



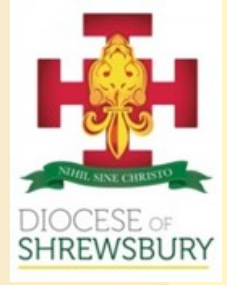
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Gates open at 8.40am	Learning Activities begin at 8.45am	School Day ends at 3pm
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Hello everyone,

I am delighted to write my first newsletter as the new substantive Headteacher of St Philip's—a place that feels like home. I feel extremely privileged to have been chosen to continue to develop our school onto the next stage of its journey, keeping Christ at the Centre of all what we do.

As we look forward to next week, we reflect on our journey through Holy Week. As a school, the children will be taking part in a variety of activities focusing on the sacrifice which Jesus gave for us at Easter. The children will focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, visit church for Stations of the Cross and take part in fundraising. We will finish our week with an Easter Trail at 3pm on Thursday which you are all welcome to take part in as a family.

After Easter, Miss Rutter will be leaving her role as HLTA as she starts a new adventure in finance. We are fortunate enough that Miss Rutter will continue running Breakfast Club so we still get to see her everyday! I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her all the best in her new role.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Holland

Stockport Poetry Competition

Earlier this year, Miss Rowland entered St Philip's into Stockport Poetry Competition. The children had to write poems about climate change. Three poems written by Evan, Lexi and Diya were shortlisted in the final 30 poems. They were invited to the Guild Hall to receive their prize and meet Michael Rosen which many of you will know is the famous author of 'We're going on a bear hunt.' Michael Rosen shared some of his wonderful poetry with us and announced the top ten poets from the competition. Diya and Evan were among the winners. All three children got the opportunity to read out their poems to a large crowd of 300 and I was so proud of their confidence.

Holy Week

Monday—Easter Production at 5pm. Please book your tickets via the Google form which has been sent. Year 3 and 4 children should be in school for 4:15pm.

Wednesday—Fundraising—children will be able to take part in a variety of stalls led by our Year 5/6 children. These will take part during the school day. Children will receive 5 tickets for a minimum donation of £1. Please pay via ParentPay.

Thursday—Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are available to buy on ParentPay at 50p each with a maximum of 5 tickets per child.

Thursday—Family Easter Trail at 3pm. This is a reflective prayer trial led by year 6 which will begin in the playground. All children taking part must be supervised by a parent/carer.

All voluntary contributions and monies raised throughout the week will be donated to CAFOD.

Headteacher Awards

A huge well done to all of our award winners.

Rec.	Hazel, Jayden
Yr 1	Joshua M.
Yr 2	Leo, Vader.
Yr 3	Arnie.
Yr 4	Hugo.
Yr 5	Halle.
Yr 6	Diya, Amelia.

Dates for your Diary

March

25th Holy Week

25th Year 3 and 4 Easter Production at 5pm

28th Finish school for Easter

April

15th — School opens

16th—Show Racism the Red Card Workshops

16th—Easter Bonnet parade 2.15pm

17th—No Swimming

29th - Mock SATS week

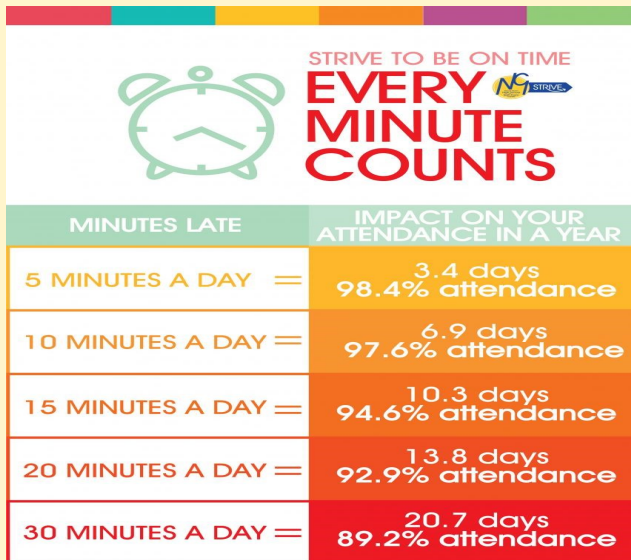
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1st — Science Workshops with Adrian Bowden

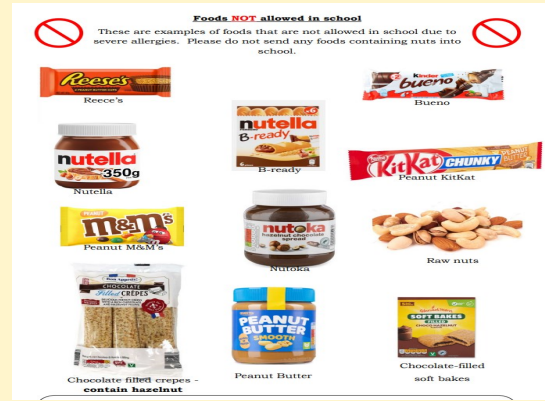
13th—Year 6 SATS week

18th—Family Mass

Netball The UKS2 were invited to Harrytown on Tuesday evening to represent the school in a Netball competition. Netball is a game we have just introduced to our children this year and it was the first time they had played in a game situation. They played against some experienced players but they fought hard in every game, regardless of the score. The organiser was very impressed with their effort and resilience and the team were awarded the Spirit of the competition. A big well done to our netballers!



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Family Mass

A reminder that tomorrow's Family Mass has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. Further dates will be shared in the coming weeks.

Easter Egg Donations!

As in previous years, during Holy Week we will have an Easter Egg raffle to raise funds for charity. We will be still accepting donations of Easter eggs next week so please drop them into the school office.

Thank you.

Attendance

Reception	99.0%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	97.9%
Year 4	91.4%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	81.1%

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

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.