



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 22 May 2025

Summer Term

Art & DT Week

This week has been Art and DT week. The children have taken part in lots of different activities including cooking, designing packaging, clay work, drawing, painting and using fabric. They have had the opportunity to link their cooking and art with other subjects across the curriculum. It has been lots of fun and the children have rightly been very proud of what they have made. We hope you have enjoyed tasting your child's creation!



Victorian Day

Year 5 had a wonderful Victorian day on Tuesday, celebrating the end of their topic and experiencing what a strict Victorian classroom was like!

The children used dip pens and inkwells to do their handwriting, chanted squared numbers and poems. They also made Victorian cup and ball toys and baked delicious jam tarts!

Year 3 Trip to the Tower of London

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Tower of London to support their learning about the Tudors. The children explored the historic fortress, discovered fascinating stories about kings, queens and prisoners, and saw the Crown Jewels. The visit brought their classroom learning to life and gave them a real sense of life in Tudor times.



Easy Fundraising

Message from Mrs Miller - PTA

We're using a great website called [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) to help raise money for St Philomena's PTA Orpington.

[easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com) is the UK's biggest charity

shopping site, turning your everyday online shopping into FREE donations for us.

Just sign up and shop via easyfundraising, and over 8,000 retailers - including Tesco, M&S and Just Eat - will donate to us for free!

Your online shopping won't cost you any extra.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/st-philomenas-pta/4i02kb/ca/BzooovuG//share>



What on earth have agreed to ? I'm hoping this will raise lots of money for our school as I'm sure your child would love to slime the Headteacher !

The above will take place after the COLOUR RUN on Friday 22nd May at 4.00pm

Huge thanks to a parent and auntie of two of our Reception children. Poppy's auntie made all the t-shirts and Polly's Mum organised all the sales. Thank you !



Sports Day - Wed 24.6.26

Back up Sports Day - Wed 9.7.25

KS1 9.30-11.15pm

KS2 1.15pm -3.05pm

PTA Summer Fair - after sports day

School Class photos - Thursday 18.6.26

School Uniform

A reminder that earrings of any type are **NOT** permitted in school. Please ensure these are removed at home. Thank you.

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 11th May 2026:

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

Well done Year 1 – you are the winners this week! Stickers were given out to the children during the week.

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	2
Year 1	6
Year 2	9
Year 3	5
Year 4	1
Year 5	3
Year 6	1

Weeks in competition: 27
(full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98%
Incredible attendance everyone – keep it up



ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 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

ACADEMIC YEARS 2026 - 2027

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

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Wishing you a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 1st June 2026**.
Enjoy the sunshine !



Miss V Maher
Headteacher