



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 17 July 2026

Summer Term

Year 6 PromFest



Our Year 6 had a wonderful time after school on Friday 3 July as they had a combined 'Prom' and Festival' Their parents worked incredibly hard to put everything together – it was a super evening and the children had a great time !

Staff Changes

We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Aisling Armstrong next term. She will replace Mrs. Eves as our SENCO and I know you will make her feel very welcome.

Retirement 'Surprise' Celebration and Picnic

I was totally overwhelmed yesterday with the amazing singing, dancing instrumental accompaniments and heartfelt speeches. I haven't been able to stop thinking and talking about it to...everyone !

I know that a huge amount of work went into preparing everything and I am so very grateful to the staff team for their time and hard work. I'd also like to thank everyone who attended and made the afternoon so special. I will never forget the kindness and sentiment of the event. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Sports Day

What a super day of sporting tasks enjoyed by all the children ! Well done to Mrs Didd for doing such a great job (as always) of organising the event and to our children for participating so enthusiastically !



Leaver's Mass

Well done to our Year 6 children for putting together such a beautiful Mass which was celebrated by Fr Cyriacus on Thursday morning. They leave us knowing they are doing so with God's blessings. This was also an opportunity to say farewell and thank to Fr Cyriacus as he moves to his new parish.

Year 6 Performance

Our wonderful Year 6 thrilled us again on Thursday evening, performing the fabulous play they had put together themselves. It was brilliant !



ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 – 2026

PLEASE NOTE THE LAST DAY OF TERM !

Last day of term Monday 20th July 2026

**INSET DAYS Tuesday 21st and
Wednesday 22nd July
2026**

**Attendance and Lateness for the week
beginning 6th July 2026:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	91	1
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	98	0
Year 3	99	0
Year 4	86	1
Year 5	96	4
Year 6	100	1

Well done Year 5 – you are the final winners for the 2025/26 academic year !

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	2
Year 1	7
Year 2	10
Year 3	5
Year 4	2
Year 5	5
Year 6	2

**Weeks in competition: 33
(full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK 95.6%**

The overall winners for the 2025/26 academic year are Year 2 who have won for 10 weeks in total. Well done Year 2, small prizes were given this week as a treat to celebrate this win.

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

Uniform

A reminder that earrings of any type are NOT permitted in school. Please ensure these are removed at home.

Farewell

It feels very strange to be writing this but this is my last newsletter as Headteacher of St Philomena's.

Thank you so much for generosity with kind words and thoughtful gifts. My home currently looks like a flower shop and full of so many beautiful present and cards. I cannot thank you enough.

I have loved every minute of my tenure here. It's an amazing community full of warmth, compassion and mutual respect. I wish you all the very best for the summer and beyond. Please keep me in your prayers as I will keep you in mine.

God Bless.



Miss V Maher
Headteacher