



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 10 July 2026

Summer Term

Year 2 Class Assembly

We watched a super assembly from Year 2 on Thursday morning. They shared with us everything they had learned about islands and coastlines, all put together with lovely singing and poetry.

Well done to all the children and to Mrs B and Mrs Ermis for preparing them so well.



Transition Days / Meet the Teacher

Our children really enjoyed moving into their new classrooms this week and thank you to all those parents who popped in to meet the teacher too !

Trip to the River Cray

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children enjoyed an exciting joint project exploring how rivers and settlements have changed over time. They visited the River Cray and investigated how the river and the surrounding landscape have changed and considered why people chose to settle close to sources of water. The children explored local biodiversity through pond dipping and were thrilled to catch and identify a wide variety of pond life including a very large fish! As part of our Catholic commitment to stewardship, they showed care and respect for

God's creation by observing each creature carefully before returning it safely to its natural habitat.



Staff Changes

We look forward to welcoming Miss Wedderspoon to our teaching staff in September. She will be teaching our Year 3 children and loved meeting them this week.

Celebration of Mass

I was so very touched by the beautiful Mass planned and celebrated for my retirement on Wednesday morning. I loved that it included all of my favourite hymns and I left the Church feeling truly blessed. Thank you to Mrs. Anderson and the staff for their input and to the children for their incredible singing.

Retirement Celebration

A reminder that Miss Maher's Retirement Celebration and Community Picnic will take place on Wednesday 15th July. Gates open at 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start.

The celebration will be held outdoors and hot weather is forecast, so please bring a hat, sun cream and plenty of water, as there is very little shade.



ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

PLEASE NOTE THE LAST DAY OF TERM !

Last day of term Monday 20th July 2026

INSET DAYS Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 29th June 2026:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	1
Year 1	98	2
Year 2	97	0
Year 3	95	2
Year 4	92	0
Year 5	99	1
Year 6	98	1

Well done Year 5 – you are the winners again this week !

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	2
Year 1	7
Year 2	10
Year 3	5
Year 4	2
Year 5	5
Year 6	1

Weeks in competition: 32
(full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.5%

ACADEMIC YEARS 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAYS:

Wednesday 26th August 2026

Thursday 27th August 2026

Friday 28th August 2026

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 31st August 2026

First day back of term

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Half-term 19.10.26-30.10.26

Back to school

Monday 2nd November 2026

Last day of term

Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

First day of term

Monday 4th January 2027

Half-term 15.02.2027- 19.02.2027

Back to school

Monday 22nd February 2027

Last day of term

Thursday 25th March 2027

Good Friday 26 March, Easter Monday 29 March

Summer Term 2027

First day of term

Monday 12th April 2027

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2027

Half-term 31.05.27 – 04.06.27

Back to school

Monday 7th June 2027

Last day of term

Wednesday 21st July 2027

INSET DAYS

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July 2027

Uniform

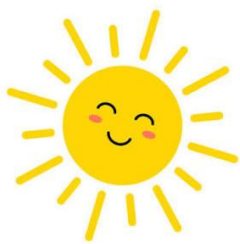
A reminder that earrings of any type are NOT permitted in school. Please ensure these are removed at home.

Weather

It looks like the warm weather is set to continue next week.

Please ensure you apply sun screen to your child in the morning and send them in with a hat.

And.. fingers crossed – it won't be raining for our Sports Day on the 17th as is currently predicted !



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend !

Miss V Maher
Headteacher