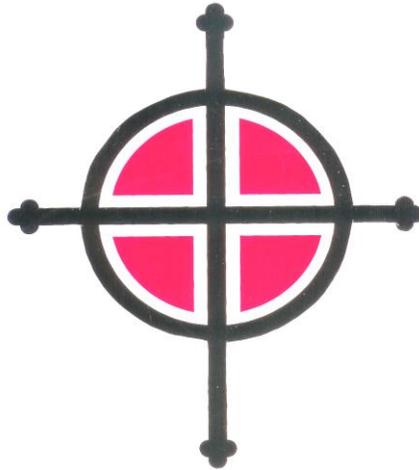


Welcome to St Philip Westbrook CE Aided Primary School



May we take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to St Philip Westbrook Church of England Aided Primary School.

Parents often express a wish for an information booklet to help prepare their children for entry into school and the experiences they encounter.

We hope that this booklet will answer that need and that it will be the start of a happy relationship between home and school.

We believe that children learn best when there is a close partnership between home and school. We look forward to developing a strong partnership with you in the forthcoming year as your child embarks on an exciting learning journey with us here at St Philip's.

'Together we aim high and with God's love we can fly.'

School Information

Headteacher:	Mrs J Wightman
Deputy Headteacher:	Mrs A Deakin
Reception Unit Leader:	Miss S Parsons
School Business Manager:	Ms J Power
Clerical Assistant:	Mrs R Johnson
School Telephone Number:	01925 445391
School Website:	www.stphilipwestbrook.co.uk
School Email Address:	stphilips_primary@warrington.gov.uk

Times of the School Day

Gates Open & School Opens:	8:40am
School Day Begins:	8:50am
Lunchtime for Reception children:	12:00 noon – 1:00pm
School Day Ends for Reception:	3:15 pm

In September

In September we have a staggered intake for two weeks to help the children settle happily into school, your child has been placed in a specific class and will attend mornings on one of the weeks and afternoons on the other.

The morning session will be from 9am – 11.30am. The afternoon session will be from 12.30 pm – 3.00pm. You will need to bring and collect your child from the gates used for Share-a-Bear sessions.

Group 1: Mornings the first week, afternoons the second week

Group 2: Afternoons the first week, mornings the second week

From the third week of school all children will attend full time. Parents will drop off at the classroom door and collect at the end of the day from the classroom door, please ensure that we know any arrangements for collection as we ensure that children go home with their designated parent or carer. **Please note that we will not allow anybody else to pick up your child without prior notice.**

School Uniform

Please purchase from Touchline

www.touchline-embroidery.co.uk/st-philip-westbrook/

password stph2519

Winter: Red sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan
White polo shirt
Grey trousers or skirt

Summer: Red and white checked dress
Grey shorts or trousers
White polo shirt

PE: White t shirt
Red shorts
Black pumps

ALL CLOTHES AND FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH CHILDREN'S NAMES.

PE kits will be sent home each half term.

School Bags

Due to limited cloakroom space children can only bring:

- a drawstring pump bag for PE
- a reading book bag.

BAGS SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH CHILDREN'S NAMES.

Water Bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school.

WATER BOTTLES SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH CHILDREN'S NAMES. They should be carried into school and placed in the appropriate storage space for the class. (Please do not put water bottles in book bags.)

Lunchtime

All Reception children are entitled to a free school meal, each day. All dietary requirements are catered for. All children have their lunch in the main hall and are supported by mid-day assistants and older children.

Playtime

Children have healthy snacks at playtime and can choose from free fresh fruit that is provided for them or alternatively they can bring a healthy snack from home. This must be a choice from the following:

Any fresh fruit or vegetable
Bread or Toast

Holidays

The government ask parents not to take holidays during term time. The Headteacher will not authorise such absences.

Absence

Please telephone the school before 9.30am on the first day of absence to let us know your child is unable to attend school.

If your child is absent due to illness please send a letter to explain your child's absence when they return to school. **Please note that children must remain absent from school for 48 hours following vomiting or diarrhoea.**

Further Parent Meetings

In the autumn term we will hold a Reading Meeting for parents, here you will find out more about how your child will learn to read and how you can support at home.

During the first half term you will also have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher for a Parent Consultation Meeting where you will be able to discuss how your child is settling in at school and the progress that they are making.

Happy Hares Link Club

The school provides a Link Club called Happy Hares which operates as follows:

7.30am – 8.50am Breakfast Club

3.20pm – 6.00pm After School Club

Sessions include a snack or breakfast plus a range of activities all of which are supervised by Link Club staff. Due to the demand for places we prioritise parents seeking the maximum number of sessions. The club is held on school premises.

Full details can be obtained by contacting our Business Manager Jayne Power via the school office (01925 445391).

The Curriculum

You will find information about the curriculum in Reception classes on our website. You will also find a Reception Parents Guide which provides information of what you can expect your child to be able to do according to ages and stages of development.

As a Christian Community the school places a strong emphasis on worship and spiritual development throughout school. We strongly believe in the development of the whole child and at St Philip's we aim to develop the mind, the body and spirit:

We base our values on the teaching of Christ and these underpin all of our work in school, these are:

Respect

Perseverance

Compassion

Trust

Wisdom

Fellowship

Fairness

Hope

Their spiritual awareness is further enhanced by the religious education programme provided by the school which helps the growth of the children's understanding of God; we also believe it very important to develop children's understanding of other faiths and cultures.