



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 18 October 2024

Autumn Term

British Food Week

The Green Team had a fantastic time preparing the winning recipes from British Food Week. They made Noah's delicious parsnip soup and a Victoria sponge cake created by Amiyah-Leigh and Emma-Gracie. We hope they enjoyed tasting their creations with Ms. Maher!



Secondary School Applications

This is a reminder that the Secondary Admissions 2025 application deadline is **midnight Thursday 31st October 2024**. Please parents/carers of children who have not yet applied you must submit your application online by this deadline. Applications submitted after this date will be classed as late and may not receive an offer on National Offer Day (March 3rd 2025). Parents/carers must access the online eAdmissions application portal via their home Local Authority website (www.bromley.gov.uk for Bromley residents).

Pupil of the Week for last week

Reception –	Jenson
Year 1 –	Aurora
Year 2 -	Alvin
Year 3 –	George
Year 4 –	Sebastian
Year 5 -	Amelie
Year 6 -	Christian



Glue Sticks

Can we please ask that your child has a glue stick for school so that they can stick their work into their books. Glue sticks £1.50 on the school gateway.



Year 1

As we come to the end of our literacy topic of the Traction Man the children celebrated with a day about superheroes. They dressed up as their favourite superheroes and spent the day making crafts and talking about their superpowers!



MESSAGE FROM THE NHS REGARDING FLU IMMUNISATION

Tel: 020 3903 3375

Dear Parent/Guardian

The nurses will be attending your school on **6/11/2024** to give the flu vaccine.

If you have already completed a consent form, please do not complete a second form.

If you have not yet **consented** or **do not want** your child to have the vaccination, please use the link below and complete by **31/10/2024**.

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2024/bromley>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on the number above

Yours sincerely

Immunisation Team - Bromley

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 7th October 2024 :

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

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

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 8 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98%



PTA EVENTS

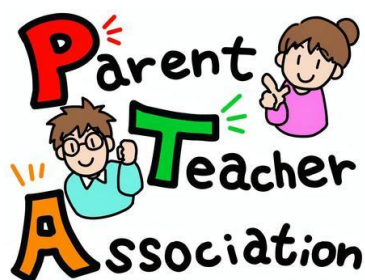
Thank you to our PTA and to parent and staff helpers at our Harvest Disco. The children had a great time.



Own Clothes Day – PTA Event

Friday 22nd November - own clothes day for donation of chocolate for tombola at Christmas Fair

Friday 29th November – own clothes day for donations of alcohol/soft drinks for Christmas fair tombola



DATES TO REMEMBER

Class Assembly

Reception/EYFS Nativity Assembly

Tuesday 3 December at 2.30pm

KS1 Nativity Performance for Year 1 and 2

Dress Rehearsal (pre-schoolers welcome)

Monday 9 December 2024 at 10.00am

KS1 Nativity Performance for Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 11 December at 10.00am

Year 4 Thursday 14 November at 10.00am

Year 5 Thursday 28 November at 10.00am

Year 6 Thursday 21 November at 10.00am

Lacrosse Camp

Lacrosse October holiday camp. Please contact them direct 07787510631

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP

**MON 21ST TO WED 23RD OCT
MON 28TH TO WED 30TH OCT**

09:30AM - 12:30PM

Fun, energetic and engaging sessions, suitable for beginners or those looking to improve their Lacrosse skills.

All coaches DBS checked and first aid trained

Sessions for children Year 3 – Year 9

- ✓ Skills & techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & matches

£17.00 for 1 session
any additional sessions at discounted price of £15.00 each

ST PAUL'S CRAY SCOUT HUT
Midfield Way, Orpington, BR5 2QL

To book or more info:
mbctsuk@gmail.com
07787 510631

Tuck Shop available



Community Events



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN TRAIL
19th - 31st October

Join in our trail to find the animals hidden in pumpkin pictures around the farm
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

Open daily (except Tuesday)
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

£4 per entry

FOAL FARM
Animal Rescue

Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk

HALF TERM EVENTS AT ORPINGTON LIBRARY

All are bookable on Eventbrite

here: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk> which all take place during the first week of half term. In the second week there will be take home spooky activity packs.



