



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter 20 March 2026

### Year 1 Assembly

Year 1 performed an amazing production sharing a well known fairy tale, Jack and the Beanstalk. Everyone enjoyed the singing and dancing and were so proud of year 1's brilliant performance.



London Borough of Bromley Easter Programme  
London Borough of Bromley's upcoming Easter HAF programme will run again from **30<sup>th</sup> March to 10 April 2026 (excluding holidays and weekends)**.

The programme offers holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals for families with children 5-16 years old who are in **receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM) or residing in Bromley as a refugee**.

Our programme allows children and young people to enjoy fun and enriching activities that will enable them to develop new skills, build confidence, and meet new friends. Each session will allow your child to take part in some form of physical activity as well as creative and educational tasks. They will also learn about the nutritional aspect of the food they eat, whilst enjoying a free nutritious meal each day.



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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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### Science Shop

Thank you to all parents and carers who bought from our first Science Gadget shop. We took a total of £339.57.

Special thank you to Mr Oliveri and his science ambassadors who run this event and made it a great success.

### Lacrosse

This is open to Years 3-6

**SOUTH EAST**  
**SUMMER**  
**LACROSSE LEAGUE**

POWERED BY  
**THE LACROSSE FOUNDATION & BROMLEY LACROSSE CLUB**

**REIGN SURGE FLASH HAVOC**

**JOIN A TEAM. PLAY THE SUMMER LEAGUE.**

**7 WEEKS OF EXCITING LACROSSE GAME PLAY**  
**STARTING THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**  
**FINALS DAY SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**PARKHOUSE RUGBY CLUB**  
BARNET WOOD RD, BROMLEY BR2 7AA

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP VISIT  
[WWW.SOUTHEASTSUMMERLACROSSELEAGUE.CO.UK](http://WWW.SOUTHEASTSUMMERLACROSSELEAGUE.CO.UK)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

ALL PLAYERS TO RECEIVE GOODIE BAGS WITH TEAM SHIRT, LACROSSE STICK AND LACROSSE BALL WITH REGISTRATION

OPEN TO PLAYERS IN YEARS 3-8 WHO CURRENTLY PLAY LACROSSE AT SCHOOL OR LACROSSE CLUB.

### Class Assemblies

Year 5 Passion Play – 25.03.26 2pm

### Dates to Remember

PTA Meeting Wednesday 15 April at 8.15am

Swimming lessons start for Year 3 - 22 April 2026 (Letters have been emailed and sent home)

### Wonka Bar Golden Ticket

Well done to our winners of the golden ticket – they got to have hot chocolate with Miss Maher.



### Lenten Walk

We are delighted to share that we raised over **£900** from our Lenten Walk in support of the Catholic Children's Society. This money will help support local families in need. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support – it is truly appreciated.

## Community Information

### 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/a0ITv000002uq7dIAA?c\\_r=Arcus BE Public Register&tabset-ff68f=2](https://planningaccess.bromley.gov.uk/pr/s/detail/a0ITv000002uq7dIAA?c_r=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.

## Pictures Alive at Orpington Library



Come and explore illustrated books with us every month and take part in fun activities!

This Month's Focus: Festivals and Celebrations

Date: Monday 23rd March 2026

Time: 4-5pm

Age: 4-7 year olds (with parents & carers)

We will be making our own lanterns!

To book please visit our Eventbrite page:

<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>



The 13th Bromley Boys Brigade is based at The United Reformed Church in St Mary Cary. For over 75 years we have been supporting young people in the local community by providing low cost weekly activities and regular events. Our Anchor Boy and Junior Sections, school year R - 6 have a few spaces available.

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5 - 8 Years Monday 6:15pm	8 - 11 Years Friday 6:00pm	8 - 14 Years Friday 7:30pm	14 - 18 Years Friday 7:30pm

**13tbromley@gmail.com**  
**For more information, drop us a line on any of our socials**  
**www.13tbromley.co.uk**

**PTA Information**



# EASTER EGG HUNT

28th March - 12th April 2026

Open daily (except Tuesday) from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Pick up your entry form from reception  
Find the animals in the Easter Egg pictures  
Collect your chocolate prize from the Tea Room  
No booking required

**£5 per entry**



Foal Farm Animal Rescue  
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
[www.foalfarm.org.uk](http://www.foalfarm.org.uk)



## School PTA MEETING!

Join Us For Our

# PTA MEETING

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

**8:15 AM**



**ALL WELCOME!**



# BARRACUDAS

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND CHILDCARE IN ORPINGTON!

USE CODE: SPHTA26

GET AN EXTRA £20 OFF WHEN YOU BOOK 2 OR MORE DAYS!

- Try new things
- Develop skills
- Meet new friends
- Boost confidence

FOR EVERY BOOKING MADE, BARRACUDAS WILL MAKE A DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



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[barracudas.co.uk](http://barracudas.co.uk)  
01480 467 567



**Attendance and Lateness for the week  
beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026:**

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

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

**Weeks in competition: 21 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.6%**

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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Summer Term 2026

##### **First day of term**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

##### **Bank Holiday**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Half-term** 25.05.26– 29.05.2026

##### **Back to school**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

##### **Last day of term**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**INSET DAYS** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

#### Autumn Term 2026

##### **INSET DAYS:**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

##### **BANK HOLIDAY**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026**

##### **First day back of term**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

**Half-term** 19.10.26-30.10.26

##### **Back to school**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

##### **Last day of term**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

#### Spring Term 2027

##### **First day of term**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

**Half-term** 15.02.2027- 19.02.2027

##### **Back to school**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027

##### **Last day of term**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

**Good Friday 26 March, Easter Monday 29  
March**

#### Summer Term 2027

##### **First day of term**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

##### **Bank Holiday**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2027**

**Half-term** 31.05.27 – 04.06.27

##### **Back to school**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027

##### **Last day of term**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

##### **INSET DAYS**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027**