



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 7 March 2025

Spring Term

We welcomed Fr. Cyriacus to school on Wednesday to distribute the ashes to mark the beginning of Lent. Children, this week, have been reminded of the importance of Lent in preparation for our very significant feast of Easter.

They have explored the significance of this time in the Christian calendar, reflecting on themes of prayer, giving, and kindness.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, discussing ways we can show kindness, gratitude, and reflection during this season.

Year 1 Assembly

What an amazing assembly from Year 1 this week. We are so proud of you all. We shared our learning including our topic all about China and we told the story of the three Owl Babies, with singing and dance. Well done Year 1.



Choir Rehearsal at St Mary Cray

Our school choir recently joined other local schools at St Mary Cray for a fantastic singing rehearsal in preparation for their upcoming concert at Fairfield Halls. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to collaborate, build confidence, and enjoy making music together. Well done to all involved!



Class Assemblies

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

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



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.

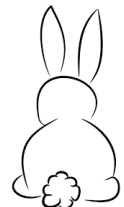
Tickets are £1 per strip. Please make payment online and raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag.

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.



For the week beginning 24th February 2025 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	0
Year 1	99	0
Year 2	100	1
Year 3	99	1
Year 4	98	3
Year 5	98	0
Year 6	92	0

Well done Year 2 - you are the winners again this week and were all in school every day !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 23 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.7 %

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



PTA INFO





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

