



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 13 March 2026

St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust Leadership and Governance Conference – St Thomas More Comprehensive, Eltham

On Tuesday evening, myself and two of our governors Mags Fairhall and Tumi Shenje, attended this fabulous event attended by leaders and governors from all sixteen schools in the St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust. We took part in workshops to explore and discuss subjects such as 'The charism of St Oscar Romero and its significance for our schools' and 'Collaboration and Communication'. It was also a great networking opportunity for our schools to engage with and share how we can best work together for all of the children in our care.

Year 3 Trip

Year 3 visited M&S to support their science learning about nutrition. The children learnt how to read food labels to make healthy food choices and selected items for a healthy recipe, which they later cooked back at school. It was an enjoyable trip that also supported their financial education, allowing them to practise budgeting and make sensible purchasing decisions.



Winners of the book week story writing competition

- R = Pippa
- 1 = Nithushika
- 2 = Ria
- 3 = Maksymilian
- 4 = William
- 5 = Lucy
- 6 = Jesse

Stations of the Cross

Every Thursday morning during Lent, we pray the Stations of the Cross in the hall. It is a lovely, prayerful way to begin the day. Children and their families are very welcome to join us at 8:30am on Thursday mornings.



Year 4 Assembly

Year 4 gave an assembly all about mountains and volcanos. They shared how mountains and volcanos are formed, talked through the parts of mountains and volcanos and gave famous examples from around the world. They even shared some information through a couple of songs about dangerous eruptions.



Brains of Bromley

Four children were selected from KS2 to compete in Brains of Bromley, taking on teams from other schools with questions across history, geography, RE, maths, and science. Our children were amazing, showing great knowledge and teamwork and finished in second place. We are very proud of their efforts!



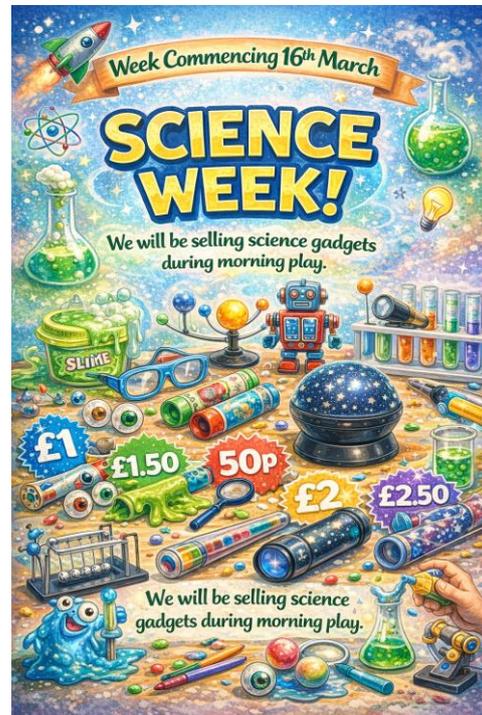
Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you to our PTA for organising the mother's day breakfast which was a great success. We raised £154.90

Wonka Bars

Thank you to everyone that purchased a Wonka chocolate bar. Wonka bars raised £85.88

Science week commencing 16th March



Lacrosse

This week, our year 5 and 6 lacrosse club players went to Parkhouse Rugby Club to take part in the Bromley Schools' pop lacrosse competition. Although we didn't end up through to the regionals, the children played tremendously well and won 2 matches and drew another two. Well done all!



Planning Application for former Staff Car Park

I am aware that many of you in our school community have already seen the planning application that is currently under consideration by Bromley Council.

If not, you can access it here :-

<https://planningaccess.bromley.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0lTv000002uq7dIAA?cr=Arcus BE Public Register&tabset-ff68f=2>

I would encourage you to have a look at the application and consider the negative impact this will have on the smooth running of our school and the safety of our children. Whilst I cannot instruct you to object, I urge you to explore and consider the potential issues :-

Access of vehicles during construction

The ONLY access for construction vehicles is our school drive. This would negatively impact on the safety of our children and families.

Dust and noise

The potential impact of a building site immediately next to our playground doesn't bear thinking of. The noise would negatively impact on teaching and learning inside and outside of the building.

Safeguarding

Having properties overlooking our school premises at such close proximity does not align with all the safeguarding and security procedures we implement to ensure the safety and well-being of our children, families and staff.

I am confident that, from your perspective, the approval of such a development is wholly inappropriate and simply cannot go ahead.

Thank you all, for your continued support.

Girls' Football Match

Our girls' football team played St Marks in their next spring challenge match. Although we didn't win, the girls showed such determination and passion throughout the match, showing true teamwork and sportsmanship. Keep up the fantastic work girls.



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Spring Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food programme

To find out more and to book
Scan the QR code or go to the Bromley website

[www.bromley.gov.uk/
HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme)

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**Attendance and Lateness for the week
beginning 3rd March 2026:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	0
Year 1	98	4
Year 2	100	0
Year 3	99	0
Year 4	96	2
Year 5	97	0
Year 6	94	0

Well done Year 2 – 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	6
Year 3	4
Year 4	1
Year 5	3
Year 6	1

Weeks in competition: 20 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.4%

Class Assemblies

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



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