



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 25 April 2025

Summer Term

Welcome back – hope you all had a wonderful Easter break!

Pope Francis

In a special assembly on Tuesday, we prayed for the soul of our beloved Pope. The children were encouraged to reflect on the ways in which Pope Francis wanted us to live our lives; with love, compassion and mercy.

I also shared one of his most beautiful quotes :-

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you."

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.



We will soon be welcoming the month of May, which is dedicated to Mary, our Blessed Mother, and the Holy Rosary.

To honour this special time, we will be praying the Rosary every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning at 8:30am throughout the month of May.

To help us prepare, it would be helpful if you could let the school office know if your child would like to attend. Families are also most welcome to attend, to join us in prayer at this special time.



Crowning of Mary assembly will be on 13th May at 11am. All are welcome to join us.



**Attendance and Lateness for the week
beginning 31st March 2025 :**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	96	1
Year 1	94	1
Year 2	96	1
Year 3	97	1
Year 4	91	1
Year 5	99	2
Year 6	86	0

Well done Year 5 - 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	2
Year 6	4

Weeks in competition: 28 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 94.3 %



After School Clubs

All sports after school clubs are back next week.
Club slips went home on Thursday.

Assembly Dates

Reception - 12 June 10am
 Year 1 - 03 July 10am
 Year 2 - 19 June 10am
 Year 3 - 22 May **9.30am**
 Year 4 - 26 June 10am
 Year 5 - 15 May 10am
 Year 6 - TBC

Crowning of Mary – 13 May 11am



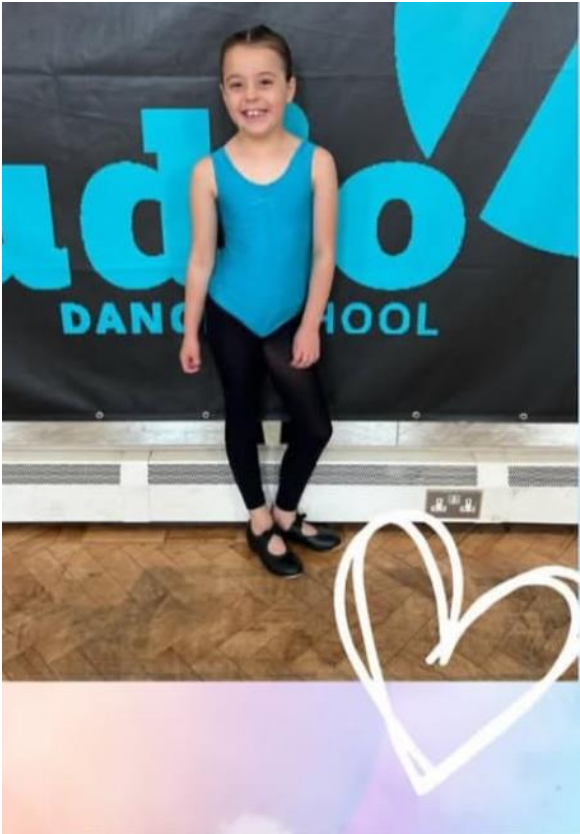
1. Sports Day - Wed 25.6.25
2. Back up Sports Day - Wed 9.7.25
 KS1 9.30-11.15pm
 KS2 1.30-3.15pm
3. PTA Summer Fair - after sports day
4. School Class photos - Thursday 26 June 2025

Community Info

Congratulations to Ivy in the Easter holidays she took her tap and modern dance exams with intense rehearsals and lots of her time. She received distinctions in both – well done!

Have a good weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



Pictures Alive at Orpington Library



Come and explore illustrated books with us and focus on a different illustrator/author each month!

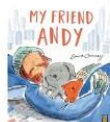
This Month's Focus: Children's Book Award

Date: Monday 28th April

Time: 4-5pm

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

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





ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Half-term	26.05.25– 30.05.2025
Last day of term	Friday 18 th 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
First day back: 2025	Monday 1 st September
Half-term	20.10.25 –31.10.25
Back to school	Monday 3 rd November 2025
Last day of term	Friday 19 th December 2025

Spring Term 2026:

First day of term	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half-term	16.02.26 – 20.02.26
Back to school	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Last day of term	Friday 27 th March 2026

Summer Term 2026:

First day of term	Monday 13 th April 2026
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Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half-term	25.05.26– 29.05.2026
Back to school	Monday 1 st June 2026
Last day of term	Monday 20 th July 2026
INSET DAYS	Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July 2026