



St. Philip's Newsletter

9th October 2026



Dear St Philip's families,
Another two weeks have whizzed by! The children have been working hard and it has been wonderful to award lots of Headteacher stickers to children across the school too.

Sports News



On Friday 25th September, the whole school enthusiastically took part in our annual Sponsored Walk to raise money for the school. The afternoon ended up being a lot warmer than we anticipated, but all of the children put lots of effort in and enjoyed themselves. A huge congratulations to 3 children who managed to run 13 laps of the two fields – Marcus (Y4), Austin (Y6) and Joseph (Y3). They were closely followed by Jon (Y5) and Reuben (Y4) who achieved 12 laps. There were also a large number of children who ran or walked 11 and 10 laps of the track – well done to all of them!

On Tuesday 29th September, a team of Y5 and Y6 girls took part in a Girls Football Tournament at Manor Primary. Mrs Schofield said the girls played very well and showed great teamwork. Sophia T (Y6) was the top score, achieving a hat trick in one game! Well done to Olivia B, Matilda and Harper in Year 5, and Sara, Mia, Oakleigh, Jupiter and Sophia T in Year 6 for taking part.

Pupil Led groups

Over the last couple of weeks, new class representatives have been chosen for the School Council, Spiritual Leaders, Arts Council, Forest Friends, Online Safety Cadets and Healthy School ambassadors. All of these children have now had an opportunity to meet each other and meet their leaders. Thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward for such esteemed positions. I am sure they are going to contribute fantastic ideas throughout the year!

Catholic Life

Grandparents Assembly

On Monday 5th, we held a very special Grandparents' assembly in celebration of Grandparents' Day which was on Sunday 4th October. Children across the school shared pictures, memories, poems and letters that they had made in class. Thank you to the huge number of grandparents who were able to join us for the assembly.

Harvest Liturgy



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 led us beautifully in their Harvest Liturgy on Wednesday 7th. The children impressed me with their singing and confidence, speaking to a large audience. Thank you to all of the families that were able to join us, and for your generous food donations which have been donated to the Uckfield Food Bank.



Year 2 have been learning about the Sacrament of Baptism in their Religious Education lessons. We were delighted to be welcomed to the Church by Fr Gus, who kindly led a mock baptism for the class, helping the children to deepen their understanding of this special sacrament. The children enjoyed taking part and learning more about the signs and symbols of Baptism.



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Year 3 visit to Preston Manor

On Wednesday 7th, Year 3 class stepped back in time to experience life as Victorian servants at Preston Manor. The children rolled up their sleeves to polish silver, dust furniture, make beds, grind spices, arrange flowers, sort mail and even tried their hand at ironing! They worked hard and had a fantastic time learning about what life was like below stairs in a grand Victorian home. Thank you to Mr Davis for organising the day and to Mrs Everest and the parent helpers for accompanying the class.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs McCurdy
Headteacher

October	
Wed 14 th	10:00 Year 6 and Year 2 attending Mass 1:00-3:00 Football tournament at Manor
Thurs 15 th	Year 1 visit to Bodiam Castle Year 5 Culinary workshop session
Tues 20 th	Year 4 Ancient Egypt workshop 3:45-5:30 Y3/Y4 Football at Manor
Wed 21 st	10:00 Year 5 and Year 3 attending Mass
Thurs 22 nd	Year 1 Medieval Banquet day
w/c 26 th	HALF TERM
November	
Mon 2 nd	Children back to school
Wed 4 th	9:00-10:15 Prospective parents Open Morning
Thurs 5 th	Year 6 trip to Glyndebourne
Mon 9 th	EYFS Emergency Day
Tues 10 th	3:45-5:15 Basketball at Uckfield College
Wed 11 th	10:00 Year 4 and Year 1 attending Mass
Mon 16 th	9:00-10:15 Prospective parents Open Morning
Tues 17 th	Individual Photos 3:30-6:00 Parents evening 3:45-5:15 Indoor Athletics at Uckfield College
Wed 18 th	10:00 Year 6 and Year 2 attending Mass
Thurs 19 th	4:30-7:00 Parents evening
Tues 24 th	Vision screening with Uckfield Lions 3:45-5:00 KS1 Multiskills event at Uckfield College

Wed 25 th	10:00 Year 5 and Year 1 attending Mass
Mon 30 th	8:55 Advent Liturgy led by Year 6 – parents welcome to attend
December	
Wed 2 nd	10:00 Year 3 and Year 2 attending Mass
Fri 4 th	11:00 Service of reconciliation led by KS2, followed by Individual Reconciliation
Mon 7 th	9:00 Rocksteady Concert
Wed 9 th	10:00 Year 6 and Year 4 attending Mass 2:00 KS1 Nativity Performance to parents in the school Hall
Thurs 10 th	9:15 KS1 Nativity Performance to parents in the school Hall
Tues 15 th	6:00 KS2 Nativity Performance in Church
Wed 16 th	Christmas Lunch and Dressing up Day 2:00 Pantomime for whole school
Fri 18 th	10:00 Y1-Y6 Whole School Mass Last day of term
w/c 21 st w/c 28 th	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
January	
Mon 4 th	INSET Day
Tues 5 th	Children back to school
February	
Thurs 11 th	Year 5 Culinary workshop session
w/c 15 th	HALF TERM
24 th – 26 th	Year 6 at Hindleap Warren
March	
Thurs 4 th	WORLD BOOK DAY
Tues 9 th	3:30-6:00 Parents evening
Thurs 11 th	4:30-7:00 Parents evening
26 th – 11 th	EASTER HOLIDAYS
April	
w/c 26 th	Year 5 Bikeability
May	
Mon 3 rd	BANK HOLIDAY
10 th -13 th	Year 6 SATs
w/c 31 st	HALF TERM
July	
Tues 20 th	Last day of the school year
Wed 21 st	INSET DAY
Thurs 22 nd	INSET DAY