Newsletter – 16 May 2025
Summer Term

Year 5 Class Assembly
Year 5 transported us back in time with their fantastic class assembly all about the Victorian era. The children brought history to life focusing on what life was like for children and the stark contrast between rich and poor and the harsh realities of child labour. Their performance showcased just how much they have learned. A huge well done to all of Year 5 and their teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Year 3 Class Trip to British Museum

As part of our learning about Ancient Egypt, Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the British Museum. We explored ancient artefacts such as mummies, jewellery, and hieroglyphics. We enjoyed completing special museum missions, which helped us explore life in Ancient Egypt. We had lots of fun and learned so much along the way! Thank you to the adults who supported us on this trip.

Catholic Life of the School

Join us to pray the Rosary Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 8:30am Throughout the month of May
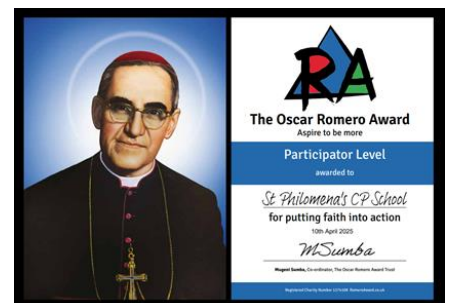
Crowning of Mary
We gathered together as a school community, in the sunshine, to honour Mary during this special month of May. Our beautiful Marian service included the crowning of Our Lady with flowers, symbolising our love and devotion. The service was beautifully led by our RE Ambassadors, and it was truly special to share this moment of prayer and reflection with our parents and carers—thank you for joining us and for providing beautiful flowers.

A heartfelt thank you also to Mrs. Martin for providing the music and for teaching the children the hymns that made the celebration so meaningful.

Oscar Romero Award
We are delighted to share that our school has recently received the **Oscar Romero Award**! This special recognition celebrates our commitment to Catholic social teaching and putting faith into action. We're proud of the way our children and staff live out Gospel

values through acts of kindness, justice, and compassion within our school and wider community. It is really lovely to have received this award as a way of recognising all that we do.

Joining St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust

Further to the information we shared two weeks ago, regarding this forthcoming change to our status as a single academy trust, we wish to advise that the consultation period is now closed.

Many thanks to all those who submitted questions.

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

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.

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.

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

PTA Meeting

All are invited to or upcoming PTA Zoom meeting
Time: May 21, 2025 04:30 PM London
Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81347396684?pwd=WTn088YAueLnPq9EWhRU9aVfMtshns.1

Meeting ID: 813 4739 6684

Passcode: EYUFU3

This meeting is a great opportunity to stay informed, share ideas, and collaborate to support our children and school community.
We look forward to seeing you there!

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 6   - TBC

Ice-Cream Friday
Ice creams and Ice lollies will be sold after school every Friday (weather permitting). Please bring small change with you.

Volunteer opportunities for "Ice cream sales" are now open.
Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:
volunteersignup.org/HDKAM

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Community Info

Congratulations

A big congratulations to Ollie in Year 2 for scoring the winning goals in both of his recent cup games. Ollie also celebrated scoring 64 goals this season, a huge achievement for a boy his age.

Virtue of the Month
Resilience and Perseverance

Saint: St. George, who showed great perseverance and kept going bravely even when facing tough challenges.

Signs of Living the Virtue

· I keep trying with God's help, even when faced with difficulties
· I learn from mistakes and trust Jesus to strengthen me
· I support others to keep going, inspired by the courage of the saints
· I pray for the grace to persevere in faith and goodness

Let us Pray

Dear Lord, Please give me courage to keep going when things are hard. Help me to stay strong, keep trying, and never give up. Amen.

Pictures Alive at Orpington Library

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

This months focus: Mariajo Ilustrajo

Monday 19th May

4-5pm

Age: 4-7s with parent/carers

To book contact: https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk

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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:

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**
	Thursday 28th August 2025
	Friday 29th August 2025
First day back: 2025	Monday 1st September
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