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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Term 3 · 2026

End of Term 3 Newsletter 2026

"Together We Achieve the Extraordinary."

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents, Learners, Staff and the St. Philip Neri School Community,

As we close Term 3, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the journey we have shared. It has been a season of learning, growth, discovery and memorable experiences — in our classrooms, on the sports fields, in the swimming pool, in our laboratories and in our clubs.

We believe education reaches far beyond academic results. It is about raising confident young people who think independently, work well with others, discover their talents and approach the world with responsibility and purpose. This term we saw these qualities come to life — on the football pitch, in robotics and science, on stage and through learner leadership.

My sincere thanks go to our **teachers and staff**, whose dedication, creativity and care remain at the heart of all we do, and to our **parents and guardians**, whose partnership and trust make our work possible.

To our **learners**: look back not only at what you achieved, but at what you learned about yourselves. Celebrate your progress, learn from your challenges and carry these lessons into the next chapter.

Thank you for making Term 3 a meaningful and memorable one. May we continue to learn, grow and inspire one another.

Together We Achieve the Extraordinary.

Paul Mwanza

Head of School

St. Philip Neri School

> **Education is strongest when the school and home work together.**

Academic Highlights

A Term of Purposeful Learning and Steady Progress

The term opened with the **Opener Examination**, giving learners and teachers a clear starting point. Teachers used the results to refine their teaching and to give targeted support where it was needed most.

Preparing Our Candidates

For our candidates sitting the **KPSEA** and **KJSEA**, Term 3 was a period of intensive preparation. Structured revision sessions and **regular mock examinations** let candidates practise under exam conditions, while teachers analysed the results to give each learner focused support.

KPSEA
Kenya Primary School Education Assessment

KJSEA
Kenya Junior School Education Assessment

Academic success is not built in a single examination, but through consistent effort, reflection and improvement over time.



END-TERM 3 EXAMINATIONS

Assess, Improve, Repeat

Assessment at SPN is a tool for learning, not simply a measure of performance. Learners use their results as a guide for improvement.

"What can I improve?"
rather than simply "What did I score?"

THE CYCLE BEHIND OUR CANDIDATES' PREPARATION

Learn → Revise → Assess → Feedback → Improve

End-of-Term Examinations & Awards

The term culminated in the **End-Term 3 Examinations**, successfully administered across the school. Results were marked, recorded and analysed to guide academic planning and learner support for the next stage of learning.

We also celebrated learners who distinguished themselves through outstanding results — and, just as importantly, those who showed significant improvement and consistent effort.

SBA Projects Completed

All required **School-Based Assessment (SBA) projects** were completed and uploaded on time, in line with Ministry of Education requirements. Through research, investigation, creation and problem-solving, learners showed what they know and can do — the heart of the Competency-Based Curriculum.

Every improvement represents progress, and every learner's journey is different.

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The CBC Centre Continues to Grow

The **CBC Centre** is fast becoming one of our most valuable spaces for experiential learning. Through **farm visits and practical projects**, learners explore food production, animal care, crop development and environmental responsibility — connecting what they learn in class to real life.

More animals and crops are set to be introduced as the Centre grows, moving learners from simply learning *about* agriculture to actually experiencing it.



AT THE CBC CENTRE FARM

> **More than an agricultural space, the CBC Centre is becoming a living classroom.**



WORLD SCHOLARS · AFRICAN DEBATERS CUP

From the Classroom to the World Stage

Regional Rounds · Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
8th – 13th October

3rd POSITION

Our **World Scholars** represented St. Philip Neri School with distinction at the regional rounds of the **African Debaters Cup in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**, delivering an **exemplary performance** and finishing in **3rd position**.

Competing internationally sharpened their public speaking, research, argumentation, teamwork and critical thinking, and offered a valuable cultural exchange. We are proud of how they embraced the opportunity.

Building Learners Who Can Think

Academic excellence at St. Philip Neri School is about more than marks.

It is about developing learners who can **think critically, communicate confidently, solve problems creatively, apply knowledge practically and continue learning independently**.

