



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 17 May 2024

Summer Term

Crowning of Mary

Our service dedicated to Our Lady went beautifully on Tuesday afternoon. All of the children sang beautifully and our readers did an amazing job too. Thanks to everyone for supplying such lovely flowers and to those who came along to join us.



Congratulations !

Ms Bartholomew is expecting a baby during the summer holiday ! Many congratulations to her and her family, always lovely news.

We are in the process of finalising staffing details for Year 3 for when Ms Molineaux goes on maternity leave (in June) and will let you know these as soon as they are in place. Likewise for September for Ms Bartholomew following the birth of her baby.

Congratulations!

SATs are over !

Well done to our amazing Year 6 children for their efforts in completing their tests with such commitment and maturity. They certainly enjoyed their well deserved celebrations today !

Bob and Bella

Our first two hatched chicks are growing fast and have now moved into their new (very posh !) home on the field. The classes will be put on a rota for children to check them over in the morning, replenish their food and water and clean out their coop. It will be such good experience for them. Please feel free to pop round to the field and have a look at them, they are so friendly ! The two younger chicks are still in Year 2 and will hopefully join their older buddies soon. We welcome any volunteers who might light to check them over during school holidays.



Pupil of the Week

Reception – Vincent

Year 1 – Eddie

Year 2 – Kai

Year 3 – Cheruni

Year 4 – Jesse

Year 5 - Christian

Year 6 - Tudor



School Photographs

School class group photographs will be on Thursday 20 June.2024

Congratulations

Julian, together with his team, Orpington FC U10, won the trophy at the 'Play on the Pitch' football tournament at The Valley, Charlton FC on Saturday



ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

To whom it may concern,

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Wednesday 19th June 2024 (3.20-5.45pm)

due to staff training.

Please make alternate provision should you require after school care on that day.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Breakfast Club will be open as usual

Lacrosse May Half Term Camp

MAY HALF TERM CAMP

TUES 28TH TO FRI 31ST

09:30AM - 12:30PM

Fun, energetic and engaging sessions, suitable for beginners or those looking to improve their Lacrosse skills.

All coaches DBS checked and first aid trained

Sessions for children Year 3 – Year 9

- ✓ Skills & techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & matches

£17.00 for 1 session
any additional sessions at discounted price of £15.00 each

ST PAUL'S CRAV SCOUT HUT
Midfield Way, Orpington, BR5 2QL

To book or more info:
mbctsuk@gmail.com
07787 510631

Tuck Shop available

20 THINGS YOU CAN DO AND SAY TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH



@BELIEVEPHQ



Mental Health Awareness Month (May).

During Mental Health Awareness month, why not try to make a habit each day of connecting to the nature in your local area?

Stop to listen to the birdsong, smell the freshly cut grass, take care of a house plant, notice any trees, flowers or animals nearby. Take a moment to appreciate these connections.

Community Events

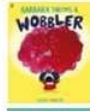
Pictures Alive at Orpington Library



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

This Month's Focus: Nadia Shireen
Date: Monday 20th May
Time: 4-5pm
Age: 4-7 year olds (with parents & carers)

To book: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>



A FEAST OF STORIES

Details on our website!
<https://fcbs.org.uk/nsm/>

COMPETITION
Create a Magic potion

**Celebrate National Share a Story Month:
A Feast of Stories at Orpington Library**

We will be sharing some scrumptious stories and creating our own magic potions for the Federation of Children's Book Groups' exciting competition.

Thursday 23rd May
4-5pm
For ages 5+ and parents/carers.

To book: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

BETTER the best good place

EMPATHY DAY by goodandbeautiful

CASPA
THE GREEN MILE
An Event for everyone

WEAR THE COLOUR GREEN FOR CASPA

A MEDAL FOR EVERYONE

FUNDRAISE VIA JUSTGIVING

**SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 12PM
@NORMAN PARK, BROMLEY**

WALK, RUN, HOP, SKIP

£10 for Adults, £8 for Children
£25 for a Family of 4
Under Two's & Dogs go FREE

Book by 1st June
www.caspabromley.org.uk

PTA Events



The next PTA meeting to discuss summer fair is the 22nd May 2024 3pm. Everyone welcome – it would be good to see representatives from each class to discuss your class Summer Fair stall.

Volunteers Need

Helpers needed to run the ice-cream stall after school next Friday. Please let the office or Mrs Miller know if you are able to help.

Important Dates

Y5 Ancient Greek Day –20.05.24
Sports Day 26.06.24
PTA Meeting – 3pm 22.05.24
School Class Photographs 20.06.24

Class Assemblies

Reception - Thursday 13th June
Year 1 - Friday 21st June
Year 2 - Friday 12th July
Year 3 - Thursday 23rd May
Year 4 - Friday 28th June
Year 5 - Friday 5th July

Mass at Our Lady of the Cray

Reception 06.06.24
Year 1 23.05.24

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



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ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Summer Term 2024:

Half-term 27.05.24 – 31.05.2024
Last day of term Friday 19th July 2024
INSET DAYS **Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2024**

Autumn Term 2024:

INSET DAYS:
Tuesday 27th August 2024
Wednesday 28th August 2024

First day back: Thursday 29th August 2024
Half-term 21.10.21 – 1.11.24
Last day of term Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

First day of term Monday 6th January 2025
Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25
Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday **Monday 5th May 2025**

Half-term 26.05.25 – 30.05.2025
Last day of term Friday 18th July 2025

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