B:M 2024 RECLAIMING NARRATIVES

Black History Month Storytime at Orpington Library

Join us at Orpington Library to celebrate Black History Month with some stories and craft

Thursday 24th October
10-11am

For children aged 4-7 years with a parent or carer

To book please visit our Eventbrite page:
<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>



Halloween Storytime at Orpington Library

Join us at Orpington Library for some spooky stories and a paper pumpkin craft!

Monday 21st October
10-11am

Children aged 4-7 years with parent or carer

To book, please visit our Eventbrite page:
<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

Jake Hope Author Event at Orpington Library



Come and join us for Storytime with picture book author Jake Hope and listen to his fantastic stories - 'Cheesed Off!' and 'Lola loves Walkies'.

Fun colouring sheets activities will follow!



Friday 25th October
10:30-11:30am
Age 3-7 with parents or carers

To book please visit our Eventbrite website:
<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

SEND Local Offer Live event taking place on Friday 1st November, from 11am to 3pm, at The Warren in Hayes. This is a free event and will include taster and information sessions from providers such as Access Sport, Magpie Dance, Maypole Active, Remix Theatre, Bromley Y, ISAT and SENDAT teams, Bromley Mencap and many more.



THE BROMLEY SEND LOCAL OFFER LIVE!

Join us to find out more about the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) services available in Bromley for parents, carers, children and young people.

SEND Malters
Special educational needs and disability provision available for years 0-25

LIVE!

pop-up arcade
VIRTUAL GAMING

indoor sports
INCLUSIVE SPORTS

advice & support
SEND SERVICES

creative arts
ART AND DRAMA

outdoor games
GIANT OUTDOOR GAMES

Taster sessions, fun, games and information for all the family

Friday, 1st November 2024
11am to 3pm

The Warren, Croydon Road, Hayes, Bromley BR2 7AL

Please note: parents and carers remain responsible for their children at all times.

South East London SEND Partnership
Bromley Parent Support Forum
yvhscc



What to expect on the day

EARLY YEARS SESSIONS
11.15-11.45 Meet the Early Years Inclusion Team
12.00-12.30 Sensory activities to do at home
12.45-13.15 Health signposting and advice
13.30-14.00 How to access support and strategies
14.15-14.45 Do you need impartial, independent, confidential advice?

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SESSIONS
11.15-11.45 Impartial, independent, confidential advice and parenting strategies
12.00-12.30 Advice from the Department for Work & Pensions
12.45-13.15 Find out about the Travel Training programme
13.30-14.00 Discover how mainstream schools support SEND
14.15-14.45 Learn about the ISPA process (integrated single point of access) Bromley Y & CAMHS

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD SESSIONS
11.15-11.45 Learn about the Bromley Mencap Employability Programme
12.00-12.30 Your voice, your future: a forum for young people with SEND
12.45-13.15 Find out about Bromley Y and how they can support you
13.30-14.00 Advice from Department for Work & Pensions
14.15-14.45 Options for young people as they move into adulthood

OUTDOOR GAMES
(weather permitting)

ACTIVITY ROOM
A selection of activities from Access Sport, Remix Theatre, Maypole Project

REFRESHMENTS

INFORMATION STALLS

TASTER SESSIONS

CHILL OUT AREA

Scan the QR Code to find out more about all the events taking place to celebrate SEND in November

Correct at time of publication.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024:

Half-term	21.10.24 – 1.11.24
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

First day of term	Monday 6 th January 2025
Half-term	17.02.25 – 21.02.25
Last day of term	Friday 4 th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
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Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
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Half-term	26.05.25 – 30.05.2025
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Last day of term	Friday 18 th July 2025
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INSET DAYS

**Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd
and Wednesday 23rd July 2025**