



## St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

### Newsletter – 13 December 2024

#### Autumn Term

#### KS1 Nativity

We were treated to two amazing performances of the Christmas story by Year 1 and Year 2 this week. I was so impressed by the confident speaking voices and beautiful singing of the children and I could sense that staff and parents were all so very proud !

Thank you so much to the teachers and support staff for their incredible work in putting together such a brilliant Nativity.

#### Poppy Appeal

Thank for your support.



#### Christmas Carol Concert

The KS2 Christmas Carol Concert will take place at Our Lady of the Crays Church on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6.00pm. Everyone from school is more than welcome to attend this special evening of song and prayer.

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School  
Childcare Facility

**WILL NOT BE OPEN**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025** (3.20-5.45pm)  
and

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

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** (3.20pm-  
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.

Green Room Club will be closed for essential whole staff training session. We understand that many parents rely on this service, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this closure may cause.

The training is crucial to ensure that our staff receive the best possible professional development, enabling us to continue providing high-quality care for all children. We truly appreciate your understanding and support.

### PTA Christmas Fair

Huge thanks to everyone who came to support our fair last Saturday, either by manning a stall or bringing family and friends to spend some money. All funds raised will support all children in the school and for this, we are extremely grateful. Thanks, also, to members of staff who gave their time on the day. We will be able to announce the total amount raised in due course.





### Rock Steady Concert

Well done to Rock Steady band members in their concert this week. Lessons will start back after in the New Year.



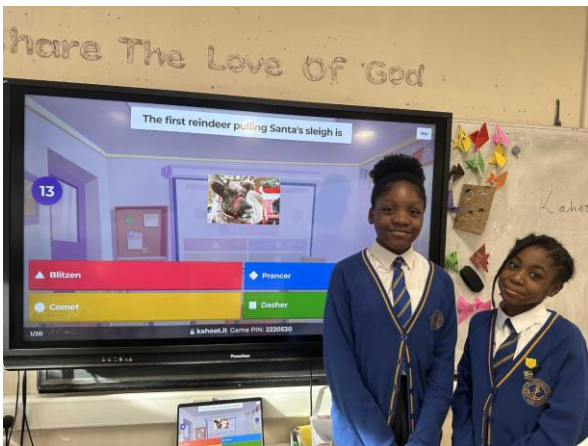
### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Last day to purchase raffle tickets via our online payment system is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. All monies raised goes towards our School Fund. Winners will be drawn and prizes given out Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



### RE Ambassadors Christmas Quiz

Well done to the RE Ambassadors who hosted an inter house Christmas quiz today! Faversham finished in first place, winning an incredible 100 house points, with Canterbury finishing second and winning 50 points. Well done to all involved!



### 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



### Movie Night

Thank you to our PTA for organising movie night this week also to our parent helpers.



**Attendance and Lateness for the week  
beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 :**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	87	4
Year 1	98	1
Year 2	98	1
Year 3	99	1
Year 4	98	0
Year 5	93	1
Year 6	96	0

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher

Well done Year 3 – you are the winners again this week!

**League Table**

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



**Weeks in competition: 14 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE  
WEEK 96 %**





## 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

## 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**

### 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

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

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

25.05.26 – 29.05.2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**