



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 9 May 2025

### Summer Term

#### VE Day Celebration



We proudly commemorated Victory in Europe Day with lots of music and laughter at our lunchtime disco. It was such a joyful way to remember a significant moment in history and to celebrate peace and unity as a school community. A special thank you to our DJ Gabriella in Year 6 and Mrs Coleman for organising.



#### 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!

#### Mental Health Awareness Month – May

In the UK May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, an occasion for individuals and organisations around the country to open up conversations about mental health.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.



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## Catholic Life of the School

### Praying the Rosary

Several children have joined us to pray The Rosary at on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning of this week. You do not need to book your child in for this session, just ensure they are here for 8.30am. This will continue throughout May as the month of special devotion to our Heavenly Mother

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May, some of our parents from the Philippines, will join us to pray The Rosary in Tagalog. If anyone wishes to pray it in their home language, please do let me know.



### The Crowning of Mary

We will gather in the school playground on Tuesday afternoon at 2.45pm to take part in this beautiful annual celebration. **Please send your child in with a small posy of flowers** to lay at the statue of Our Lady as part of the service. All are welcome to join us !

### Year 6 SATs

Please keep our wonderful Year 6 children in your prayers this week as they take part in the end of keystage tests known as SATs. They (and Ms Omilegan and the support staff) have worked so very hard and we know they will make us all very proud.

### Secondary Transfer

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

## Assembly Dates

Reception	- 12 June 10am
Year 1	- 03 July 10am
Year 2	- 19 June 10am
Year 3	- 22 May <b>9.30am</b>
Year 4	- 26 June 10am
Year 5	- 15 May <b>2.30pm</b>
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 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Please bring small change with you.



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

Have a good weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher



## ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

### Summer Term 2025:

<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Half-term	26.05.25– 30.05.2025
Last day of term	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025

### INSET DAYS

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025**

## ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

### Autumn Term 2025:

<b>INSET DAYS:</b>	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>
First day back: 2025	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Half-term	20.10.25 –31.10.25
Back to school	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Last day of term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Spring Term 2026:

First day of term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half-term	16.02.26 – 20.02.26
Back to school	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 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
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<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>
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
<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and</b>