

St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 19 September 2025 Autumn Term

Year 3 - Science Topic

Year 3 had an exciting day exploring Lesnes Abbey Woods as part of their science topic on rocks and soils. The children were amazed to discover real fossils, including teeth from the extinct species *Otodus*, fossilised shells like *Toliapecten*, and even ancient fish teeth from *Phyllodus*. These incredible finds are over 50 million years old and come from a time when the area was covered by a warm, tropical sea! Children also took part in a workshop about rocks and soil, deepening their understanding of how different types of rocks are formed and how soil is made. It was a fantastic day of learning and discovery enjoyed by all.







St Philomena's Questionnaire

We like to check in and find out how things are for you and the children. Please click on the attached link to answer a few short questions for us. Your views are really important and we are always keen to know if there is something we can improve. The questionnaire will be open until Monday 22nd September so plenty of time.

https://forms.gle/SYJwzZjtAmy7g5L68

Reception EYFS and phonics workshop

Please join Mrs Standing at 2:30pm on Wednesday 24th September where she will be able to tell you more about the Early Years curriculum and our phonics scheme. Thank you!

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will be held on

Tuesday 7th October 2025

at

10.00 am

You are all very welcome to join us.

We will be sending your donations to Bromley food Bank who have asked us to pass on this message "Harvest is traditionally a time of gratitude and giving, and together we can ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. When you donate or spread the word, you are helping us bring hope to local people at a time when they need it most.

From all of us at the foodbank — thank you for your kindness and generosity."









Urgently needed food items:

- *please don't send us frozen or chilled items as we don't have the correct storage for it and it spoils before we can distribute it*
- Washing Detergent (Gel/Sheets)
- Tinned Cold Meats
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Vegetables
- Mens Deodorant
- Biscuits
- Bleach
- Tinned Soup
- UHT milk
- rice

Parking

Can we please remind parents/ carers to be considerate to our neighbours when parking and not to park across driveways or cause obstruction by parking on kerbs and corners. We have had a complaint regarding parking across a driveway in Northfield Avenue.



Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 8th September 2025:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	94	0
Year 1	97	0
Year 2	98	0
Year 3	98	3
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	99	2
Year 6	98	3

Year 5 – you are the winners this week. Well done!

League Table

Year	No. of
	Wins
Reception	0
Year 1	0
Year 2	0
Year 3	1
Year 4	0
Year 5	1
Year 6	0

Weeks in competition: 2 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.6%

Assembly Dates

Assemblies start at 10.00am

Reception/EYFS – Nativity 11.12.25

KS1 Nativity Week – 18.12.25 details to be confirmed

Year 3 - 16.10.25

Year 4 - 20.11.25

Year 5 - 13.11.25

Year 6 - 27.11.25

Community Information

10% early bird discount if booked before 29 September 2025.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher Head Teacher





ACADEMIC YEARS 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 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 21^{st} and Wednesday 22^{nd} July

2026