



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

**Newsletter – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Autumn Term**



Christmas fair Saturday 2nd December 12-2pm. We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair tomorrow ! This is an important fund raiser for our school and is just a lovely event for our community to share in !

## **Year 4 Class Assembly**

We learned so much about teeth, their different jobs and how important they are in Year 4's wonderful class assembly this morning. Well done to all of the children for sharing their learning so beautifully and to Mr Oliveri and all the adults working with Year 4 for preparing them so well.

## **Year 2 – Florence Nightingale Museum**

Year 2 enjoyed the trip this week to the Florence Nightingale Museum where they found out all about Nightingale; one of our greatest Victorians, the founder of modern nursing, a healthcare pioneer and also they discovered more about her lasting legacy. Thank you to Mrs B and to our parent helpers.



## **Pupil of the Week**

Reception: *Amara*

Year 1: *Ethan M*

Year 2: *William*

Year 3: *Jessica*

Year 4: *Caleb*

Year 5: *Luís*

Year 6: *Keira*

## **The Christmas Carol Concert**

St Philomena's would like to invite you to our carol concert being held at Our Lady of the Crays Church on Monday 18 December (children to arrive at the Church Hall between 5.30-5.45pm). The concert starts at 6pm.

## **School Clubs Information**

Fun fit - finished till after Christmas  
Hockey – finished till after Christmas  
Taekwondo – finished till after Christmas  
Skills Academy – finished till after Christmas  
Lacrosse – finishes on 8<sup>th</sup> December.  
Mini Vinnies/CAFOD – finishes 13<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Jumper Day

The children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We ask that children make a small donation on the day (paid online) and all money donated will be given to Save the Children Charity – who protect children, give them a healthy start and the chance to learn. Thank you for your support.

### Christmas Parties

Class parties will also be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. Please could you provide your child with an individual, named, small paper plate of party food covered in cling-film to be eaten at the party – NO NUTS!

### PTA Events

Christmas School Disco – Thursday 14 December (*last chance to buy tickets is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023*)

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 15 December at 9am – it would be great to see some more parents to represent each class at the PTA meetings so that we can get some ideas of fund raising for our school.

Break the Rules Day – Change of date now on Tuesday 5 December

### Nativity Dates

Yr 1 and Yr 2      Friday 8 December  
Reception      Thursday 14 December

### Class Assembly Dates

Year 5 Friday 24 November  
Year 6 Friday 17 November

### Important Dates

Carol Concert – Our Lady of the Cray  
Monday 18 December 6pm (children to arrive at the Church Hall between 5.30-5.45pm)

Christmas Jumper Day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Attendance Race 2023- 2024

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	99	3
Year 1	98	2
Year 2	100	2
Year 3	98	2
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	96	3
Year 6	97	1

Year 2 have won again this week – making it all even. Well done !

### League Table

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



Weeks in competition: 9 (full weeks only)

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98%**

### 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.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



### TERM DATES

#### ACADEMIC YEARS 2023 – 2024

##### **Autumn Term 2023:**

Last day of term      Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

##### **Spring Term 2024:**

**INSET DAY**                      **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

First day of term              Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half-term                      12.02.24 – 16.02.24

Last day of term              Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

##### **Summer Term 2024:**

First day of term              Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Bank Holiday**                      **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Half-term                      27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Last day of term              Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**INSET DAYS**                      **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

### TERM DATES

#### ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

##### **Autumn Term 2023:**

##### **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                      21.10.21 – 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**

