



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 5 September 2025

Autumn Term

Welcome back to school ! It has been so lovely to see so many of you on the gate and around school. The children have told me so much about their holiday adventures – I do hope you managed to enjoy some time with family and friends.

Welcome too, to our new Reception children. I've been in class to see them a few times and they are already very settled, confident to speak with me and helping each other with all their new routines.

Other children new to the school are Sofia in Year 1, Immanuel in Year 1, Naythan in Year 5 and Sofia in Year 6.

We hope all our new children and families will be very happy at St Philomena's.



End of Year Outcomes

I am delighted to share with you, our end of year results from 2024/25. You will see from the percentages that our children performed brilliantly – we are so proud of them. Thank you, also, to all the staff who worked so hard in ensuring children engage so well in their learning.

St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust

As of the 1st September 2025, we are officially members of this group of Catholic schools. We are excited about the opportunities to share expertise, ideas, professional development and collaborative working with all the schools in the Trust.



Clare Verga – Interim Chief Executive Officer – popped in for a visit this afternoon. You can find out more about the Trust by visiting their website here.

<https://www.selcat.org.uk/>

Research

I set the children a task in assembly this week, to find out as much as they can about St Oscar Romero. If they ask you, please do assist them with their research. Thank you

Weather

With Autumn approaching and the current unpredictable weather, please ensure your child comes to school with a rainproof jacket or coat in navy or black. We tend to stay outside in drizzle and don't want children to end up all soggy and uncomfortable. Umbrellas should be taken home after drop off please. We don't have space to store them and wet floors become a slip hazard. Thank you.





ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAYS:

Wednesday 27th August 2025

Thursday 28th August 2025

Friday 29th August 2025

First day back:

Monday 1st September 2025

Half-term

20.10.25 – 31.10.25

Back to school

Monday 3rd November 2025

Last day of term

Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

First day of term

Monday 5th January 2026

Half-term

16.02.26 – 20.02.26

Back to school

Monday 23rd February 2026

Last day of term

Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

First day of term

Monday 13th April 2026

Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May 2026

Half-term

25.05.26 – 29.05.2026

Back to school

Monday 1st June 2026

Last day of term

Monday 20th July 2026

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 21st and

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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.



Taekwondo

ANOTHER 100% PASS RATE TAEKWONDO STUDENTS

As well as enjoying the sunshine over the Summer Break, over 20 Juventus Taekwondo Academy students also took their KUP Grading examination. Eleven of those were St. Philomena's Pupils.

The day was a great success with students showing their techniques and knowledge, which included Patterns, Sparring, Destruction and Koren Terminology.

Everyone surpassed themselves on the day, achieving great scores and I am proud to say EVERY student was successful. We even had 2 students excel and Double Grade!!

CONGRATULATIONS:-

Jack - YR1 - 9th KUP

Luke - YR1 - 9th KUP

Kayson - YR1 - 9th KUP

Jenson - YR1 - 9th KUP

Christopher - YR2 - 9th KUP

Deborah - Yr3 - 9th KUP

Lila-Rain - YR2 - 8th KUP

Reuben - YR2 - 8th KUP

Amarachika - YR2 - 8th KUP

Temi - YR6 - 8th KUP

Nikolay - YR3 - 7th KUP - Double Grade

Well done to all of you! We are all so proud of you. We can't wait to see you all in your new belts.



BYMT Taster Events

TRY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DAY

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 10.00am-1.00pm

BYMT Southborough Lane will be opening its doors on Saturday 13 September to welcome families with children in school years 3-8. This is your chance to come along, try the instruments, talk to the teachers and make some noise!

Bassoon. Cello. Clarinet. Cornet. Double Bass. Euphonium. Flute. French Horn. Harp. Oboe. Orchestral Percussion. Saxophone. Trombone. Trumpet. Tuba. Viola. Violin.

For more information and to registers, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/bymttry2025>

TRY OUT WEEK TASTER SESSION

SATURDAY 20 - FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

If you already play an instrument or enjoy singing, come and try out a BYMT group, ensemble or choir this September. We have groups for all ages and abilities across the Bromley Borough.

For more information on our groups, please visit: www.bymt.co.uk/groups

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BYMT - Southborough Lane - Bromley - BR2 8AA
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TASTER EVENT!

Annual Forms and Paperwork

Apologies for the number of forms and paperwork that has been sent out this week. Your prompt return of completed forms would be much appreciated. This information is used to keep our databases and safeguarding information up to date, so it is really important – we do try to keep it to a minimum!

Paperwork should be sent in with your child and handed in to their teacher at morning registration.

Payments

All payments should be made online using our cashless payment system School Gateway.

Messages to the class teacher

If you need to get a message to the class teacher, please send an email to:

admin@st-philomenas.bromley.sch.uk and the email/information will be passed on. Alternatively, you can call the school office on 01689 826550.

Please DO NOT reply on the email address that the newsletter is sent out on as this goes to an unmonitored email – the admin email address above should always be used. Where possible, please try to get messages regarding pick up and collection to the office before 3.00pm so we can get the message to the classroom in time.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher





EYFS Data: Good Level of Development
81 % of children (22/27)

Year One Phonics Check
97 % (28/29) (No Year 2 Phonics results as Year 1 score was 100% last year)

Year Two: Key Stage One Results - reaching the Expected Standard (EXS)		
Reading	Writing	Maths
93 % (28/30)	83 % (25/30)	87 % (25/30)

Year Six Key Stage Two Results – reaching the Expected Standard (EXS)		
Reading	Writing	Maths
93 % (26/28)	86% (24/28)	93 % (26/28)

Greater Depth @ Key Stage Two		
Reading	Writing	Maths
64%	14% (moderated by the Local Authority)	50%

Key Stage Two (Y6): Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	
EXS 86 %	GD Combined was 14 %