



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 12 December 2025

Thank you to everyone who entered our Christmas Cracker competition. The art ambassadors had a very hard time trying to judge the competition but in the end decided that the prizes for the best crackers this year should be awarded to Alice C from Reception and Sandra from Y4. Congratulations to both of you and to everyone who took part. The art ambassadors thought your crackers were all amazing!



Year 3 Trip – St George's Cathedral

This week, Year 3 travelled to St George's Cathedral to take part in the Advent Service. Our children represented the school beautifully as they retold the story of the Annunciation through a graceful ballet performance. We are incredibly proud of them for sharing the message of Advent so thoughtfully and for demonstrating their talents so wonderfully. Well done, Year 3!



Christmas Fair

It was so lovely to see so many of you at this lovely event last Saturday. The Hall was packed full and there was so much on offer to all. (I didn't eat my supper as I'd eaten so much lovely food there!) Thank you so much to everyone for giving your time if you were running a stall, or just coming along to support our school. We raised an incredible £ 2,600 and, judging by my School Council meeting at lunchtime yesterday, the children have plenty of ideas on how we might spend it.

Very well done to Year 5 for having the stall which raised the most money - they'll have a great time at Air Jump !

Huge thanks, also, to our school PTA members - for doing such a great job in organising the event.



PTA Christmas Disco

Thank you to the PTA for organising our Christmas disco. The children had a great time - £843 was raised.

New Governor

Our Governing Body are delighted to welcome a new member from our community. Tumi Shenje (Mum to Anashe) joined us at her first meeting last week. She joins us as a co-opted governor for the time being until she is fully registered by the Diocese as a Foundation Governor. I know she will be an amazing addition to the group.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a school governor, do catch me for a chat.

Book Fair

English ambassadors delivered 45 new books across the school from funds raised at the book fair.



Christmas Story Writing

Well done to the 40 children who entered the Christmas story writing competition. 5 children received £5 book fair vouchers as prizes and everyone else received a festive treat as a well done.

Spare Carrier Bags

Any spare carrier bags can you please kindly donate them to our school - if you can hand them into the school office, many thanks.

EYFS Nativity

We were treated to such a beautiful re-telling of the Christmas story on Thursday morning when our youngest children performed their Nativity. I was so impressed by the confidence in singing, dancing and narration by all of the children. Our audience of Mums, Dads, Nans, Grandads etc. all watched with immense pride. Well done to the children and very well done to the staff, Mrs. Standing, Mrs. Beeson and Mrs. Nugent for their hard work in putting everything together.



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BOOK TO START LESSONS IN JANUARY!

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 1st December 2025:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	92	2
Year 1	96	1
Year 2	98	0
Year 3	96	3
Year 4	92	2
Year 5	92	2
Year 6	94	2

Year 2 have won this week. Well done!

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	1
Year 1	3
Year 2	3
Year 3	3
Year 4	0
Year 5	1
Year 6	1

Weeks in competition: 12 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 94.3%

ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School
Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

**Thursday 22nd January 2026 (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.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



Assembly Dates

Monday 15 December - KS1 Nativity

Y1 & Y2 Parents (dress rehearsal) 10am

Tuesday 16 December - KS1 Nativity

Y1 & Y2 Parents at 10am (**NO PRE-SCHOOLERS**)

Tickets to be ordered on school gateway by
today 12.12.25

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 14 January - School individual
photographs and sibling (Full school uniform to
be worn)

Tuesday 16 December – last day to buy
Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets on the school
gateway.

Wednesday 17 December

Christmas Lunch
Christmas jumper day
Class parties – children will need party food



ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 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

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

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Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July 2027