



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 2 May 2025

Summer Term

Year 3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 had a super start to their Egyptian topic, spending the day living like ancient Egyptians! They prepared and ate traditional Shorabet Adas, crafted Shabti dolls, wrote in hieroglyphics, raced chariots, built pyramids, created amulets, and played Sedat — a traditional board game. A huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting the day by providing such beautiful costumes — the children looked absolutely amazing!



Reception Wish List

Below is a list of items that would greatly benefit our Reception children and enhance their learning experience:

Tyres
Pallets
Wood (off cuts)
Black chalk paint
Large fabric (natural colours)
Cable reels
Fake grass
Soil
Bulbs
Plants to grow (veg, fruit or flower)

Tarpaulin
Large pegs
Scrap paper (large or small)
Rope
Outdoor paint (any colour, remnants or new pots)
Nails, screws, etc
Wood bark chipping
Clear plastic tubing (water play)
Baskets (natural)

If you have any of these things at home and no longer require them, or if you know where to get them for free, we would love to have them! Thank you!



St Philomena's CP School invites all pupils to a street party to celebrate the anniversary of VE day on

Thursday 8th May 2025.

We will be eating outdoors on the day (weather permitting) and school lunch will be meaty or quorn hotdogs, vegetable sticks, crisps, celebration cake/fruit platter.

Pupils are welcome to bring a packed lunch as usual if they wish or they can order a school lunch on this special occasion.

The school will provide soft drinks and water.

Entertainment will be provided – we have booked our resident DJ who will be playing throughout lunch and once the children have eaten.

Dress Code: Red, White and Blue





extremely well coming 10th out of 18 schools which included Dulwich College and Croydon High. I was even more proud when a member of staff from Royal Russell came to find me to tell me how kind our team were to each other throughout the challenges. Well done boys !



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 **2.45pm**

Ice-Cream Friday

Ice creams and Ice lollies will be sold after school every Friday (weather permitting) starting Friday 2nd May. Please bring small change with you.



Consultation to join St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust

Please ensure you check your emails to read a very important letter regarding our proposed move to join this multi-academy trust in the near future. Thank you.

Year 5 Maths Challenge

It was an absolute pleasure for me to accompany four Year 5's – Israel, Oliver, Rhian and Jesse – on Wednesday to a special Maths competition hosted at Royal Russell Independent school in Croydon. One of our governors, Lindsey Smith, teaches Maths there and has invited us for the last three years to take part. Faced with four rooms full of some very tricky maths problems, the boys did



Secondary Transfer

Year 5 parents are invited to a Secondary Transfer Meeting on Thursday 19th June 2025 at 3.30pm in St Philomena's School Hall



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

Huge well done to Luca in Year 6 who recently won the Regional and National JPL League with his team Dartford Youth Academy.



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:	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

Have a good weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



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