



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 26 February 2026

Welcome back !

The return to school brought some very welcome (if short lived !) sunshine this week. I hope you all had a lovely half term break and managed to enjoy some family time.

Lent

In assembly on Tuesday, we reminded the children about the importance of this special season of Lent. We focused on how Jesus trusted in God his Father when he spent his forty days and nights in the desert, preparing for his special work. We discussed what trust means, what it looks like in our friendships and families and how we should have the same trust in God to look after us. Here is the link to the Parent Newsletters for February and March so you can support what we share with children in assemblies and in class.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Lent Walk

On Tuesday 17th March 2026, we will be holding our annual Lent Walk. As a Catholic community, we are called to support those in need and, this year, we will be raising money for Catholic Children's Society, who do wonderful work supporting local families. Each child has taken home a purple collection box and is hoping to collect sponsorship for their walk. We would be so grateful for any support — even loose change can make a real difference. We are aiming for each child to walk 5km, which will amount to in excess of 1,000km as a whole school community — a powerful sign of our commitment to helping others during this holy season.

Families are most welcome to join us on the school field, weather permitting, on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at 8.30am to begin the Lent Walk.

Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support.

Stations of the Cross

Every Thursday during Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in the hall beginning at 8:30am. Families are most welcome to join us in prayer. If you wish to participate, please contact the school office.

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 3rd March and Wednesday 4th March 2026. Booking details have been sent to parents by email.

Rock Steady Concert

Rocksteady concert will be on Wednesday 18 March at 10.00am. Parents welcome.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March. Book character costumes to be worn all day. Details have been sent to parents.

Supporting Parents & Carers of Neurodivergent Young People

SENDAT will be running a series of supportive, informative workshops for parents and carers of school-aged neurodivergent children and young people. A formal diagnosis is not required; children should have identified differences through paediatric referral in Bromley or a specific assessment. Please see the attached flyer if you are interested in attending the sessions.

SENDAT Parent Workshops Summer Term 2026



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Parents/carers need to attend all three sessions:

They will take place from **6-8pm** at the **Phoenix Children's Resource Centre**, 40 - 42 Masons Hill, Bromley, BR2 9JG on:

- ❖ Tuesday 10 June 2026
- ❖ Tuesday 17 June 2026
- ❖ Tuesday 24 June 2026

What to expect:

- A safe, supportive environment
- Practical advice and guidance
- Space to explore your young person's strengths, motivators, and areas for development

Tea, coffee and snacks will be provided

Please note:

- These are adult-only sessions. There are no crèche facilities available.
- For any further information please contact Emma Donovan-Brown at Emma.Donovan-brown@bromley.gov.uk

Please do ensure that families have a copy of the flyer and are aware of these sessions. They are well received by families and provide support, advice and a safe space to talk about their young people's strengths, motivators and areas of development.

Year 2 Assembly

On Thursday, Year 2 performed their class assembly to the school. They shared lots of interesting facts about what they have learned this term about The Great Fire of London and sung songs which included Makaton signing. They also displayed their fantastic Tudor houses which they completed as part of a homework project.



Football Team

Our boys' football team played their quarter final match of the small schools' cup this week against St Peter and St Paul's. They came away with a 6-3 win and are now through to the semi finals. Well done boys!



Class Assemblies

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

Dates to Remember

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World Book Day

Thursday 5 March

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Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 9th February 2026:

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

Well done Year 3 – you are the winners this week with 100% attendance – well done! Stickers were given out to the pupils during the week

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	2
Year 1	3
Year 2	5
Year 3	4
Year 4	0
Year 5	3
Year 6	1

Weeks in competition: 18 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.6%

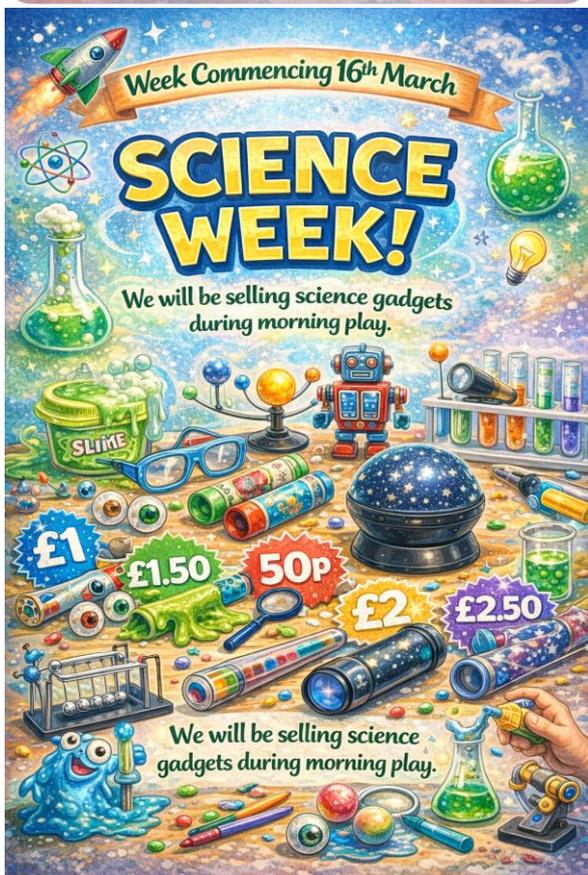
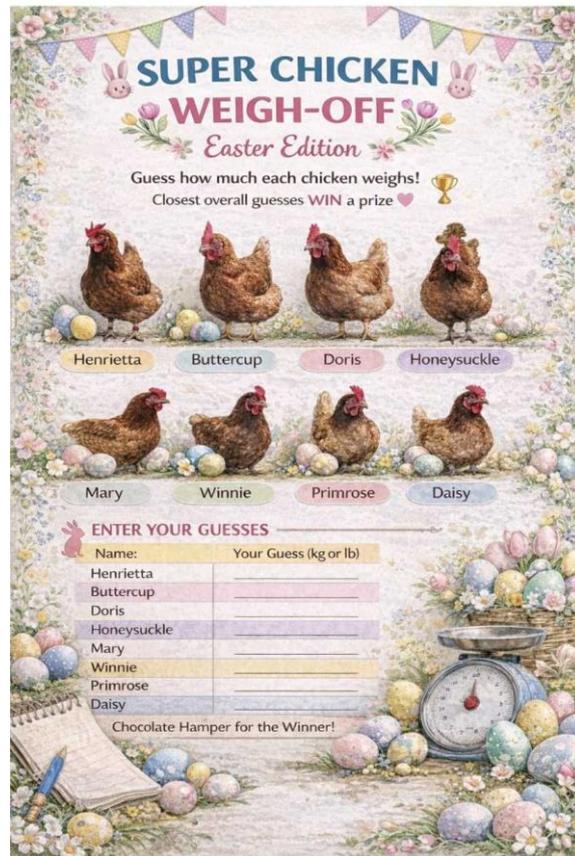
Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



PTA Events

Mother's Day Breakfast event – please pay on the school payment system. Breakfast is for mums only. You are most welcome to bring your grandmas too. Please bring your own coffee cup with lid.



ACADEMIC YEARS 2026 - 2027



ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

Spring Term 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

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