



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 27 September 2024

Autumn Term

Year 3 Trip

Year 3 had an exciting trip to the Natural History Museum to support our historical learning about the prehistoric era and our scientific learning on rocks and soil. We explored a variety of rock types, connecting what we've learned in class to real life specimens. We learnt rocks change as a result of weathering, and how changes to rocks can cause volcanos and earthquakes. We were very excited to experience an earthquake simulator! We really enjoyed becoming palaeontologists for our Dino Dig workshop and learnt to identify a variety of fossils. We had a fantastic time and left inspired for more learning back in the classroom!



Mass at Southwark Cathedral

Mrs Heffernan and I had the pleasure of accompanying our Head boy/ Girl and Deputy Head Boy/Girl to St George's Cathedral on Thursday. There we joined children and students from over 100 other schools, primary and secondaries, across the Archdiocese of Southwark for a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson.

The Mass was organised by the Diocesan Education Service to ask for God's blessings on all our school for the academic year ahead. The children behaved impeccably and represented St Philomena's so well.



RECEPTION CLASS QUESTIONNAIRE

A gentle reminder to parents of children in RECEPTION that we would love to hear your views on your child's start at school. You are invited to complete a very brief questionnaire by following this link until Tuesday 1st October 2024.

Your feedback is very important to us.

<https://forms.gle/UiHaHES6q8NU7c5t8>

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.

info@centrestagetheatreacademy.com

www.centrestagetheatreacademy.com

0800 058 2521

Lacrosse

If you are interested in Lacrosse please contact Mike the coach : mbctsuk@gmail.com 07787510631.

This class is currently not going ahead as we do not have enough pupils for it – it will possibly restart after half term.



Pupil of the Week

Reception –	Kayson
Year 1 –	Kairo
Year 2 –	Darcie
Year 3 –	Sorelle
Year 4 –	Kenneth
Year 5 –	Dolly
Year 6 –	Luis



European Language Day

We had a super time celebrating European Language day! We particularly enjoyed the Italian spaghetti eating competition and the Scandinavian 'tug-o-war'. We have families from a wide variety of different European countries in our community, and children taught us to say 'hello' in their native language. Huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Luximon Pollard who provided French treats for everyone!

Mrs Anderson





**Our Harvest Festival Assembly will be held on
Tuesday 8th 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 8th 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

Lost Property

We are seeing a lot of cardigans, jumpers and
coats in lost property. PLEASE LABEL school
uniform.

'Open Classroom'

During the week beginning Monday 15th
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 14th October Reception and Year 3

Tuesday 15th October Years 1 and 4

Wednesday 16th 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 5th and Wednesday 6th
November this year. Timings and appointment
time will be shared shortly.

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.

PTA EVENT

CLOSING DATE for Movie Night tickets Monday 30th 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.



2024 - 2025

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 16th September 2024 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	2
Year 1	99	1
Year 2	98	5
Year 3	95	3
Year 4	98	2
Year 5	98	2
Year 6	98	0

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

League Table

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



Pumpkin Harvest Disco

Tickets on sale until Wed 16.10.24

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.



Weeks in competition: 5 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.4%

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024:

INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Wednesday 28th August 2024

First day back: Thursday 29th August 2024

Half-term 21.10.24 – 1.11.24

Last day of term Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

First day of term Monday 6th January 2025

Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25

Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term 26.05.25 – 30.05.2025

Last day of term Friday 18th July 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd

and Wednesday 23rd July 2025