



## 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

#### 02 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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



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Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher



## 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**

## ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

### Spring Term 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**