



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 21 March 2025

Spring Term

Science Week

This week the children have been participating in discussions, experiments and activities all about change and adaptation; the Themes for Science Week 2025. We had shadow drawing in the playground to see how the sunlight changes through the day and observed chemical changes between acids and alkalis in our classes using cabbages, litmus paper, coins and nails. All the children have enjoyed being able to create and observe changes of their own, some which quite colourful and exciting results. We look forward to seeing the entries for the Science week competition.



Year 3 Trip to London Zoo

Year 3 visited London Zoo as part of their rainforest topic, where they explored ecosystems and learned about the animals that inhabit them. The children were able to observe a variety of species and deepen their understanding of environmental conservation



Songs of Praise

As part of our jubilee year celebrations, the school choir embarked on a pilgrimage to St. George's Cathedral to participate in a recording of BBC's Songs of Praise. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith to worship through song and prayer. It was lovely to be joined by so many members of our school and church community, making this a truly special occasion. We look forward to watching the episode on Easter Sunday.



Year 6 Assembly

Year 6 delivered a wonderful assembly titled "The Wonders of Year 6." The children took us on a delightful journey, showcasing some of the amazing things they have learned this year.

We were entertained with some fantastic dances, including the Lambeth Walk and the Charleston. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and the vibrant energy they brought to the stage. These performances really highlighted their creativity and the sense of teamwork that has been so important in their learning.



The Green Team

The Green Team had a bonfire to clear away winter weeds and prepare the garden for spring. They worked hard to refresh the space, making way for new growth and ensuring a healthy environment for plants to thrive. It was a wonderful example of Catholic stewardship; caring for God's creation, nurturing the earth, and using its resources wisely. Well done, Green Team, for putting faith into action!



Norovirus

Cases of norovirus are on the rise generally. It can spread through schools where children have close contact very easily.

Therefore, if your child has Norovirus, please adhere to NHS advice and do not bring your child into school until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped (sickness and/or diarrhoea).

Norovirus (or the vomiting bug/stomach bug) for most is a short lived illness with a full recovery within 2 to 3 days.

Good hand hygiene is really important to stop this illness spreading – that means children should wash their hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water.

It is important that you drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical advice

Reception

To celebrate our topic on Mini-Beasts, Reception children had a “Mini-Beast Dress up Day. They all looked wonderful.



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.

Class Assembly

Year 5 02.04.25 (Passion Play 2pm)

Staff Car Park

Can we please ask parents not to park in the staff car park when dropping off, collecting their children from school or after school clubs.

Attendance

for the week beginning 10th March 2025 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	93	1
Year 1	95	0
Year 2	85	0
Year 3	99	1
Year 4	100	3
Year 5	97	1
Year 6	97	0

Well done Year 4 - you are the winners this week and were all in school every day !

(Stickers were given to all of the pupils in Year 4 during the week)

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 25 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 95.1 %

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



PTA INFO

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




**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES &
FOOD
PROGRAMME**

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
AGES: 8 – 18 YEARS OLD
& RECEIVING BENEFIT RELATED
FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

- East Hub @ The Link Youth Centre, Midfield Way, St Pauls Cray BR5 2QL
- North Hub @ Castlecombe Youth Club, Castlecombe Rd Motttingham SE9 4AT
- South Hub @ Spitfire Youth Club, Church Rd, Biggin Hill TN16 3LB
- West Hub @ Streetwise Youth Club, @ Melvin Halls, Melvin Rd, Penge, SE20 8EU

Each day will include a meal & fun activities!

- Baking
- Arts & Crafts Workshops
- Discovery Projects
- Team Sports & Games
- T-shirt making
- IT skills & fun

To see the dates, times & book a place please scan the QR code or use the link below: <https://www.Bromley.gov.uk/xfp/form/228>

 YouthSupportProgramme@bromley.gov.uk
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 **BROMLEY
YOUTH** SUPPORT PARTICIPANTS

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

Half-term Monday 5th May 2025

Last day of term 26.05.25– 30.05.2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd
and Wednesday 23rd July 2025

ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025:

INSET DAYS: Wednesday 27th August 2025

Thursday 28th August 2025
Friday 29th August 2025

First day back: Monday 1st September 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

Half-term Monday 4th May 2026

Back to school 25.05.26– 29.05.2026

Last day of term Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

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Wednesday 22nd July 2026