01 **Each assessment has provided feedback.**

02 **Each project, a chance to apply knowledge.**

03 **Each practical experience, a link to the real world.**

04 **Each competition, a new challenge.**

LOOKING AHEAD · CANDIDATES ENTER THE FINAL STRETCH TOWARDS KPSEA & KJSEA

Every lesson is an opportunity to learn, every challenge is an opportunity to grow, and every achievement is a step towards becoming extraordinary.

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Clubs, Creativity & Talent

Growing Talent Beyond the Classroom

Our clubs and co-curricular activities continued to do exceptionally well this term, helping learners discover their interests and build teamwork, discipline, creativity and resilience. **There is a place for every talent at SPN.**

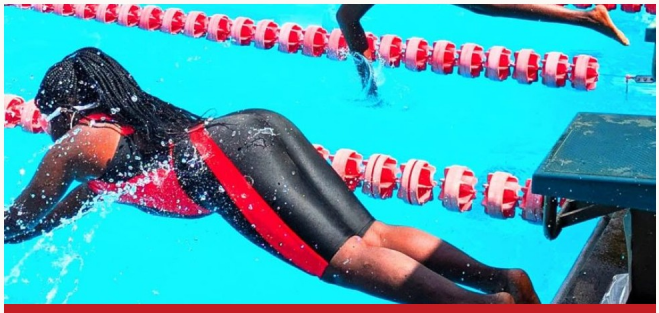


FOOTBALL · 12TH SEPTEMBER

Neri Stallions: Giving It Everything on the Pitch

ISMMF Tournament · M-PESA Foundation Academy

On **12th September**, the **Neri Stallions Football Club** took part in the **ISMMF Tournament at the M-PESA Foundation Academy**. The team gave their hearts out, showing teamwork, commitment and resilience against other teams.



SWIMMING · 26TH SEPTEMBER

Little Dolphins Make a Splash

PIPSSA Gala · Moi Educational Centre

Our **Neri Little Dolphins Swimming Club** competed at the **PIPSSA Gala at Moi Educational Centre on 26th September**, delivering **exemplary individual performances** that showed the value of discipline, courage and consistent training.

MEMO
You asked, we listened

Swimming for all now **KES 1,000** per term down from ~~KES 2,500~~
Now every learner will be able to swim!

GOOD NEWS · CLUB FEES LOWERED

KES 3,500

per club, per term — down from ~~KES 4,000~~

NEW CLUBS ON THE WAY

Gymnastics | **Basketball**

Two new clubs joining our programme

COMING UP · NOVEMBER 2026

Football Holiday Camp

Dear Parents & Guardians, we are thrilled to announce our upcoming **Football Holiday Camp**, open to both boys and girls!

DATES	OPEN TO
7th – 29th November 2026	**Boys & Girls**

BOARDING	DAY SCHOLARS
Kshs. 2,500 per child per day	**Kshs. 1,500** per child per day



The camp is designed to sharpen skills, build fitness, and develop teamwork and discipline, all under the guidance of experienced coaches. Activities will include **daily training sessions, friendly matches, skills drills, and fun football challenges** to keep our young athletes active and engaged throughout the holiday.

REGISTRATION & MORE DETAILS

School office: 0719 221 401

Fred: 0113 315 794

Or visit us at the school reception.

Secure your child's spot early – limited spaces available!

Let's make this holiday one of goals, glory, and great memories!

A Club for Every Interest

Every learner has different interests and talents, and our clubs give each one a pathway to thrive. Coding builds problem-solving, chess strategic thinking, swimming discipline, football teamwork, dance self-expression and debating confident communication — skills that last long after the final whistle. **We encourage parents to enrol their learner in at least one club for the coming year.**

- Gymnastics NEW
- Basketball NEW
- Martial Arts
- Chess
- Ballet
- Coding / Robotics
- Skating
- Music Instruments
- Voice
- Little Chefs
- Modern Dance
- World Scholars / Debating / MUN
- Neri Stallions Football
- Little Dolphins Swimming
- Scouts & Girl Guides
- PHE

Our Parents & School Community

Stronger Together

Meaningful education is built through partnership. Every learner's progress is strengthened when teachers, parents and the wider community work together.

