



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 23 January 2026

Year 3 – No Such Thing as Normal Day

Year 3 celebrated No Such Thing as a Normal Day this week, championing inclusion and celebrating what makes us all unique. The class took part in an engaging online workshop that encouraged pupils to think about differences, kindness and respect. Through discussion and activities, the children explored the message that there is no single way to be “normal” and that everyone deserves to feel valued and included. We are very proud of Year 3 for their thoughtful contributions and positive attitudes throughout the session.



School Photos

School photos were taken last week. The proof sheet was sent home to parents / carers. Please order your photos online. The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **2nd February 2026**

O2 Choir Trip

Our school choir enjoyed an unforgettable visit to the O2 Arena to perform in the Young Voices concert. The children joined thousands of young singers from across the country, taking part in a spectacular celebration of music and teamwork. Singing in such an iconic venue was an amazing experience and the choir performed with great enthusiasm and confidence. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and hard work preparing for the concert.



Parking

Can we please ask that parents do not park across the school driveway when they are dropping off.



Year 4 – Natural History Museum

Year 4 had an excellent trip to the Natural History Museum. They were able to explore the exhibits on volcanos and earthquakes, learning more about the way that extreme earth activity is studied and measured. The children loved the chance to try the earthquake simulator.



Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 12th January 2026:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	2
Year 1	99	2
Year 2	97	0
Year 3	98	1
Year 4	99	0
Year 5	100	5
Year 6	97	3

Well done Year 5 – you are the winners this week with 100% attendance.

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 16 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.4%

Class Assemblies

Year 3 – 12.02.26 10am

Year 2 – 26.02.26 10am

EYFS – 05.03.26 10am

Year 4 – 12.03.26 10am

Year 1 – 19.03.26 10am

Year 5 Passion Play – 25.03.26 2pm

Community Information

CENTRE STAGE THEATRE ACADEMY PRESENTS
FEBRUARY HALF TERM
MONDAY 16TH – FRIDAY 20TH FEB 2026

WEST END WORKSHOPS

FOR AGES 4–11 YRS IN BROMLEY, ORPINGTON, SIDCUP, DARTFORD, GRAVESEND AND MEDWAY!

    

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Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



ACADEMIC YEARS 2026 - 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

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