



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 24 January 2025

Spring Term

Young Voices Concert

After months of preparation learning song, dance and sign language, our choir attended the Young Voices concert and performed alongside 8,500 children. Everyone had an amazing day, especially enjoying the chance to perform with MC Grammar. We're already looking forward to taking part again next year!



Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope

This morning, we joined schools across England and Wales to celebrate the start of the Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has declared 2025 a year of Jubilee, with the theme *'Pilgrims of Hope'*. This Jubilee invites children, staff, parents, and parishioners to embark on a journey of faith, rediscover the hope that comes from God alone, and look confidently toward a future filled with hope and healing.

To mark the Jubilee, our children came together for *'The Big Draw,'* a reflective activity where the whole school joined in assembly and took time to create artwork inspired by the theme of hope. As part of this special moment, the children designed a *'Door of Hope,'* now displayed prominently at our entrance as a powerful symbol of hope. The scripture chosen for the door comes from the prophet Jeremiah: *"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord... "plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

Children have posted their personal hopes for the year on this door. Each time we pass through it, we are invited to pause and quietly pray, *"I have hope for the future."*

There are many exciting activities planned for this Jubilee year, and we look forward to sharing them with you. Together, we have made our *'Pilgrims of Hope'* pledge, and we are excited to embark on this meaningful journey of faith and hope throughout the year.

The Jubilee Pledge

We are pilgrims of hope. We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys. We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.

Mrs Anderson
Deputy Head Teacher

School Photos

You should have received your school photo proof this week so that you can place your order online. The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **5th February 2025**

Visit www.getphotos.co.uk and use your photo code on your proof card.

Buddies

Today, children had the wonderful opportunity to meet with their buddies! They enjoyed spending time together, sharing stories, and building friendships. It was a lovely way to strengthen our sense of community and support across the year groups.



Number Day 10th Feb!

Dress up for Digits!
Children can wear costumes representing numbers: think dice, cards, spots...how creative can you be?
There will be certificates for the best costumes.

Lacrosse

Spaces are available in our Lacrosse club Friday Morning 8.00-8.45am.

COST:

£6 per week payable termly (£60)

If your young person would like to attend please book via email or phone
mbctasuk@gmail.com
07787510631



Stay and play

GAMES

ST PHILOMENA'S INVITES YOU TO STAY AND PLAY WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

Friday 31st January In our school hall
3:30pm-4:30pm ENTRY FEE £3

Table tennis, connect 4, uno, chess, pool, monopoly and do many more of your favourites.

POSTER MAKER

England Lacrosse Insured
Full Enhanced DBS
School Safeguarding Compliant

MBCTSUK

February Half Term Lacrosse Camp

Years 3 +

When?
Monday 17th | Tuesday 18th | Wednesday 19th
10 am – 3 pm

Where?
Park House Rugby Club,
Barnet Wood Road,
Hayes
BR2 7AA

Cost?
£30 for 1 Day | £55 for 2 Days | £75 for 3 Days

Coaches?
Current and ex **GB, England & Denmark** international players!

To Book:
Click [HERE](#) to fill out the form.

Class Assemblies

Reception	06.02.25 10am
Year 1	06.03.25 10am
Year 2	27.02.25 10am
Year 3	13.02.25 10am
Year 4	13.03.25 10am
Year 5	02.04.25 (Passion Play 2pm)
Year 6	20.03.25

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 13th January 2025 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	96	1
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	100	1
Year 3	81	0
Year 4	99	1
Year 5	94	1
Year 6	87	1

Well done Year 2 - you are the winners this week with 100% attendance. Well Done! Stickers were given out in the week

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 18 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 93.8 %

Have a lovely weekend.

St Philomena's





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

Half-term

Monday 4th May 2026

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