



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 04 April 2025

Spring Term

Year 5 – Passion Play

Year 5 performed their version of 'The Passion of Christ' on Wednesday afternoon. The children worked incredibly hard on a very moving performance with wonderful acting and beautiful singing. Well done Year 5!



EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for your support. All funds raised will go into School Fund - which is spent on enhancing school life for our pupils.

The winners are:

Audrey	Reception
Eloise	Reception
Florence	Reception
Aurora	Year 1
Henry	Year 1
Ava-Joy	Year 2
Evangeline	Year 2
Gabrielle	Year 2
Leo	Year 2
Lorenzo	Year 2
Maks	Year 2
Tymon	Year 2
Amelia	Year 3
Noah	Year 3
Sandra	Year 3
Cheruni	Year 4
Lucy	Year 4
Ryan	Year 4
Dolly	Year 5
Fiona	Year 5
Oliver I	Year 5
Rhian	Year 5
Robyn	Year 5
Camila	Year 6
Dhiren	Year 6
Julian	Year 6

Rocksteady

Well done to all the Rocksteady bands – your concert was great! You all played and sung so well.



Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 24th March 2025

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	96	0
Year 1	90	0
Year 2	99	1
Year 3	97	0
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	97	2
Year 6	97	0

Well done Year 2 - you are the winners this week !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 27 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.3 %



Free E-Safety Guide

Please see the below link you may find useful. There are many parent guides available on the following too at the bottom of the page.

[What You Need to Know About: Instagram | Free E-Safety Guide](#)

More on this topic

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about...

Online Safety
What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Instagram

Podcast 7 min

Online Safety
What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Group Chats

Parent Guide 15 min

Mental Health
What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Social Media & Mental Health

Parent Guide 15 min

Safeguarding
Top Tips for Supporting Children Who Are Experiencing Bullying

Parent Guide 15 min

Online Safety
Top Tips for Staying Safe on Social Media

Parent Guide 15 min

Online Safety
What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TikTok

Parent Guide 15 min

Online Safety
What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Whatsapp

Parent Guide 15 min

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

At St Philomena's we are celebrating by wearing red.

At St Philomena's we are inviting the children to celebrate St George's day by wearing something red - so it could be normal school uniform with a red accessory or head to toe in red !!!!!

We are having a special St George's day celebratory lunch also - please let the office know if you are interested.

You are welcome to make a small donation to our PTA funds if you wish.

Happy St George's Day !!



DATES TO REMEMBER

1. Sports Day - Wed 25.6.25
2. Back up Sports Day - Wed 9.7.25
KS1 9.30-11.15pm
KS2 1.30-3.15pm
3. School Class photos - Thursday 26 June 2025

Our Lady of the Crays RC Church

Masses and Services for Holy Week and Easter.
All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 13th April 2025: PALM SUNDAY
Masses: Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 9am and 11am

Thursday 17th April 2025: MAUNDY THURSDAY
Morning Prayer at 9.30am
Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm
Night Watch and Prayer until 11pm

Friday 18th April 2025: GOOD FRIDAY
Morning Prayer at 9.30am
Children's Stations of the Cross at 11am
Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-6.45pm
Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Saturday 19th April 2025: HOLY SATURDAY
Morning Prayer at 9.30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation 10-11am
Easter Vigil Mass at 8.30pm

Sunday 20th April 2025: EASTER SUNDAY
Masses at 8.30am, 10am and 11.30am

Community Info

Orpington Library - We are in our temporary location which is Unit 27, The Walnuts Shopping Centre opposite the jungle play area. All events are booked via Eventbrite:

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



Children's Events at Orpington Library For the Easter Holidays 2025

All activities and events to be booked via Eventbrite

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

We are looking forward to seeing you!

**Mon 7th April
10.30-11.30am**

**Creative Writing Session with children's author Penny Chimes
Age Range: 8+**

**Mon 14th April
2-3pm**

**Author Event with Margaret Bateson-Hill
Age Range: 5+ and parents/carers**

**Thurs 17th April
10-11am**

**Easter Storytime and Craft Event
Age Range: 4-7 and parents/carers**

Essex Fire Museum Open Days 2025



Tuesday 15th & Sunday 27th April
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now →



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Wishing you a happy and holy Easter break.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water 😊).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could they please make a booking via Eventbrite:

15th April 2025

[Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Tue 15 Apr 2025 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

27th April 2025

[Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 27 Apr 2025 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

Our address and contact details are:

Essex Fire Museum
Grays Fire Station,
Hogg Lane,
Grays RM17 5QS

Phone: [01376 576847](tel:01376 576847)

Email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Website: [Fire Museum \(essex-fire.gov.uk\)](http://Fire Museum (essex-fire.gov.uk))



ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 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: 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 **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**