St. Philip's Newsletter

27th November 2026

Dear St Philip's families,

The term is flying by and the children are continuing to work hard across the school.

Catholic Life



In our whole school assembly on Monday, the children learnt about the Feast of Christ the King which is celebrated at the end of the Liturgical calendar. The children thought about why Jesus was a good King and how they could live their lives as Jesus taught us.

Next week, we will be starting our Advent journey. Thank you to Oakleigh's Mum in Year 6 who has very kindly made and donated our beautiful Advent candle wreath, which will be proudly displayed on our prayer table in the Hall.

Once again, Mr McCurdy has organised a special Advent activity for each class, starting next week. Every class has been given a small Jesus figurine, which will be hidden in the classroom each day. The children will start their day by trying to find 'Jesus' to remind them that Jesus is always near, and when we look for Him with open hearts, we can always find signs of His love.

Prospective parents open mornings

On Monday 16th, we held our second prospective parents open morning. Our visitors were very complimentary about the information received from their Year 6 tour guides. Well done to all of the Year 6 children who took part and for being such fantastic ambassadors for our school.

The deadline for applications for Reception 2027/2028 is 15th January 2027.

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week, St Philip's took part in the annual UK awareness event 'Anti-Bullying Week'. This year's theme was 'Breaking the Silence' which the children learnt about in their classrooms. We marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week by encouraging the children to come to school wearing 'Odd Socks' which was a fun, visible way to celebrate individuality and show that differences should be accepted rather than bullied.

Year 2 visit to Boothland Woods





On Monday 23rd November, Year 2 had a fantastic morning exploring Boothland Woods as part of their Geography topic 'Our Local Area'. The children enjoyed competing against each other to make the best shelter possible, which needed to withstand simulated rain and wind! Thank you to Mr McCurdy, Mrs Neill, Mrs Egeland and Mrs Masrani for accompanying the children.

ROAR project

On Wednesday 18th, our winning team of children attended the Uckfield Lions Mini ROAR competition final at the Belmont Centre. Jon, Jacob, Wilder and Harvey in Year 5 presented their innovative product the 'JJWH' to a panel of judges, competing against a number of local primary schools. Their idea was a vacuum cleaner which had been designed to pick up lego bricks and toys and was named using the boys initials! The team represented the school well, and were placed as runners up. Thank you to Mrs Everest for taking the team to the event.

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Sports News

On Tuesday 24th, a group of Year 1 and 2 children attended a Multi-skills event at Freedom Leisure. Whilst there they took part in a number of activities that had been designed to improve their agility, balance and coordination. Well done to Frey, Oscar, Harry, Imogen, Theo, Ola and Noah in Year 2, and to Archie, Nathan, Otto, Louis, Isobelle and Isla in Year 1 for taking part, and thank you to Mrs Everest for accompanying them.

Advert for Crossing Patrol

As most parents will be aware, we have not had a Crossing Patrol for some time now. We are actively working to support the County Council in recruiting a new School Crossing Patrol. If anyone is interested in the role, please visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/patrol



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs McCurdy
Headteacher

November	
Mon 30th	8:55 Advent Liturgy in the school Hall led by Y6 – parents welcome to attend
December	
Wed 2nd	Year 5 World War 2 day 10:00 Year 3 and Year 2 attending Mass
Thurs 3rd	3:15 Friends Christmas Fair in Hall
Fri 4th	11.00 Service of reconciliation led by KS2 – parents welcome to attend 7:10 Carol Singing at Late Night Shopping in Uckfield High Street
Mon 7th	9:00 Rocksteady Concert 11:00 Carol Singing at Victoria Pavilion 4:00 Drama Club performance to parents
Wed 9th	10:00 Year 6 and Year 4 attending Mass
	2:00 KS1 Nativity Performance to parents in the school Hall
Thurs 10th	9:15 KS1 Nativity Performance to parents in the school Hall
Mon 14th	Year 6 attending Mayfield Live Crib pm
Tues 15th	4:05 Street dance club performance to parents 6:00 KS2 Nativity Performance in Church
Wed 16th	Christmas Lunch and Dressing up Day 2:00 Pantomime for whole school
Thurs 17th	10:00 Years 1-6 attending Mass 6:00 Parish Christmas Carol Concert at St Philip's Church
Fri 18th	Last day of term
w/c 21st w/c 28th	**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
January	
Mon 4th	**INSET Day**
Tues 5th	Children back to school
February	
Thurs 11th	Year 5 Culinary workshop session
w/c 15th	**HALF TERM**
24th – 26th	Year 6 at Hindleap Warren
March	
Wed 3rd	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop
Thurs 4th	4:30-7:00 Parents evening
Fri 5th	Dressing up as a book character
Tues 9th	3:30-6:00 Parents evening
Thurs 18th	Year 5 visit to Herstmonceux Science Centre
Fri 26th	**GOOD FRIDAY – school closed**
26th – 11th	**EASTER HOLIDAYS**
April	
w/c 26th	Year 5 Bikeability
Fri 30th	Reception and Year 6 Vision and NCMP screening with School Nurse
May	
Mon 3rd	**BANK HOLIDAY**
10th -13th	Year 6 SATs
w/c 31st	**HALF TERM**
June	
Tues 8th	Sports Day (Rec-Y6) Times TBC
July	
Tues 20th	Last day of the school year
21st & 22nd	**INSET DAYS**