



Autumn Half Term

Good attendance = good learning

We continue not to authorise holidays in term time as this impacts on your children's learning.

It is important that children are in school every day so that they do not miss out on learning opportunities.

In school we celebrate successes, including improved attendance, every Friday in Celebration Assembly.

It has been a busy half term, with everyone quickly settling back into school life. We have had record breaking attendance at events such as parents' evening, workshops and coffee morning. Thank you for support, particularly for the honest, thoughtful feedback you have given us – this is extremely helpful in guiding us in making changes to support our families. Water bottles

Curriculum

There is now a curriculum overview roadmap for Year 1 to 6 on our school website. Click on 'Curriculum' or follow the link:

<https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/curriculum/>



This document contains all of the units of work in each subject. We hope you find the pathways useful in supporting learning at home and in helping you to talk to your child about what they are learning in school.

Changes to the School Day

The Government has announced that all schools must be open for 32.5 hours a week. At St Philip's, this means that from November 1st, we will be extending our school day; the register will close at 8.45 am and the school day will end at 3.15 pm. Gates will close at 8.45 in the morning. We appreciate that this will require some adjustments for some of our families; please talk to us if you have any concerns.

<https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/documents/information/letters-and-policies/letter-re-change-to-school-day-201022.pdf?63512960>

Building Work

We are pleased to announce that the building works are finally coming to an end and we will be back to normal very soon after half term. We will be in touch to let you know when Year 1 and Brindley can return to their usual classrooms.

School Meal Ordering - Reminder

Thank you for your patience regarding ordering using the new system. Please remember that school meal orders **must be completed by Sunday night**. Don't forget to order for next half term!

Celebration Assembly

It has been a real joy to have families back in the building to celebrate with us on Friday mornings. If your child is receiving an award, we will send you an invitation via text message on Thursday. Due to restricted space, we can only invite 2 people per pupil.

Times Tables Rockstars

Please note that the app has been updated, so check that you are using the latest version of the game. Please speak to Mrs Morris if you need further details.



Uniform & PE Kit

Information about our uniform can be found on the school website:

<https://www.stphilipssalford.co.uk/information/uniform/>



Reminder: as pupils are wearing their PE kit all day, it is very important that they are wearing the correct kit. If your child is not wearing the correct PE kit, we will ask you to bring their uniform to school for them to change into. Thank you for your support with this.



Water Bottles

You may send in a water bottle for your child; please label the bottle with your child's name.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 10th November – please join us for our second Parent Coffee Morning! Everyone is welcome - after your child has gone to class, come to the hall from 8.45 to 9.30.

We will be selling poppies after half term; if your child would like to make a donation, please send a donation to school.

Date	Event
Tuesday 15 th November morning	School photographs
Tuesday 18 th October Wednesday 19 th October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 15 th November	School photographs
Thursday 24 th November 8.45 – 9.30 am & 3.15 – 4.00 pm	KS1 SATs Workshop (Year 2 parents/carers)
Thursday 1 st December 8.45 – 9.30 am & 3.15 – 4.00 pm	Phonics Workshop (Reception – Year 2 parents)
Thursday 1 st December 8.45 – 9.30 am	Maths parent workshop
Friday 2 nd December Friday 9 th December	Non-uniform day (school fair donation)
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 21 st December	Christmas parties End of Term

School closes on **Friday 21st October** at 3 pm and reopens on **Tuesday 1st November**.
Gates will open at 8.30 am and classrooms will be open at 8.40 am.

The St Philip's Team hope you enjoy a relaxing Autumn half term