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WELCOME TO TERM 1, 2026 – A FRESH START FULL OF PROMISE!

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Beloved Learners,

A warm and cheerful welcome back to St. Philip Neri School, Happy New Year! As we step into Term 1 of 2026, we do so with hope, enthusiasm, and a shared commitment to nurturing curious minds and kind hearts.

This term is more than just the start of classes—it's a time for reconnecting, setting goals, and building a strong foundation for the months ahead. We have carefully planned a blend of academic, co-curricular, and community activities designed to inspire our students, involve our families, and celebrate our vibrant school spirit.

From orientation sessions and academic assessments to sports galas, cultural events, and national competitions, Term 1 promises to be engaging and enriching for every learner at every level.

IMPORTANT OPENING DATES AND TIMES:

- **BOADERS:** 6TH JANUARY 2026 (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
- **DAY SCHOLARS:** 7TH JANUARY 2026 (NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS) – Transport will be provided **only** in the afternoon/evening.
- **NEW PARENTS/ LEARNERS ORIENTATION:** 9TH JANUARY 2025 (9:00 AM – 11AM)

As we prepare for the start of the Term, we wish to remind the continuing parents/guardians of three important requirements for **Reporting Day:**

1. **Kindly refer to our Annual Newsletter to look at communications on school fees payment, clubs and necessary sign ups and act accordingly to allow for a smooth start.**
2. **All learners must be accompanied by a parent or guardian** when reporting back to school. This ensures a smooth transition, allows for any necessary communication, and helps us maintain a secure check-in process.
3. **Please observe the designated reporting times strictly.** This helps us manage arrivals efficiently and ensures a calm and organized start to the term.
4. **All existing learners are required to bring their exercise books from the previous grade for teacher review and continuity of learning. (*Please note:*** This requirement does not apply to learners joining **Grade 1, Grade 4, or Grade 7,** as they are beginning new learning phases.)

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS FOR TERM 1, 2026

To ensure every learner is fully equipped to participate, explore, and excel, we kindly ask all parents and guardians to review the grade-specific stationery lists below. The list has **just support stationery** since the school provides exercise books, course books and supplementary books.

These items have been carefully selected to support classroom activities, projects, and daily learning across all subjects.

Please refer to the detailed breakdown **by grade level** to ensure your child arrives prepared and ready to learn from day one. Should you have any questions regarding the listed items, kindly contact the school office for clarification.

Grade Level	**Required Items**
Pre-Primary (Playgroup, PPI & PP2)	Spring file 1 Portfolio file Poly covers - 2 rolls A5 Scrap Book
Grade 1	6 Staedtler 110 HB pencils & Pencil pouch Crayons Black Rubber (2 pieces) Sharpener (2 pieces) A clear ruler 30cm Pritt glue (1 piece) Office glue Water color paint A5 Brown Poly covers – 5rolls 3 Portfolio files
Grade 2	6 Staedtler 110 HB pencils & Pencil pouch Black Rubber (2 pieces) and Sharpener (2 pieces) A clear ruler 30cm Glue stick (1 piece) Water color paint A5 Brown Poly covers (Teepee) (5 rolls) 7. 3 Portfolio files
Grade 3	6 Staedtler 110 HB pencils Pelican color pencils & Pencil pouch Black Rubber (2 pieces) Sharpener (2 pieces) A clear ruler 30cm Glue stick (1 piece) Water color paint A4 Poly covers - 5 Packets 3 Portfolio files
Grades 4, 5 & 6	Crayons Staedtler 110 HB pencils (4 Pieces) Good news Bible Three portfolios 30cm ruler Descent recorder Correction pen Poly covers - 5 Packets A4
Grades 7, 8 & 9	Longhorn Atlas Enough writing materials (Pens, pencils, erasers, etc.) Poly covers - 5 Packets A4 Scientific Calculator (FX 82 MS)

Required Readers & Literature Books

Grade	**Category**	**Books**
Grade 7	Readers (2026)	i. *Mji wa Matarajio* by One Planet Publishers. ii. *Strange Happenings* by One Planet Publishers.
Grades 7, 8 & 9	Literature/Fasihi Books	➤ *Head Start Oral Literature* - Grade 7, 8 and 9. ➤ *Fani ya Fasihi Simulizi* - Gredi ya 7, 8 na 9.

Grade	Category	Books
Grade 8	Readers (2026)	i. *Maisha mapya* - Asumpta Matei.
Grade 9	Readers (2025)	a. *Kauli ya Leo, Diwani ya Mashairi* by Oxford. b. *Lipi Muhimu na Tungo nyingine* by One Planet Publishers. c. *A Hole in the Sky (Play)* by Oxford Publishers. d. *Diastema Code* by One Planet Publishers.

Warm regards and Happ New Year 2026,



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