



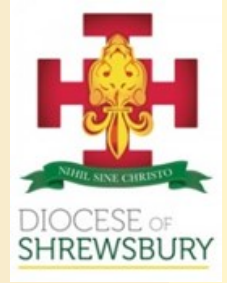
# St Philip's Catholic Primary School

## 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's Friday again and it has been another fun filled week of learning for our children. From finding out about place value in Maths to exploring outdoors, there hasn't been a quiet moment at St Philip's—including when we noticed some television filming going on in our own church car park!

There has been a particular buzz and excitement about our new English scheme which Mrs Church and Miss Rowland have worked hard to develop and implement across school. This new approach will support our children in using their reading to inform their writing through exploration of high quality texts such as Roman Invasion, Stone Age Boy and The Day the Crayons Quit (that's right, they really have quit!)

Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, but starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. This is why, as parents and carers, you play a vital role in supporting your child in becoming a fluent reader who is confidently able to apply their reading skills across all areas of their lives.

The teaching of reading and reading comprehension within the classroom is only part of a child's learning, and the value that is given to reading at home is equally important which is why we will be celebrating regular reading at home through our St Philip's Reading Rainbow. Research suggests that children who read regularly outside of school perform significantly better and so your support at home is essential in ensuring that your child makes the progress they are capable of. You can help your child to achieve their full potential by listening to them read regularly (at least three times per week), reading regular bedtime stories and by encouraging them to enjoy reading and sharing books together. Reading widely through all of these approaches will help develop your child's vocabulary, which in turn will make them more confident when reading. In the words of Dr Seuss, "**The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.**"

Wishing you a restful weekend.

See you all at 8.40am on Monday.

Mrs Holland

A huge thank you from the Mini Vinnies for all of your generous donations for our Harvest collection. We will be delivering these items to the Wellspring in the coming days.



### Headteacher Awards:

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Reception	Emily A
Year 1	Samuel, George.
Year 2	Leo, Frankie, Greyson.
Year 3	Noah.
Year 4	Tasha.
Year 5	Jude, Lilly-Grace
Year 6	Lexi.

### Rain, rain go away!

As the cold and wintry weather sets in, please can we ask that you ensure that your child has a coat with them in school each day.

Those children who are currently doing Forest School may also wish to bring in a pair of wellies to enjoy the muddy puddles! Please send these in a named carrier bag. Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary

### September

29th Welcome Assembly at 9.15am

### October

6th INSET

9th Open Evening 4—6pm

10th World Mental Health Day—wear yellow

13th Cake Day

19th Parents' Evening

19th Parent Pop In - read a book

20th School closes for half term

30th School opens

## World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day will take place on Tuesday 10th October. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

It's also a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling—something which we explore with the children in our P.S.H.E. learning.

To raise awareness in school, we are inviting the children to come to school wearing yellow on the day.



The poster is for 'TOAST' (Time on a Sunday together) on Sunday 24th September 2023. It features a red and yellow background with confetti and balloons. The text includes: 'TOAST is back this Sunday 24th September', 'TOAST Time on a Sunday together', 'at 9.30am, St Peter's Parish Centre, this Sunday 24th September 2023', 'All families are welcome, we will unpack the Gospel of the day through worship, music, fun and games.', 'A new look TOAST: Parish set-up in the round so everyone can feel involved', 'New music', 'Live interactive Gospel', 'Terry's Teaser', 'Once a month joining 10am Mass in church', and 'You are all very welcome.' There is also a starburst that says 'TOAST and refreshments at 9.30am'.

## Attendance

Reception	86.3%
Year 1	87.9%
Year 2	87.8%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	94.1%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 6	90.4%

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.