



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 23 May 2025

### Summer Term

#### Year 5 Science Museum Trip

Year 5 visited the Science museum this week to support their learning on their Earth in Space topic. They had lots of fun and were a credit to the school in terms of attitude and behaviour. A huge thank you to all the adults who accompanied us in this trip.



#### Reception Wish List

Thank you to all the families who have kindly donated resources for our Reception class. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and has made a wonderful difference in enriching the learning environment for our youngest learners

#### 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.

Every one of us needs to show  
how much we care for each other  
and, in the process,  
care for ourselves.



#### Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	97	0
Year 1	98	1
Year 2	99	2
Year 3	96	1
Year 4	96	1
Year 5	98	2
Year 6	100	0

Well done Year 6 - 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	5

Weeks in competition: 29

(full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.8%

### 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 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.

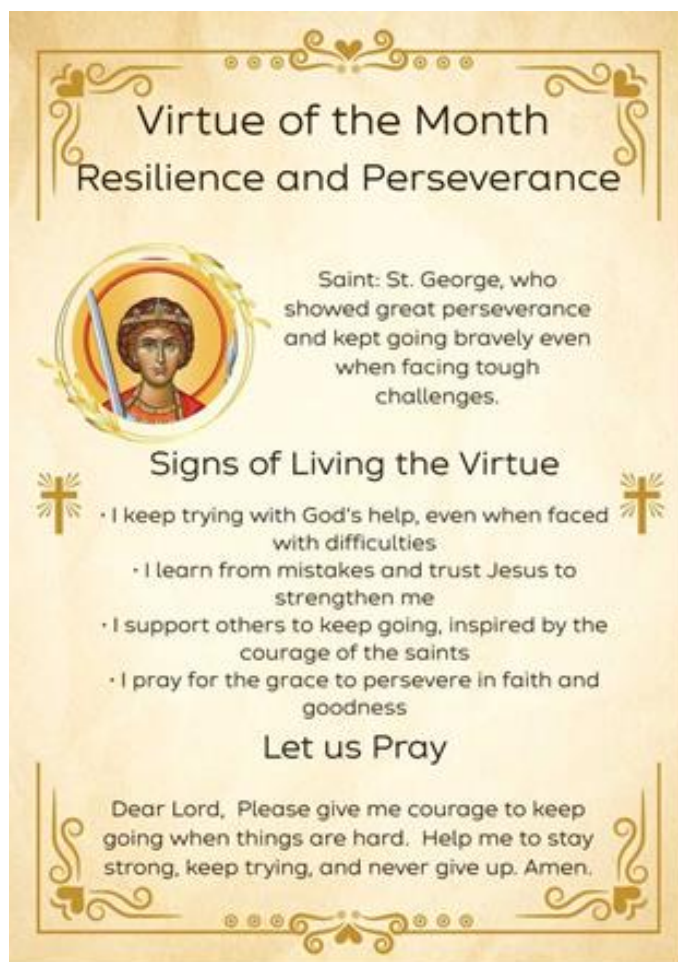
Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

[volunteersignup.org/HDKAM](https://volunteersignup.org/HDKAM)

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



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. NCMP and Vision Screening for Rec & Yr6 – Tues 17.06.25
5. School Class photos - Thurs 26.06.25
6. Rocksteady Concert – Thurs 10.07.25 10am
7. Year 6 Leavers Mass – Thurs 17.07.25 11am



## PTA

### PTA Colour Run



Pupils, parents and family members are all invited to take part in our Colour Run Family Event after Sports Day - Wednesday 25.6.25.

The first race is at 4.00pm

The cost is £5 per entrant.

The registration deadline is Friday 13th June 2025

Children must be supervised by an appointed adult who will be responsible for them - children cannot come along alone.

**ADVANCE WARNING !!!!**

Eye protection is required (swimming goggles, sunglasses, etc.)

The dye is designed to wash out of clothing, however, there is a risk that it will stain. Please be prepared for your clothing and trainers TO GET RUINED !!!!!

Please make payment online before registration closes

We have never had an event like this before at St Philomena's and look forward to sharing the afternoon with you.

#### **Gunge A Teacher**

Would your child like the opportunity to gunge one of the teachers / adults at St Philomena's ?



A select number of children will be chosen at random to do this at the Colour Run Family Event on Wednesday 25th June 2025 after Sports Day

To be in with a chance, please purchase a raffle ticket (£1 for a strip of 5).

Winners will be drawn on the day !!!

Tickets on sale until Friday 20th June 2025

Thank you for your support



FATHER'S DAY GIFTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE VIA SCHOOL PAY SYSTEM. PRICED AT £3.50 EACH.

CHILDREN WILL CHOOSE THEIR GIFTS THE WEEK COMMENCING 9TH JUNE.



#### **Taekwondo**

Taekwondo at St. Philomena's will resume on **MONDAY 9th JUNE 2025.**

Have a wonderful half term.

Miss Veronica Maher  
Head Teacher







## ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

### Summer Term 2025:

<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 5th 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**

## National Share-A-Story Month Author Event at Orpington Library



Come and celebrate National Share-A-Story Month at Orpington Library with the wonderful author Venessa Taylor.

Join author Venessa Taylor for a super-fun introduction to her brilliant books: Baller Boys and Baller Boys Vs the Bulldozers! Then take part in creating your very own goal celebrations!

Venessa will be selling and signing her books (cash only).

Thursday 29th May

10-11am

6+ with Parent/Carer

To book, please visit our Eventbrite page:  
<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>



## 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

<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 4th 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 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</b>