



St. Philip's Newsletter

25th September 2026



Dear St Philip's families,
It has been wonderful to see a return of the warm, sunny weather this week! The children are all working hard and there is a lovely atmosphere around the school.

Catholic Life

On Wednesday 16th September, Years 1-6 attended the Parish Mass. It was lovely to come together as a school community in the Church at the start of the school year. At the end of Mass, some of the parishioners came to me to compliment the children on their singing.

Fr Gus has also continued his weekly class visits, by coming to see Years 4 and 6 to talk to them about their current learning in RE.

First Holy Communion classes 2026/2027

Registration is now open for First Holy Communion classes. For information and to complete your registration please visit www.stmaryscrowborough.org.uk and go to Menu – Sacraments – First Holy Communion. The deadline for applications is 22nd October. For further information please email crowborough@abdiocese.org.uk

Year 2 Walk around Uckfield

On Tuesday 22nd, Year 2 enjoyed a lovely morning walking around Uckfield, learning about their local area as part of their Geography curriculum. They visited the police station, train station, The Picture House, Bridge Cottage and Holy Cross Church. They ended their morning with some time in Luxford Field Park. Thank you to Mr McCurdy, Mrs Neill, Mrs Egeland and Mrs Schofield for accompanying the children.



Sports News

On Tuesday 15th September a team of Year 6 children competed in a football tournament against 5 local primary schools. The children showed good determination and worked well as a team. Well done to James, Josh, William T, Austin, Tommy, Wiktor, Theo and Marley for taking part.

On Wednesday 23rd, 19 children took part in the Cross-Country competition at Rocks Park. All of the children ran really well, with a special mention to the Year 6 boys team who came 2nd overall, the Year 5 girls team who came 3rd, and the Year 5 boys team who also came 3rd. Thank you to Mr Heffer and Miss Pescott for accompanying the children.



Year 5 visit to Newhaven Fort

On Thursday 24th, Year 5 had a fantastic time on their trip to Newhaven Fort. They enjoyed a brilliant Home Front workshop, handled lots of original WW2 artefacts and even discovered how heavy a baby gas mark was! They watched an original weapons demonstration and everyone had the chance to fire a decommissioned artillery gun! The air raid shelter experience was very exciting, especially hearing the bombs going off! Another highlight was the amazing playground, where the children had lots of fun. Thank you to Mrs Collins, Mrs Gregory, Mr Heffer and Mrs Everest and the parent volunteers for accompanying the children.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs McCurdy
Headteacher

September	
Tues 29 th	3:45-5:30 Y4/Y5/Y6 Girls football at Manor
Wed 30 th	10:00 Year 4 and Year 1 attending Mass
October	
Mon 5 th	2:30 Grandparents assembly
Wed 7 th	Year 3 visit to Preston Manor 9:00 Harvest Liturgy led by EYFS and KS1 – parents welcome to attend
Thurs 8 th	Flu nasal spray 8:00 Friends AGM meeting (on Zoom)
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
Wed 21 st	10:00 Year 5 and Year 3 attending Mass
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
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