



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

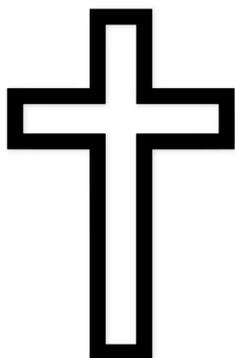
Newsletter 6 March 2026

Year 3 had a wonderful time visiting London Zoo to support their learning about rainforests and ecosystems. The trip gave them the opportunity to see the incredible diversity of wildlife and explore the importance of preserving vital habitats. It was an engaging and enriching experience that brought their classroom learning to life!



Stations of the Cross

On Thursday, we gathered in the school hall to pray the Stations of the Cross. It was a quiet and reflective time for everyone as we walked with Jesus on his final journey. Parents and families are warmly welcome to join us next Thursday from 8:30am as we gather together for this special time of reflection during Lent.



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. Boxes should not be brought to school before 17th March.



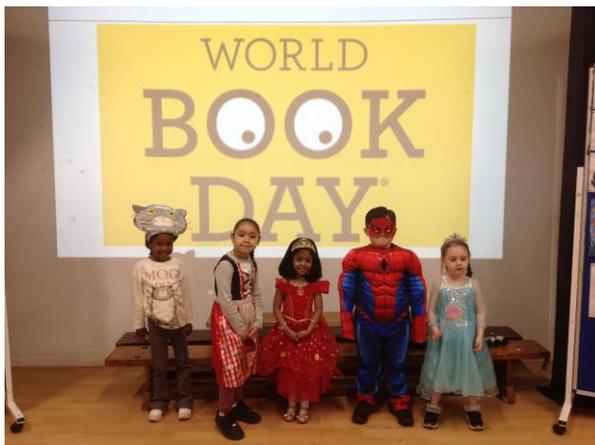
World Book Day

It is always wonderful to see our children engaging so positively with the magic of books and their characters. Thank you to our English leader, Mrs Williams, for organising the week and to all of our children and parents for your continued support.



Reception Assembly

Reception's class assembly focused on World Book Day. They sang, danced and moved to different book related songs. They also shared their favourite book characters and made up their own story which they shared with everyone



Baby News !

Ms Bartholomew came to visit this week and brought with her, the beautiful Lola. Mum and baby are doing well and the children loved seeing them.

And..Ms Molineaux is expecting her second baby at the end of July! I'm sure you'll get plenty of opportunity to congratulate her in the coming weeks.



Boys' Football Team

Our boys' football team played a round robin for the small schools' league this week against St Peter and St Paul's and St Nicolas' schools. We won one game and lost the other, but it's so wonderful to see them working so strongly as a team and being great sports. Well done boys!



Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 23rd February 2026:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	99	2
Year 1	97	1
Year 2	99	0
Year 3	99	2
Year 4	100	0
Year 5	98	2
Year 6	97	0

Well done Year 4 – you are the winners this week with 100% attendance, and you were all in on time every day too!
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	1
Year 5	3
Year 6	1

Weeks in competition: 19 (full weeks only)

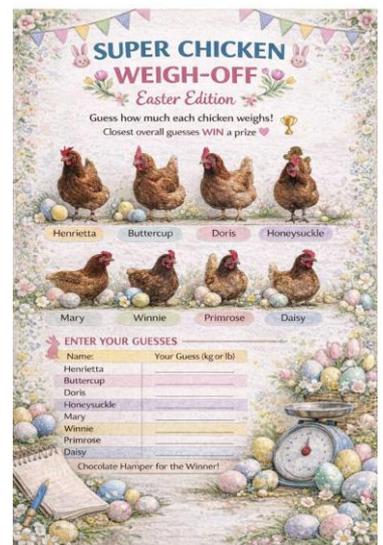
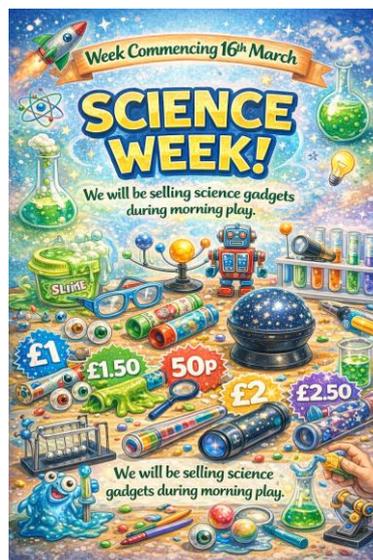
OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.4%

Congratulations

On Friday, February 27th Amelia was awarded Best Swimmer of 2025 for the Academy Squad at Bexley Swimming Club. We are incredibly proud of her dedication, determination and positive attitude. Her hard work has truly paid off.



PTA Events



Class Assemblies

Year 4 – 12.03.26 10am

Year 1 – 19.03.26 10am

Year 5 Passion Play – 25.03.26 2pm

Dates to Remember

Rocksteady Concert

Wednesday 18 March at 10.00am

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



ACADEMIC YEARS 2026 - 2027



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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