Parents' Meetings

Throughout the Saturdays of Term 3 we welcomed parents of **Grades 4 to 9**, beginning with Grade 4 on 5th September and ending with Grade 9 on 10th October. Parents received updates on academic progress, discussed learner development and engaged openly with teachers on how best to support learning at home.

Thank you to every parent who took the time to attend: your presence tells our learners that their education matters.

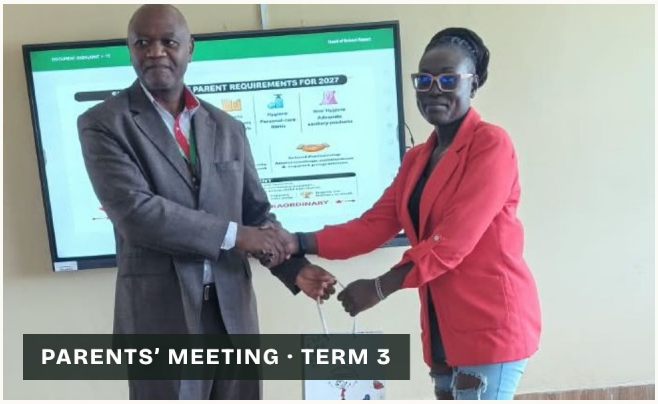
Grade 9: The Next Chapter

The Grade 9 meeting focused on the transition to Senior School, with guidance on **Senior School selection and career pathways** to help families make informed choices aligned with each learner's interests, abilities and aspirations.

Growing a Greener Community

Our **Scouts** continued our **tree-planting initiative**, watering and caring for the trees planted in Term 2 and planting more in areas with less greenery in Machakos County, including **Kikombi Primary School.**

Planting a tree is only the beginning; helping it survive teaches commitment, patience and responsibility that can last a lifetime.



PARENTS' MEETING · TERM 3


ONE-ON-ONE WITH TEACHERS

A COMMUNITY THAT GIVES BACK

Whether a parent is sitting with a teacher, a Grade 9 learner is choosing a pathway, or a Scout is watering a young tree, together we are building not only successful learners, but responsible citizens.

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Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendar for 2027

Get ready for another exciting year of learning, growth, discovery and celebration at St. Philip Neri School. The 2027 calendar provides a broad outline of the major academic, co-curricular and community activities planned across the three terms.

PLEASE NOTE

This calendar is a preliminary skeleton of the 2027 academic year. It is intended to give our learners, parents and the wider SPN community an early overview of the activities and experiences planned for the year.

Actual dates, reporting times and detailed arrangements for individual events will be communicated in an upcoming write-up and through the school's official communication channels. Some activities are also marked **TBC (To Be Confirmed)** and may be subject to adjustment as plans are finalised.

We encourage families to use this calendar for **early planning and preparation**, while looking out for the detailed event announcements that will follow.

Term 1

JANUARY – MARCH 2027

January

A NEW YEAR BEGINS

- Term 1 Reporting Day for Boarding Learners
- Term 1 Opening Day for Day Scholars
- Grade 7 Reporting
- New Parents' Orientation
- Opener Assessments
- Parents Academic Orientation – Kindergarten
- Parents Academic Orientation – Lower Primary
- Parents Academic Orientation – Upper Primary

February

LEARNING, DISCOVERY & COMMUNITY

- Diocesan Prayer Day
- Parents Academic Orientation – Junior School (JSS)
- Scouts Founders Day
- Machakos County Level 1 Swimming Gala
- Midterm Assessments
- Career Day (Early Years) & Invention Convention (Upper Primary & JSS)
- Midterm Break

March

COMPETITION, CREATIVITY & CELEBRATION

- Boarders Reporting After Midterm Break
- Day Scholars Reporting After Midterm Break
- Math Olympiad National Championship
- World Scholars National Championship
- Career Day – JSS
- End of Term 1 Assessments
- French Language Day
- World Poetry Day
- Chess Qualifiers
- Kindergarten Sports Day
- Cultural Day
- School Closing Day

