



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 30 January 2026

Dress for Digits on Friday 6th February!

Dress in your favourite number outfit and get ready for a day full of number fun!

Children will take part in number related activities and competitions throughout the day to show our love of maths and support for the NSPCC.

The fun doesn't stop at school: children can celebrate at home by competing in NSPCC Rocks on Times Tables Rock Stars.

We look forward to celebrating Numbers Day together!

Girls' Football Team

Our girls' football team played their first game of the term against Harris Academy, Kent House this week. Although it ended in defeat, the girls played extremely well and it's wonderful seeing them grow from strength to strength as a team. Well done girls.



Boy's Football Team

Our boys' football team faced The Highway Primary School this week in the first round of the small schools' cup. After a nail biting draw, we went on to win via penalties, and are through to the next round. Huge congratulations boys!



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

Year 3 Trips

Year 3 visited the British Museum to support their learning about Ancient Egypt. The children explored artefacts such as mummies, statues and hieroglyphs, helping them understand how people lived in the past.



Year 3 also visited the National Portrait Gallery, where they learned how artists use line, colour, texture and composition in portraits. They studied facial expression, pose and symbolism to understand how artists communicate character and status.



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

Orpington Library

  **BookTrust Storytime Prize Sessions at Orpington Library**  

Join us on **Monday 5th and 12th February, 4–5pm** when we will be sharing the books shortlisted for the BookTrust Storytime Prize 2026, fun and interactive sessions celebrating picture books!

Wonderful books, fun activities and voting for our favourite!

For children aged 3+ and their parents/carers

 **Free event – booking required**

Reserve your place here:

<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

We'd love to see you there! 😊

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher




Bromley
Brighter Beginnings

Behind every family's need is someone
who makes it happen
Could that be you? 

Volunteer with us!

A little of your time could change a family's story

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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