



## St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

### Newsletter 6 February 2026

#### Wick Court Farm

I had the absolute pleasure of joining Year 5 at Wick Court Farm for the first three days of this week. I was joined by Mags Fairhall, our Vice Chair of Governors whose children also went to the farm when they attended St Philomena's.

The children were having a great time, enjoying their independence, spending time with their friends and working with all the animals on the farm. Not a phone, tablet or television in sight ! I am sure they will be full of stories when they return this afternoon.

I would like to say huge thanks to all the staff (Mrs Williams, Mrs Jonson, Mrs Didd, Mrs Greenwood, and Mrs Beeson) who gave up their time to look after the children; we couldn't do it without them !



### **Grammar School tests – Information and timings**

Any parents of Year 5 children considering entering their child for selective tests should take note of the following dates, particularly the registration for Bexley Tests as it is fast approaching.

Newstead Wood School:

Registration period opens 1 May 2026

Registration period closes 30 June 2026 (midnight)

Website

<https://www.newsteadwood.co.uk/admissions/year-7-admissions>

St Olave's Grammar School:

Registration period opens 8 June 2026

Registration period closes 29 June 2026 (Midday)

Website

<https://www.saintolaves.net/32/admissions-year-7>

London Borough of Bexley:

Registration period opens 1 March 2026

Registration period closes 31 March 2026

Website

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/selection-tests/about-test>

Kent County Council:

Dates not yet available – KCC website advises that details will be available May 2026

(It is anticipated that the dates will be similar to previous years, being during June until beginning of July, but this is not confirmed)

Website <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

This information is correct as of 19 January 2026

Information from Bromley can be accessed by clicking on this link :-

<https://bromleyeducationmatters.uk/Article/182532>

### **Taekwondo**

Taekwondo session change from Monday 9th Feb to Thursday 12th Feb. If you need to cancel your Green Room Club please let the office know otherwise you will still be charged.

### **Numbers Day**

What an incredible Numbers Day we had! Our children showed off their creativity with amazing costumes, baked delicious number themed treats, participated in exciting treasure hunts, created stunning number art, enjoyed a fun number quiz, battled in live TTRS games and enjoyed some friendly competition with bingo.

A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day so wonderful. A special thanks to our maths ambassadors who worked super hard all day! Most importantly, we raised awareness for the **NSPCC**, who sponsor Numbers Day and do incredible work supporting children and families across the UK.





## 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

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2026** 05 MARCH  
CELEBRATING THE BOOKS OF JULIA DONALDSON

**NOURISH**

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:  
1 Wheat 2 Cereals 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphates/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celery/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupines 15 Cist Gluten 16 Dairy Gluten

The Hospital Dog Hot Dog 1,3,5,6  
The Gruffalo Poisonous Warts 1,7 V  
(Vegetable and Cheese Puff Pastry Crown)  
The Badie's Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings 7,8,9  
The Highway Rat's Roasted Wedges  
Spinderella's Football Peas  
The Stickman's Carrot Sticks  
The Snail and the Whale's Rock Cakes 1,7 V  
The Ladybird Heard Moo Cookie 1 V  
The Cook & King Wobbly Bob Jelly V  
Zog's Yummy Fruit Pots V

## 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! 😊

**BookTrust Storytime Shortlist**

Books featured: *ABRACADABRA*, *TIGER IT'S SNOWING!*, *SUPERWOLF*, *THE HOSPITAL DOG HOT DOG*, *THE GRUFFALO'S CHILD*, *THE BADIE'S JACKET POTATOES*, *THE HIGHWAY RAT'S ROASTED WEDGES*, *SPINDERELLA'S FOOTBALL PEAS*, *THE STICKMAN'S CARROT STICKS*, *THE SNAIL AND THE WHALE'S ROCK CAKES*, *THE LADYBIRD HEARD MOO COOKIE*, *THE COOK & KING WOBBLY BOB JELLY*, *ZOG'S YUMMY FRUIT POTS*.

**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

For more information on our current vacancies and joining our wonderful team visit:  
[www.bromleybrighterbeginnings.org.uk](http://www.bromleybrighterbeginnings.org.uk)  
or email [alex@bromleybrighterbeginnings.org.uk](mailto:alex@bromleybrighterbeginnings.org.uk).



# FARMYARD TRAIL

**13<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

Join our trail around the farm to find the animals  
Collect your prize goody box  
from the Tea Room  
No booking needed

**£5 per entry**

Open daily (except Tuesday)  
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Foal Farm Animal Rescue  
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
[www.foalfarm.org.uk](http://www.foalfarm.org.uk)




# HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
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**AGES 5-14 BOYS & GIRLS**



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**CENTRE STAGE THEATRE ACADEMY PRESENTS**  
**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**  
**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2026**



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



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**WWW.CENTRESTAGETHEATREACADEMY.COM**

## Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	97	0
Year 1	91	3
Year 2	96	1
Year 3	99	1
Year 4	97	2
Year 5	100	0
Year 6	95	5

Well done Year 5 – you are the winners again this week (although most of you were at Wick Court Farm !!!) 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	3
Year 6	1

**Weeks in competition: 17**  
**(full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.5%**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher





## 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**

## 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**