



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## **Newsletter 15 December 2025**

### **KS1 Nativity**

We were treated to another gorgeous Nativity by the children in Years 1 and 2. We are privileged to have our amazing children share with us the essence of Christmas through these very special performances, and this year was no exception. Thank you to Mrs York, Mrs B and Ms Molineaux for their hard work in preparing the children, ably supported by our teaching support staff. We were all so very proud of the children.

### **Christmas Stamps**

Our Christmas stamps sale raised £171.45 for Crisis at Christmas. Thank you.

### **School Orchestra**

Huge thanks to Mrs Martin for organising our school orchestra Christmas performance on Tuesday afternoon. The children played so beautifully ! Huge thanks also to ukulele and recorder clubs for performing beautiful songs.



### **Christmas Hamper Raffle**

Our Christmas Hamper Raffle raised £537 for our School Fund. Thank you for your support.

Our lucky winners are:

Monica, Nikolay, Janice, Jesse, Sonny, Bea, Amiyah, Dolly, Ioane, Caleb, Benji, Mia, Arianh, Anashe, Emily W, Noah P, Eva, Florence, Nelly, Polly, Annabella, Albert, Sandra, Antonio, Jason, Amara, Elisa, Lorenzo, Stephanie, Eloise, Tessa, Lila, Theo L, Niki, Paulette, Azim, Elsie and Tejas.

### **Christmas Lunch/Christmas Parties**

Great to see all the children in their party hats and jumpers this week.



### KS2 Carol Concert

This event in the Church last Friday evening was just incredible to watch. I was crying from the very beginning! The different elements of the Christmas story were narrated by the children and accompanied by the most beautiful dance performances. All finished off with gorgeous singing. Thank you so much to the hard work of our teachers and teaching support staff in putting this together, particularly the beautiful choreography by Mrs Anderson.



### ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

### **WILL NOT BE OPEN**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Food Hygiene Standard

We are delighted to let you know that yesterday our Breakfast Club/Green Room Club kitchen were awarded a "5" in their inspection yesterday from the Food Standards Agency

A food hygiene rating of 5 means the business has "**very good**" hygiene standards, fully complying with food safety laws, and is the highest possible score in the [Food Standards Agency's Food Hygiene Rating Scheme](#). This rating reflects excellent performance in handling food, cleanliness, and management systems for ensuring food safety, covering areas like preparation, storage, structural condition, and staff training.

### Dates to Remember

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

### **Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	6
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	99	1
Year 3	99	1
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	95	7
Year 6	98	1

Year 2 have won again this week, putting them in the lead. Well done!

### League Table

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



**Weeks in competition: 13 (full weeks only)**  
**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.1%**

### Thank you

As always, I am so very touched by the generosity of our school community. I am very grateful to have such wonderful families in our school. Thank you so much for all you do to support us and for the thoughtful cards and gifts you have shared with the staff.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and ask for God's blessings on you and your families.

See you all in the New Year !

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher





## ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

### Autumn Term 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 2026 - 2027

### Autumn Term 2026

**INSET DAYS:**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**BANK HOLIDAY**  
**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026**

**First day back of term**  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**Half-term** 19.10.26-30.10.26

**Back to school**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

**Last day of term**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

### Spring Term 2027

**First day of term**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

**Half-term** 15.02.2027- 19.02.2027

**Back to school**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027

**Last day of term**  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027  
**Good Friday 26 March, Easter Monday 29 March**

### Summer Term 2027

**First day of term**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

**Bank Holiday**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027**

**Half-term** 31.05.27 – 04.06.27

**Back to school**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

**Last day of term**  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

**INSET DAYS**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027**