



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 20 September 2024

### Autumn Term

#### Traffic Calming Measures

Due to the tenacious efforts of one of our governors, Karis Baker, I am delighted to inform you that traffic calming measures are due to be installed outside the school on Chelsfield Road. Our local MP, Gareth Bacon, has spoken to the council and they have confirmed that the 20 mph zone at school times is going ahead. Bromley council say that it's in a queue.. and they will aim to have it in place by year end. It is hoped that these measures will help to keep our children safe on the road and we are so very grateful to Mrs Baker for her success in achieving this breakthrough. May I also remind parents that safe and considerate parking at drop off and collection is also a significant factor in maintaining the safety of the children.

#### St Olave's Outreach Workshop

This week 6 of our children attended the first outreach session, run by Miss Benham, Geography teacher at St Olave's. In the workshop children will be practising their problem solving and reasoning skills across a range of subjects. The buzz in the room was fantastic, the children were so excited and engaged in their learning. Following the workshops, Freddie in Year 5 said *"It was very fun and the hard questions became easier."* Amiyah also commented *"when things get hard, I learned you can always ask for help."* What superstars !

#### Packed Lunch and Snacks

If your child wishes to bring in a packed lunch from home, please ensure that **you do not include nuts or nut products (including peanut butter/nutella)** as we do have a number of children/staff in school who suffer from severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) to such foods.

#### Times Tables Club

Our times tables club is off to a great start! Children worked really hard practicing their multiplication and enjoyed the games and activities. They're already excited for next week's session! Remember to play regularly at home: practise makes perfect!

Mrs Anderson

Maths Lead

#### Centre Stage Theatre Academy

Our KS1 Club has now started on Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 and KS2 on Friday 3.30-4.30. Please contact them direct if you would like your child to join this club.

#### Lacrosse

If you are interested in Lacrosse please let the office know for details. This class is currently not going ahead as we do not have enough pupils for it.

#### Pupil of the Week

Reception –	Caitlin
Year 1 –	Teddy
Year 2 –	Ava-Joy
Year 3 –	Hazel
Year 4 –	Annabella
Year 5 –	Glory
Year 6 –	Darcy



#### Taekwondo

Next week Taekwondo will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> not Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please collect your child normal time on Monday. Should your child be booked into green room after school club on Thursday, please let the office know should you wish to cancel otherwise you will be charged.



**Our Harvest Festival Assembly will be held on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**On the playground (weather permitting) at  
10.00 am**

**You are all welcome to join us.**

Please try to send in donations of food and other  
goods toward our collection by  
*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October .*

**All food items should have as long a shelf life as  
possible.**

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks  
in [The Trussell Trust](#) network is donated by the  
public – that's why your food donations are  
absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone  
referred to us a balanced and nutritious 7-day  
supply of food.

We have been specifically asked to  
collect CUSTARD AND RICE PUDDING

#### **URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:**

- \* \* LONG LIFE DESSERTS
- \* \* SWEETS
- \* \* ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES
- \* \* ADULT TOOTHPASTE
- \* \* LADIES DEODORANT

#### **WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF**

- \* PASTA
- \* BISCUITS
- \* CEREAL
- \* TEA

#### **'Open Classroom'**

During the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup>  
October, children will be bringing you to their  
classes after school to show you their class,  
displays and the work in their books.

Class teachers will not be available, it's all very  
informal and a lovely chance for the children to  
talk about their learning. Parents and carers have  
fed back very positively about how open  
classroom assists the conversation with teachers  
at the subsequent parent/teacher meetings.

The classroom will be available from 3.30pm  
until 4.15pm on the following days :-

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October      Reception and Year 3

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October      Years 1 and 4

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October      Years 2, 5 and 6

Again, if you have any questions, please do not  
hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

Parent and carer meetings with the teacher will  
take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
November this year. Timings and appointment  
time will be shared shortly.

#### **Lost Property**

Please make sure names are on all items. We  
have lots of lost property already

#### **School Fund Contribution**



We ask that each family  
contributes to a fund which helps to subsidise  
outings, cover the cost of cooking ingredients  
and pay for various other items needed to  
provide enrichment activities for your child.  
Enrichment of the curriculum is a strength here  
and your family contribution to the school fund  
will be put to very good use. The recommended  
amount is **£5 per family per term**, and this can  
be paid online (under products, online shop).  
Your contributions are very much appreciated.

## 2024 - 2025

### Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 9th September 2024 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	94	2
Year 1	99	0
Year 2	98	1
Year 3	96	2
Year 4	98	0
Year 5	96	2
Year 6	97	0

Well done Year 1 – you are the clear winners  
this week !

### League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	
Year 1	2
Year 2	1
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	1

**Weeks in competition: 4(full weeks only)**

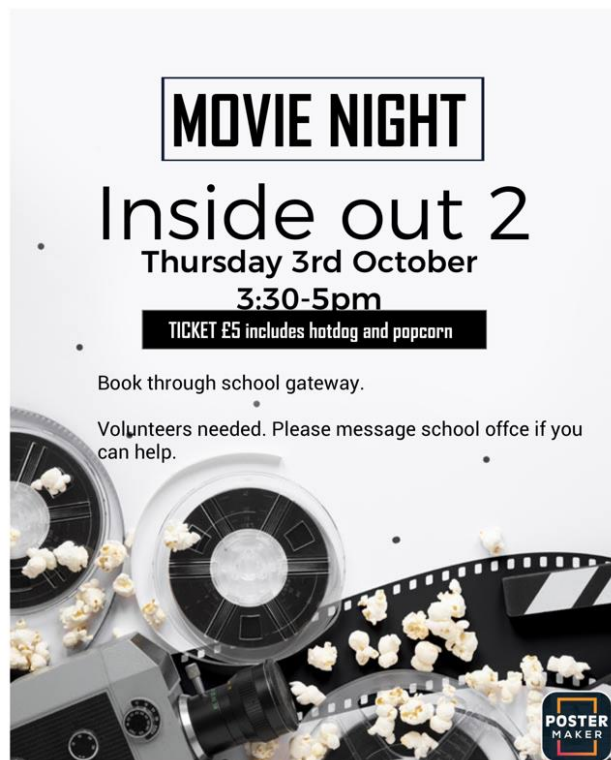
**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.2%**



## PTA EVENT

Tickets will be on sale until the Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
September midday.

If your child is booked in to after school club  
please let the office know if you wish to cancel it  
otherwise you will still be charged.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher



## TERM DATES

### ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

#### **Autumn Term 2024:**

##### **INSET DAYS:**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

First day back: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Half-term 21.10.24 – 1.11.24

Last day of term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### **Spring Term 2025:**

First day of term Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25

Last day of term Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### **Summer Term 2025:**

First day of term Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

**Bank Holiday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Half-term 26.05.25 – 30.05.2025

Last day of term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

##### **INSET DAYS**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**