



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 14 March 2025

Spring Term

Book Week

Last week was our St Philomena's Book Week. It was a great success, with a week full of exciting book themed learning. Children were reading everywhere! Thank you to the English Ambassadors and Year 5 librarians for their help to make the week such fun for the children.



Buddy Reading



Reading Breakfast



Playtime reading – each table filled with books from different authors



Competition winners =

Year 3 for most pages read in a week

Year 1 for most picture books read in a week



On Wednesday 19th March Year 3, Year 1, English Ambassadors and Librarians will be joining Mrs Williams for a bed-time story time afternoon with hot chocolate, biscuits, blankets and have a chance to enjoy lots of stories together. Details will come home on Monday for the winners.

Most unusual reading photographs winners =
Amber, Enzo and Chloe.



Prizes will be given out in school next week.

A few words about Book Week from Emma-Gracie and Chloe in Year 5

"On World Book Day, we all dressed up in our costumes and in the morning we enjoyed a Book Week Breakfast where we got to eat pancakes because it was also Pancake Day. We got to read a book and get drinks too. Thank you for donating so many books for our library. We all enjoyed doing a catwalk of our costumes. We had a lovely book week."

Year 4 Assembly

Year 4 had their class assembly all about Anglo-Saxon Britain. The children enjoyed having the opportunity to share their learning about where the Anglo-Saxons came from and how they moved from invaders to settlers. Wonderful singing too – well done Year 4.

Science Week

This year we are celebrating British Science Week from the 17th - 21st March. The theme is change and adaptation. Change happens all around us and to us. Special activities, discussions and experiments throughout the week will allow the children to gain a new appreciation of these changes. Why not continue the theme at home talking with your children about changes you or they have experienced. It's a great excuse to share and compare things like technology and toys from our past, with their present. There will also be a competition where children can produce a poster on the invention that they think has most changed the world.



CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

Jubilee Lent Pilgrimage for CAFOD

This week, we took part in a special Lent walk for CAFOD. Our goal for the day was to walk **200 km**, and the children walked and ran a combined total of **1500 km**, far surpassing our original target! Many children gave up their break and lunch times to complete extra laps, demonstrating incredible dedication and commitment. Throughout the walk, the children had the opportunity to reflect on the importance of giving hope to others through their fundraising efforts, embodying the spirit of the Jubilee Year of Hope.

So far, we have raised **£690** in donations. We are deeply grateful for your generosity, and we know your contributions will make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Donations are still welcome via our JustGiving page.

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

Thank you once again for your continued support!



Class Assemblies

Year 5	02.04.25 (Passion Play 2pm)
Year 6	20.03.25



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.

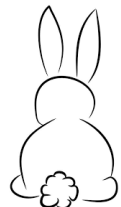
Tickets are £1 per strip. Please make payment online and raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag.

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.



PTA INFO

For the week beginning 3rd March 2025 :

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

Well done Year 1 - you are the winners again this week and were all in school every day !

(Stickers were given to all of the pupils in Year 1 during the week)

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 24 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.8%

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher

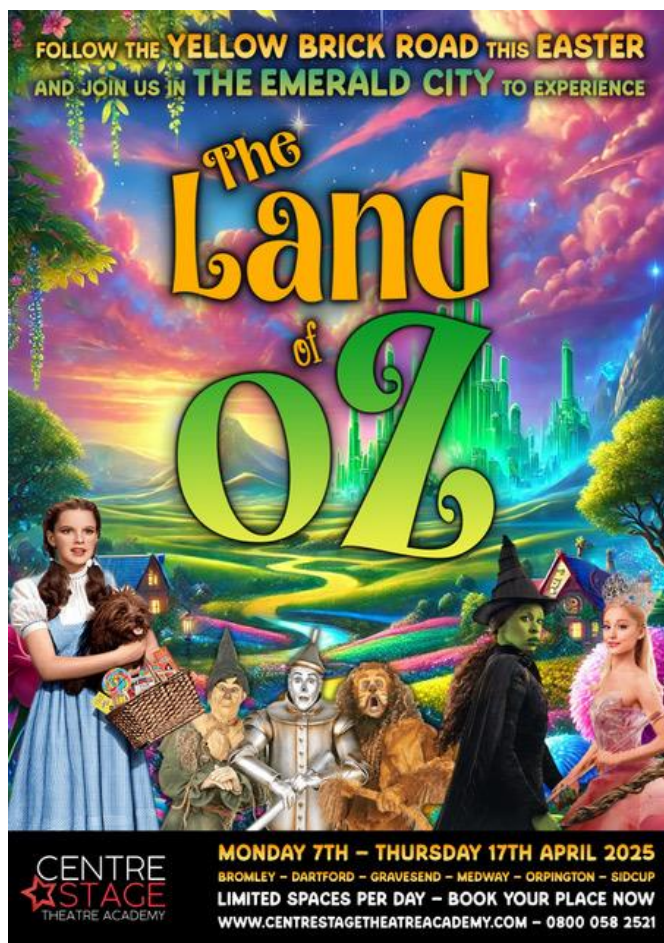


Mother's Day Shop

On Wednesday 26th March there will be a selection of Mother's Day gifts for your child/children to buy during school.

Please pre book and pay online
Gifts are £3.50 each

Community Info





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**

ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

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