Term 2

APRIL – JULY 2027

April

BACK TO LEARNING

- Term 2 Reporting Day for Boarding Learners
- Term 2 Opening Day for Day Scholars

May

EXPLORATION BEGINS

- Opener Assessments
- Pre-Primary School Trip – Staedmark Gardens, Karen Adventure Farm, Safari Walk

June

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- World Environment Day & Grade 5 Planetarium & Museum of Illusions Trip
- Picking of Boarders for Mid-Term Break & Science Fair
- Grade 7 Sagana Trip, Grade 8 Amboseli Trip, Grade 9 Coast Circuit Trip

July

ACHIEVEMENT & CELEBRATION

- Reporting Back After Mid-Term Break – Boarders
- Science Congress
- Reporting Back After Mid-Term Break – Day Scholars
- Grade 4 Apollo Trip, Grade 6 Naivasha Trip
- World Scholars Global Championships
- Maths Olympiad Global Championships
- End of Term 2 Assessments
- Primary Sports Day
- JSS Sports Day
- Picking of Boarders for August School Break

Term 3

AUGUST – OCTOBER 2027

August

A FRESH START

- Boarders Opening Day – Term 3
- Day Scholars Opening Day – Term 3
- Opener Assessments

September

TALENT, CLUBS & ENGAGEMENT

- Various Club Activities and Internal Events – Dates to be Confirmed

October

A YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT

- End of Term 3 Assessments
- Roses Graduation Ceremony & School Closing Day
- KPSEA Examinations
- KJSEA Examinations

2027 at a Glance

TERM 1	A strong start focused on orientation, assessment, academic preparation, competitions, creativity and community activities.
TERM 2	A season of exploration, educational trips, science, sports and opportunities for learners to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Any changes in trips will be communicated in advance and at a good time.
TERM 3	A term of achievement, assessment, graduation and preparation for the next stage, including the national KPSEA and KJSEA examinations.

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Meet Us: Interview Weeks

We are excited to welcome families who are considering **St. Philip Neri School** for the 2027 academic year. Our admissions interviews provide an opportunity for us to meet prospective learners and their families, learn more about them, and begin a meaningful journey together.

2027 Admissions Interview Weeks

WEEK 1
9th – 13th
November 2026

WEEK 2
23rd – 27th
November 2026

WEEK 3
7th – 11th
December 2026

Interview Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

Families may plan their visits within any of the designated interview weeks. Further information on the interview process and requirements will be shared ahead of the scheduled visit.

Interview Dates

WEEK	DATES	MONTH
Week 1	9th – 13th	November
Week 2	23rd – 27th	November
Week 3	7th – 11th	December

Daisies Observations · Term 3

WEEK	DATES	MONTH
Week 1	9th – 10th	November
Week 2	23rd – 24th	November
Week 3	7th – 8th	December

Daisies observations take place during the first two days of each interview week.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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Stationery Requirements 2027

The 2027 Stationery Requirements are organised by section and listed **per learner**, with specifications for selected items. Please check the list for your child's grade before purchasing, so learners return ready to take part fully from the first day. **The detailed list will be shared as a separate attachment.**

01	02	03	04
Kindergarten	**Lower Primary**	**Upper Primary**	**Junior School**

Boarding families: please review the separate **Boarding Requirements** document and prepare all required personal items before the start of term.

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Looking Ahead

As Term 3 ends, we look back with gratitude on a term of learning, growth and memorable experiences — from the classroom to the sports field, and from the swimming pool to the CBC Centre.

We celebrate every learner's progress: the outstanding results, and also the small steps, new skills and moments of courage that make each journey unique.

Thank you to our teachers and staff for their dedication, and to our parents and guardians for their partnership and trust. As the year closes, we encourage every family to rest, reconnect and enjoy the festive season together.

To our learners: keep dreaming, keep learning and keep believing in what you can achieve.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May the coming year bring every member of our SPN family good health, happiness, new opportunities and extraordinary achievements. We look forward to welcoming you back.

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