



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 28 February 2025

Spring Term

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Once again, we are supporting **CAFOD's Big Lent Walk** to help fight poverty. This important project is especially meaningful in the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, where our collective efforts can bring hope and support to those in need around the world.

We are taking inspiration from the Jubilee logo, which coincidentally matches our house colours, and kindly ask children to wear their house colours for the walk on Tuesday 11th March 2025. (ie. their normal school uniform with a coloured accessory added – or head to toe in their house colour if they have it). They will join with others in their house to collectively walk **200km** in support of CAFOD's mission. We are excited to see which house will walk the furthest for CAFOD!

We would be grateful for your support by sponsoring your child for this walk. They will have a sponsor form to complete, and all funds should be transferred to our JustGiving page after the walk which can be found using the following link, or using the QR code at the bottom of the page.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-philomenas-cp-school>

Thank you so much for your generosity and for helping our children focus on their faith while making a meaningful difference in the lives of others through the CAFOD Big Lent Walk.

Mrs Anderson

Art Week

This week we have celebrated Art week with a focus on emotions and feelings. The children have benefited from having three visiting Artists join us during the week. They have engaged in various activities within the classroom as well as in the playground. They have used a whole range of mixed media to support their learning and develop their artistic skills as well as learning some art therapy techniques. A massive thank you goes to our wonderful Art ambassadors for leading two amazing lunchtime activities.



Year 2 Assembly

We are so proud of our Year 2 class who performed their assembly this week. They shared their learning about 'The Great Fire of London', saying their words confidently and singing



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.

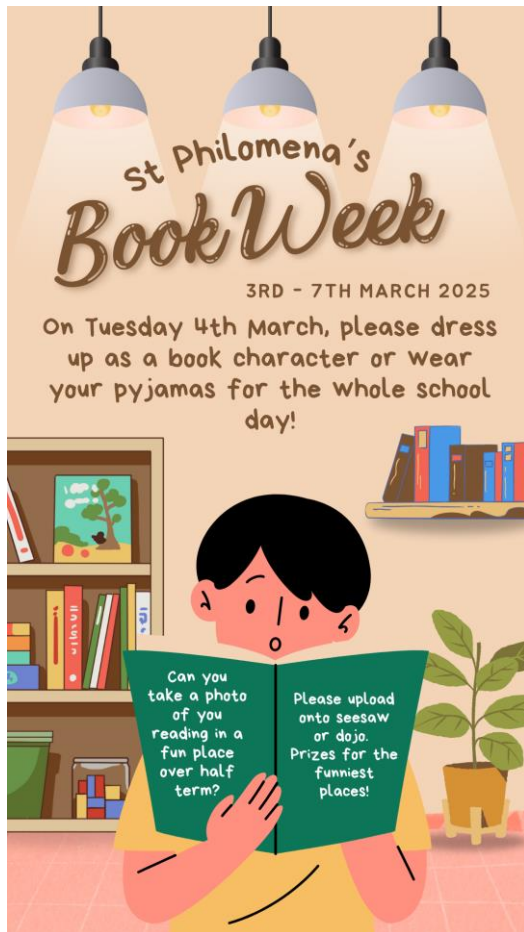
Thank you for your support.



Class Assemblies

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

PTA INFO



Community Events

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION NEEDS EVENT! Don't Forget!

TUES 4 MARCH
10:00 - 12:00
BLENHEIM CFC, BLENHEIM ROAD,
ORPINGTON BR6 9BH

No booking needed...just drop-in!

Visit our webpage: [Social Communication Needs](#)

No onsite parking

We look forward to meeting you all on the day and being able to host this special event!!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY **Friday 28th March 8am in school hall.**

Your child/children would like to serve you breakfast and present you with a small gift. (please bring your own coffee cup for hot drinks)

Tickets are £5 per mummy/guardian & payable through parent pay.

THE CRAYS COLLABORATIVE PCN PRESENTS

Family Health Day

BE PART OF THE FUN FOR FREE!!!

Bring the whole family down for health education on early cancer screening and childhood immunisations. You can enjoy games, arts and crafts, soft play, face painting, as well as FREE refreshments.

DATE: THURSDAY 29TH MAY 2025
TIME: 11AM-1PM
ADDRESS: TEMPLE URC HALL, BR5 4AX
WWW.THECRAYSCOLLABORATIVEPCN.CO.UK

For the week beginning 10th February 2025 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	97	1
Year 1	94	1
Year 2	98	0
Year 3	98	3
Year 4	97	0
Year 5	98	5
Year 6	99	0

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



Well done Year 6 - you are the winners again this week !

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	4

Weeks in competition: 22 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK
97.6 %



ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024:

Spring Term 2025:

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**

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

20.10.25 – 31.10.25

Back to school

Monday 3rd November 2025

Last day of term

Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026:

First day of term

Monday 5th January 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