



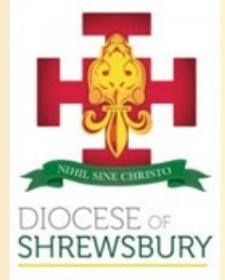
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Gates open at 8.40am	Learning Activities begin at 8.45am	School Day ends at 3pm
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Hello to all of our St Philip's family.

Last Sunday marked World Day of Prayer for Peace. This is something which we explored in Assembly on Monday and has been a theme in our Celebration of the Word sessions in class, with the children reflecting on those in our world who are suffering at the hands of conflict and creating some beautiful prayers.

Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer and asks us to think about the centrality of both individual and community prayer in our lives. As a school, we will continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities for our children to develop their experiences of prayer and look forward to welcoming you to join us at times during our liturgies and celebrations.

This week we say goodbye to our Site Manager Mrs Reeder. We would like to thank her for all of her dedication to St Philip's and wish her all the very best for her future ventures.

Wishing you all a slightly warmer weekend!

God Bless,
Mrs Holland

Emails

I wrote to all parents and carers this week regarding the use of school emails for personal reasons. In line with our Online Safety Policy and to safeguard our children, children's school email addresses should not be used for any purposes outside of school. Thank you for your support.

Save the date

Our next School Disco will take place on Friday 15th March. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

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.

In line with our value of **Respect**, we appreciate your support with this.

Headteacher Awards

A huge well done to all of our award winners.

Rec	Oliver, Ella-Grace, Sophia
Yr1	Sienna P, Eddie
Yr2	Zachary
Yr3	Savannah, Arnie, Melia.
Yr4	Maya C
Yr5	Carter, Junior.
Yr6	Kendall

Dates for your Diary

January

30th Reception Stay and Play 8.45am—9.30 am

February

2nd NSPCC Number Day

3rd Family Mass 6pm

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

15th School Disco

21st Earth Day

25th Holy Week

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life

On Saturday 3rd February at 2pm, there will be a celebration of Marriage and Family Life in St. Peter's Church, followed by a shared table celebration in the Parish Centre. This is a parish community event where we're looking to celebrate and support marriage, as well as support those people who experience difficulties, including divorce, separation and bereavement. There will be a service with reflections, music and an opportunity to renew your wedding vows. Everyone is welcome, whether single, married or in a committed relationship and we would particularly like to invite non-Catholic husbands/wives to take part in this occasion.

Sporting Events

We have a number of upcoming sports competitions this term. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 25th January - Year 5/6 Football

Tuesday 6th February - Gymnastics

Thursday 19th March - Netball

Good Luck to all of our children!

Forest School Drop—ins

- **Year 1** Wednesday 31st January 1.30 – 2pm
- **Year 2** Thursday 1st February 1.30 – 2pm
- **Year 3** Monday 3rd June 1.30 – 2pm
- **Year 4** Monday 29th January 1.30 – 2pm
- **Year 5** Monday 5th February 2 – 2.30pm
- **Year 6** Monday 10th June 1.30 – 2pm

Details of this half term sessions are attached to this week's newsletter.



Attendance

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

Reception	98.0%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	92.6%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	90.6%
Year 5	88.5%
Year 6	94.7%

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.