



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

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!

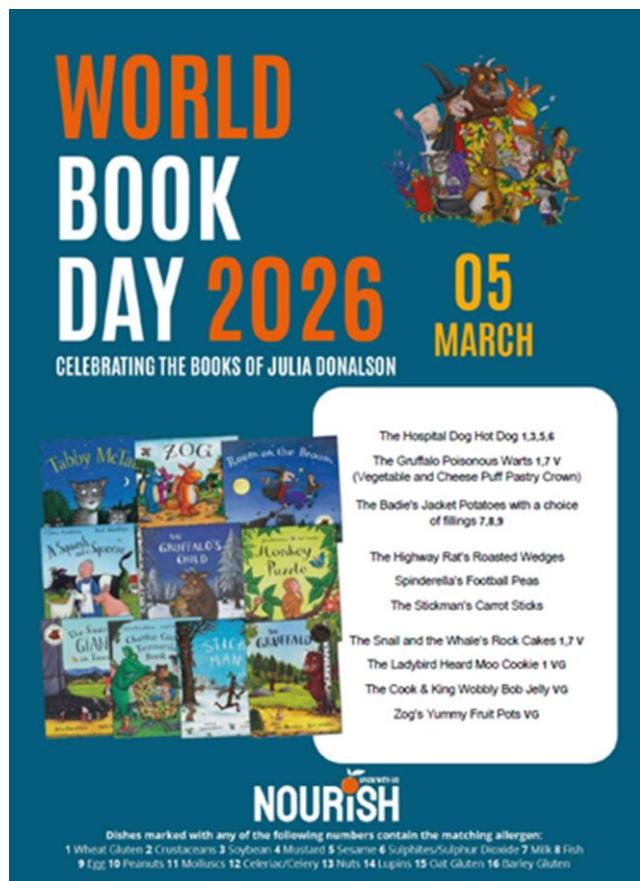
For children aged 3+ and their parents/carers

Free event – booking required

Reserve your place here:

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

We'd love to see you there! 😊



Bromley Brighter Beginnings

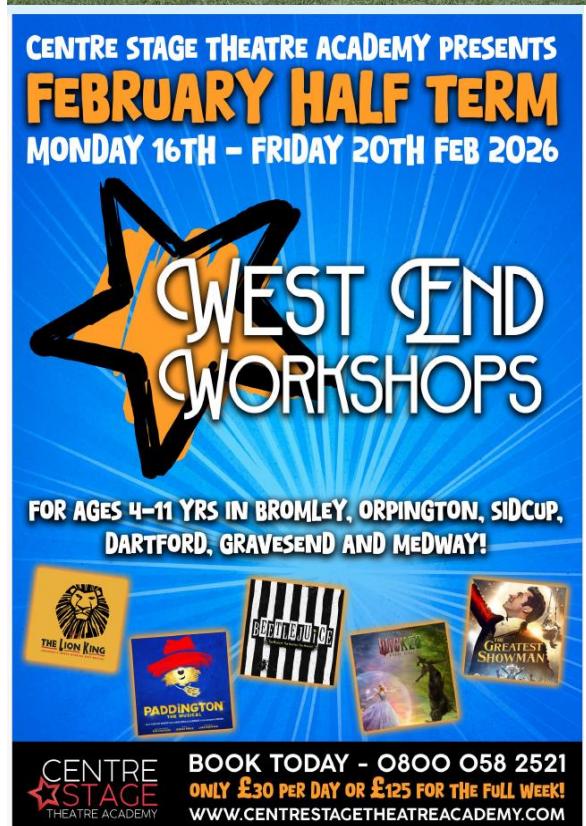
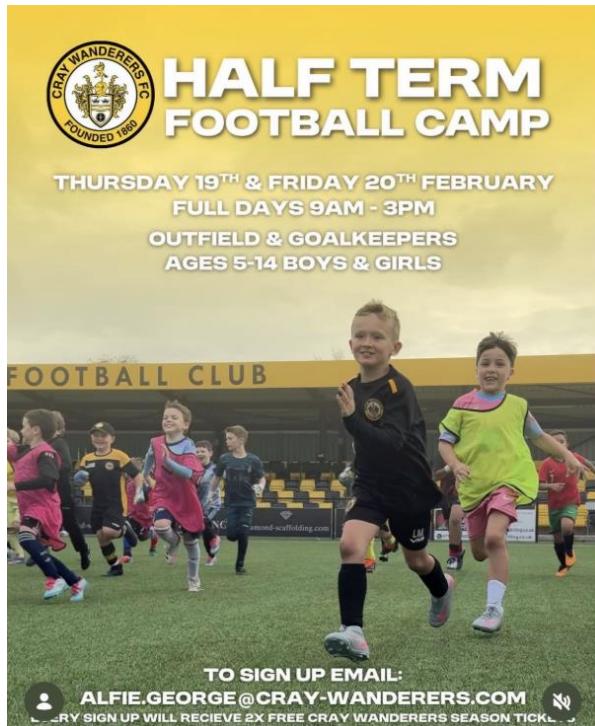
Behind every family's need is someone who makes it happen Could that be you? 

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
or email alex@bromleybrighterbeginnings.org.uk.



Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 2nd 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 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

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**

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