



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 14 February 2025

Spring Term

Numbers Day

This week, we had a fantastic time celebrating Numbers Day! A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for their incredible support in helping the children create such imaginative, number themed costumes. Everyone looked amazing! The day was filled with fun activities, including a number scavenger hunt, bingo, composing times table songs, and designing number T shirts. Thank you to our maths ambassadors who made Number Day such a success!



Year 3 Class Assembly

This morning, Year Three delivered a wonderful assembly about the Tudors, sharing everything they have been learning. They took to the stage with confidence and enthusiasm, bringing the Tudor era to life through their incredible performance and showcasing their fantastic knowledge.



Reception – Godstone Farm

Reception had an amazing time visiting Godstone Farm and meeting Farmer Nicky. The children really enjoyed feeding the sheep and lamas, meeting a chicken and bearded dragon, making felt wool and cleaning out the Shetland ponies. They were very fortunate to see two newborn lambs. They saw the very pregnant mother sheep in the morning and her two new born babies in the afternoon!



EASTER RAFFLE

All children, parents, carers and friends are invited to purchase raffle tickets for our Easter Hampers that are on display in the school entrance area.

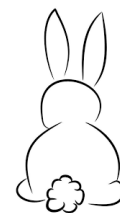
Tickets are £1 per strip. Please make payment online and raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag.

Winners will be drawn on
Thursday 3rd April 2025

Last chance to purchase tickets is
Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at Midday

All funds raised will go into School Fund - which is spent on enhancing school life for the pupils in many different ways – this fund helps to subsidise outings, cover the cost of cooking ingredients and pay for various other items needed to provide enrichment activities for your child. Enrichment of the curriculum is a real strength here at St Philomena's.

Thank you for your support.



Year 6 Trip to RAF Museum

On Wednesday, we had the opportunity to visit the RAF Museum as part of our World War II topic, specifically focusing on the crucial role the Royal Air Force played during the Battle of Britain. This enriching experience allowed pupils to engage with a variety of historical artefacts, including uniforms and flight clothing, providing insight into the lives of the brave individuals who served. Through hands-on exploration, students learned about various heroes of the Battle of Britain and their significant contributions to the war effort. Following this, the children created presentations to share the stories of these war heroes. This engaging activity encouraged them to delve deeper into the diverse roles undertaken by both men and women in the RAF, highlighting how they helped protect Britain from invasion. The trip was not only educational but also inspirational, giving everyone a greater appreciation for the courage and sacrifice shown during this crucial time in history.



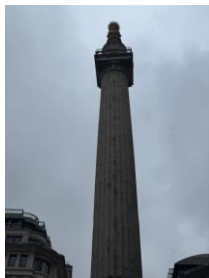
A member of the public called the school office today to say that she was on the train with our children on their way back from the RAF Museum and the children were charming, lovely to talk to and just so well behaved. She could not praise them enough. We are very proud of our children.

Child Mental Health Week Activities

Last week, we observed **Child Mental Health Week** with a series of engaging activities across the school, inspired by the *Inside Out* movie. These activities encouraged children to reflect not only on their emotions but also on the importance of positive relationships, self-care, and resilience. Through discussions and creative exercises, children developed a deeper understanding of how mental well-being influences their actions and interactions with others. We hope these experiences have helped nurture a positive mindset, promoting healthy emotional expression, strong relationships, and strategies for managing challenges. Year 3 and Year 5 came together to explore positive self-image, drawing inspiration from the movie *Inside Out*. The children designed their own personality islands, representing different aspects of themselves and reflecting on what makes them unique.

Year 2 – Monument in Pudding Lane

Year 2 had a wonderful time on Tuesday. They took the train to London Bridge and visited the Monument in Pudding Lane. This marks the spot where the Great Fire of London started in 1666 and everyone climbed the 311 steps to the top! Phew! The children behaved beautifully throughout and even entertained the busy city folk by singing their assembly songs while waiting for their slot to go in. Thank you to all the parents who helped supervise the children.



PTA INFO

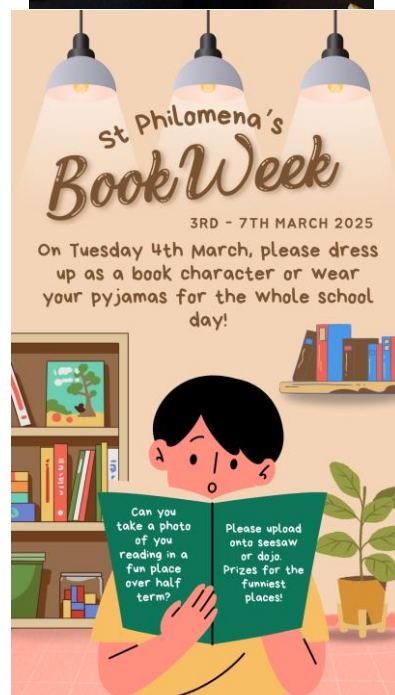
Thank you to all the parents that joined the zoom PTA meeting this week. It was lovely to have more parents joining us and sharing ideas for fun events we can run for all the children at St Philomena's. The next meeting date will be out soon.

Thank you for all the wonderful donations of books we have been receiving, this keeps our school library continually updated with new and exciting books for the children to borrow and enjoy. 📖 📚

📖 Our Year 5 librarians had an enormous pile of new books to sort through this half term. Please keep them coming!

We are also looking for donations of fancy dress costumes, ahead of our book week. If you are having a clear out of fancy dress over half term, please donate them on the first day back after half term. We will organise a fancy dress shop before book week if we have enough donations.

Thank you for your continued support
The PTA



Football Team

A huge congratulations to our boys' football team who played their first match of the year in the small schools' league yesterday against Manor Oak Primary. The boys came away with an outstanding 10-0 victory. Well done boys!



JUVENTUS TAEKWONDO ACADEMY STUDENT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2025

CONGRATULATIONS to CHRISTOPHER, YR1 who has been awarded STUDENT OF THE MONTH for having a 'never give up' attitude and ALWAYS giving 100% effort during Training sessions.

WELL DONE CHRISTOPHER!! KEEP UP THE



GOOD WORK !!!

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 3rd February 2025 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	94	3
Year 1	96	0
Year 2	99	0
Year 3	96	0
Year 4	99	2
Year 5	88	2
Year 6	100	0

Well done Year 6 - you are the winners this week – all in on time every day !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 21 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 95.9 %

Class Assemblies

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

Have a lovely half term break.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher





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
Back to school
Last day of term

20.10.25 – 31.10.25
Monday 3rd November 2025
Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026:

First day of term
Half-term
Back to school

Monday 5th January 2026
16.02.26 – 20.02.26
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
Back to school
Last day of term

Monday 4th May 2026

25.05.26 – 29.05.2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

INSET DAYS

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