



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 16 January 2026

Upright Piano

The piano we use for our lessons in the Breakfast Club room needs some attention (requires tuning and a new pedal). We have managed, via Miho our piano teacher, to source a free of charge replacement which is fantastic. Therefore, we are happy to offer our old piano to anyone who might want it... If you think you may be interested, do pop in to have a look at it. The recipient would need to arrange collection. Thank you !



Parking

When parking please be considerate of residents by **not blocking driveways, dropped kerbs, garages or emergency access**, as obstructive parking creates hazards for children and is an inconvenience to our neighbours.



Miss Bartholomew

Miss Bartholomew officially started her maternity leave this week as she hoping to have her baby very soon ! We wish her all the very best and look forward to sharing her good news as soon as baby arrives.

In the meantime, we have appointed Mrs Ermis to cover Year 3 on Thursday and Reception on Friday. We are delighted to welcome her to the St Philomena's team !

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.

Water Bottles

We have noticed a number of similar and very expensive water bottles appearing in school. A simple named water bottle is all the children need as these fit under the new water fountains we have installed. We will obviously do our best to find lost bottles but will not be responsible for expensive lost water bottles.

**Attendance and Lateness for the week
beginning 5th January 2026:**

School Uniform

Can we please ask that boys do not wear skins/leggings for school with socks over the top. The school uniform policy is school shorts. They are welcome to wear jogging bottoms in winter outside over normal school uniform shorts.

BOYS

White shirt and school tie

Royal blue v-neck jumper with school logo and gold stripe Short grey trousers - long trousers are not allowed

Grey, navy or black socks

For PE: *Black Plimsolls/Black trainers (must be completely black with no coloured/white markings or soles) Blue T-shirt with school logo* Navy* or black shorts for P.E. Plain blue plimsoll bag*

Please Note: *Royal blue, navy or black tracksuit trousers may be worn in winter for outdoor play and outdoor PE over normal school uniform or PE kit.*

No brand names or stripes.

Children will change into their uniform shorts or skirts before they go into class.

Please see link to our school uniform on our school website.

[https://www.st-philomenas.bromley.sch.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Uniform%20List%202024\(1\).pdf](https://www.st-philomenas.bromley.sch.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Uniform%20List%202024(1).pdf)

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	99	2
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	98	1
Year 3	98	9
Year 4	97	2
Year 5	98	5
Year 6	95	1

Reception have won this week (the first win of 2026). Well done!

There were a lot of latecomers this week – please make every effort to arrive on time (and maybe leave a little earlier because of the current road closures). Thank you

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 15 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98%

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



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

INSET DAYS

Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd July 2027

ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

Spring Term 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