



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

(Newsletter – 10 January 2025)

Spring Term

Welcome back everyone and a happy new year!

Spike Prize

Our aim is to encourage children to come to school every day – including on their birthdays. Every child that is in school on their birthday is given a Spike Slip. (Don't panic if your child's birthday falls on a weekend, in this case your child will still be given a slip, as long as they are in school on the Friday and Monday of their birthday weekend !!!)



The end part of the slip is torn off, completed and put into the Birthday Box in the school hall – a name is then drawn from the box at the end of term and a small prize given.

We appreciate that birthdays are special days, however, pupils with good attendance records generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life. Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour.

Also, it is nice for children to celebrate with their friends.

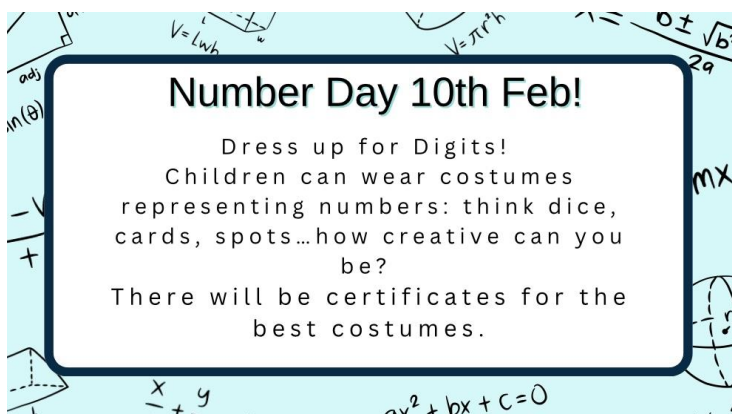
Our winner for Autumn Term is Mia in Yr 2 – Congratulations Mia.

Christmas Stamps

Our Christmas stamps sale raised £176.75 for Crisis at Christmas. Thank you.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to our PTA, parents and the classes that did a stall at our Christmas fair. £2035.02 was raised for our school



After School Clubs

After school sports clubs will start next week. You should today receive your slips if you have received a space. If you wish your child to be placed on the waiting list please let the school office know.

Times Tables Rock Stars

We're thrilled to announce that our school is now ranked fifth in our area for Times Tables Rock Stars – a huge achievement! The children have been working incredibly hard, and we're seeing such positive impact in their work.

Thank you for continuing to support their efforts at home. Next month, we will celebrate those who have mastered all their times tables with a special reward. Keep up the great work!

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	St Peter Chanel Catholic Primary School, Sidcup	2.42
2	Farringtons School, Chislehurst	2.53
3	Harris Primary Academy Orpington	2.65
4	St Mary Cray Primary Academy	2.81
5	St Philomena's Primary School, Orpington	2.92
6	Darrick Wood Junior School	3.02
7	Poverest Primary School	3.03
8	Warren Road Primary School	3.22
9	Gray's Farm Primary Academy	3.24
10	Orchard Primary School, Sidcup	3.36

Orpington Library

Please find attached a poster for our Pictures Alive! session at Orpington Library for this Mon 13th Jan from 4-5pm. We will be focusing on the illustrator Nila Aye and booking is via Eventbrite:

<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

Pictures Alive at Orpington Library

Come and explore illustrated books with us and focus on a different illustrator/author each month!

This Month's Focus: Illustrator Nila Aye
Date: Monday 13th January
Time: 4-5pm
Age: 4-7 year olds (with parents & carers)

To book: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

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RECEPTION – YR6 | YR7 – YR13 | CHILDREN & ADULTS

MONDAYS
3:30pm – 4:45pm
ST. PHILOMENA'S CP SCHOOL, BR5 4DR

TUESDAYS
4:30pm – 5:30pm
WOLDINGHAM SCHOOL, CH3 7YA

SATURDAYS
12noon – 2pm
1PM – 2PM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BR6 0QD

GRADINGS, COMPETITIONS, SPARRING, PATTERNS, SELF-DEFENCE

PLEASE CALL/ EMAIL/ SCAN QR TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**Attendance and Lateness for the week
beginning 16th December 2024 :**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	91	5
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	95	0
Year 3	96	2
Year 4	99	0
Year 5	91	2
Year 6	93	0

Well done Year 4 – you are the winners again
for the last week of 2024. Well Done!

League Table

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



Weeks in competition: 16 (full weeks only)

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK 94.8 %**

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher





ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024:

Spring Term 2025:

Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25
Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Half-term 26.05.25 – 30.05.2025

Last day of term Friday 18th July 2025

INSET DAYS

**Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd
and Wednesday 23rd July 2025**

ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025:

**INSET DAYS:
2025**

Wednesday 27th August

Thursday 28th August 2025

Friday 29th August 2025

Monday 1st September

First day back:
2025

Half-term

20.10.25 – 31.10.25

Back to school

Monday 3rd November 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