



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 6 December 2024

### Autumn Term

#### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Tickets are now on sale via our online payment system for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. All monies raised goes towards our School Fund. Winners will be drawn and prizes given out Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



#### Piano Lessons

All students who applied for ABRSM exam have passed with Distinction and Merit this time - Congratulations. Students also took part in a concert at BYMT this week that went very well, too. Lessons will commence in January.



#### Vacancies for Foundation Governors

The governing body of St Philomena's currently has vacancies for Foundation Governors. To be a Foundation Governor, your application will be processed through the Southwark Education Commission and will require endorsement by your Parish Priest. I have attached a poster which signposts you to some training / information provided by the Diocese but am more than happy to have an informal chat with anyone who thinks they may be interested. Please just catch me on the gate or give me a call. We would very much welcome governing body members from our school community !

#### ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM

##### CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 (3.20-5.45pm)

due to staff training.

Please make alternate provision should you require after school care on that day.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

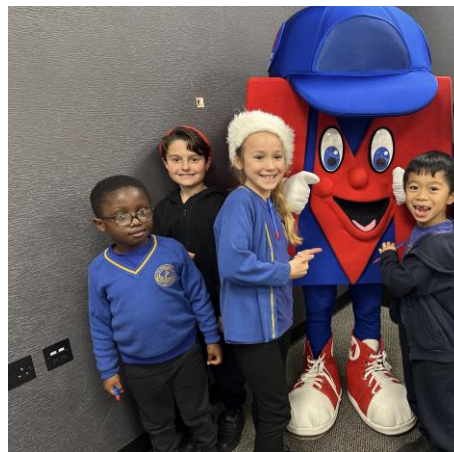
*Any fees paid in advance for Green Room Club on this day will be held on account for future use*

#### PTA Christmas Fair

We look forward to seeing all your family and friends at our Christmas fair on Saturday 12-2pm in our school hall.

### **Year 3 – Financial Education**

Year 3 have enjoyed financial education this week, learning about revenue, expenditure, profit, and budgets. A visit to the bank helped them understand savings and budgeting in action. By selling milkshakes and muffins, they raised funds and used the profits to support their Secret Santa shopping, blending practical learning with festive cheer!



### **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



### **Roofer/Handyman Required**

A section of our bike sheds' roof is collapsing where both the wood supports and felt urgently need replacing due to safety concerns. Are there any parents/carers who are able to please help or know someone who can? If you are able to help we shall pass your details on to Mr Hill our Site Manager.



### School Panto 'The Selfish Giant'

Thank you to Image Musical Theatre for their production this week of 'The Selfish Giant'. Also thank you to Mrs Coleman for organising and to the PTA - the children really enjoyed the performance.



### French Lesson

We were delighted to welcome Monsieur Luximon-Pollard to Year 3 this week for a wonderful Christmas themed French lesson! The children learned about French Christmas traditions, practiced festive greetings in French, and enjoyed tasting delicious French food. Thank you for joining us and enriching our understanding of French culture!



**Attendance and Lateness for the week  
beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 :**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	94	4
Year 1	94	1
Year 2	94	2
Year 3	100	1
Year 4	96	4
Year 5	99	1
Year 6	97	0

Well done Year 3 – you are the winners this week - in school every day !

**League Table**

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

**Weeks in competition: 13 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.2%**



**Class Assembly**

**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

**PTA EVENTS**

Christmas movie night with your PJ's on  
Thursday 12 December 3.30-5.00  
£3.50 per ticket includes popcorn – book your  
tickets online our school gateway system. If your  
children are booked in for the after school club  
please remember to cancel if you do not need  
otherwise you will still be charged.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Come celebrate Christmas with a movie and popcorn.  
On Thursday 12th December 3:30-5pm  
Bring your pyjamas to wear.

**£3.50 per ticket  
Includes popcorn  
Surprise  
Christmas movie**

Book tickets online  
Email office if you can help

POSTER MAKER

Have a wonderful  
weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher







# Could You Become a Governor or Director?

Do you have the skills needed to be a Foundation Governor of a Catholic school?

Do you have the skills needed to be a Foundation Director of a Catholic academy or multi academy trust?

Could you spare a few hours a month?

This is a fulfilling role that isn't without its challenges.

Governors or Directors work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved. Being a Governor or Director is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today.

You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector.

The Education Service are running sessions each term to answer any questions you may have about becoming a foundation governor or director.

These sessions are available to book on the Education Service website.

Please follow the link below

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-become-a-governor-or-director/>



## ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

### Autumn Term 2025:

**INSET DAYS:** **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

First day back: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Half-term 20.10.25 – 31.10.25

Back to school Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Last day of term Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Spring Term 2026:

First day of term Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Half-term 16.02.26 – 20.02.26

Back to school Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Last day of term Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Summer Term 2026:

First day of term Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Bank Holiday** **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Half-term 25.05.26 – 29.05.2026

Back to school Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Last day of term Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**INSET DAYS** **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

## ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

### Autumn Term 2024:

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**