a parent, to book a place or for more information please email: <u>admin.epec@stockport.gov.uk</u> or call our EPEC team

on 0161 406 9558

The Big Ambition Survey

To share your views with the Children's Commissioner ahead of the next General Election, please follow the link.

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/ thebigambition

A Prayer for the New Year

NEW YEAR PRAYER Thank You Lord for giving me

The brand-new year ahead. Help me live the way I should As each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom That I might help a friend, Give me strength and courage So, a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, Help me fill it with good things Each new day filled with joy And happiness it brings. In Jesus' Name Amen.

Attendance

Please ensure that all absences are reported to the school office—thank you.

Reception	98.7%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	94.6%
Year 3	99. 1%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 5	90.8%
Year 6	95.6%

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%.

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.