



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 19 June 2026

Summer Term

Celebration of Service Mass



I was honoured to be invited to a very special Mass at St George's Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon. The Mass was a 'thank you' to all retiring Headteachers and Governors from Archbishop John Wilson. Also in attendance to be acknowledged for their incredible service to our governing body, were Philip O'Halloran and Mags Fairhall. Philip has served for some 35 years and Mags for 22 years ! It was such a wonderful celebration and we were accompanied by many of our colleagues from our St Oscar Romero Academy Trust.



Class Photos

The children looked beautiful for their class photographs this morning. The photographer was very impressed with how smart and well behaved our children were.

Year 4 Class Assembly

Our wonderful Year 4 class shared all they had learned about 'Living Things' in Science in a very entertaining assembly this afternoon. Their 'Science Court' to explain the arguments for and against a rock being a living thing demonstrated so clearly their understanding of living things.

Well done to the children and huge thanks to Mr. Oliveri and Miss Esther for preparing the children so well.



Appeal from our PTA



Hi, We're calling on all parents and guardians this summer to help St Philomena's PTA Orpington fundraiser. There's a really simple way you can help without donating anything - simply get the easyfundraising app! It's

completely free and when you use it to do your normal day-to-day shopping with 8,000+ online retailers, we'll receive a free cashback donation, AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU. Even better, if you get the app and become our supporter this week, we get a £3 bonus donation just for inviting you. Use the link below and install the app on your mobile device, then fill in the simple steps to become our supporter for free. This will make a huge difference, thank you! Get the app here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/?causeld=426039&utm_campaign=summer-parent-power&utm_source=pmc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=SPPemail1



Sports Day - Wed 24.6.26

Back up Sports Day - Wed 9.7.25

KS1 9.30-11.15pm

KS2 1.15pm -3.05pm

PTA Summer Fair - after sports day

School Class photos - Thursday 18.6.26

A gentle reminder for Sports Day and the Summer Fair – Dogs are not allowed on site so should NOT be brought to Sports Day or the Summer Fair – thank you.

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 8th June 2026:

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

League Table

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

**Weeks in competition: 29
(Full weeks only)**

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 94.7%



ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 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

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

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine !

Back to school

Monday 2nd November 2026

Last day of term

Friday 18th December 2026

Miss V Maher

Headteacher

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

Sports Day - Wed 24.6.26

School Uniform

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