



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter 18 July 2025

### Summer Term

We were delighted to host our Summer Music Concert this week, showcasing outstanding musical talent across the school. Children performed confidently on a range of instruments, both as soloists and as part of our school orchestra and choir. We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs Martin's expertise and dedication in leading and supporting our music. Congratulations to all involved for such a wonderful event.



### Choir Assembly

Our choir delivered a fantastic child-led 'Wicked' assembly this week! The children chose the songs, wrote the script, cast roles, created dances, painted scenery, and organised costumes—all with minimal adult support. It was a brilliant celebration of creativity, teamwork, and dedication. A special well done to our Year 6 choir members – we're sure they'll continue to do wonderful musical things in secondary school!



### Summer Hamper Raffle

Well done to the pupils who won a prize in the Summer hamper raffle. Thank you for purchasing tickets

# WINNERS

money raised

(£336.00) goes to our school fund which enhances school life for all of our pupils

Nhyira	Emily W
Niki	Belle
Leo	Reuben
Theo A	Amber
Paulette	Zoe
Ryan Y	Mia
Aoife	Luke
Matvi	Betsy
Ivy	Max
Keira	Caitlin



### **Oliver !**

Huge congratulations to Ms Omilegan and Year 6 for their amazing performance of Oliver ! On Wednesday evening. With all its familiar songs and interesting characters, Year 6 made everybody so proud with their confident singing and acting.

Thank you to all the staff who helped support the production with, lighting, recording, singing and returning to school on Wednesday evening to help with supervision. A great team effort.

### **Year 3 – Field Trip to River Cray**

This week, Year 3 have been busy improving the school garden and were delighted to discover a frog among the plants! As part of their field trip to the River Cray, where they explored river features and investigated biodiversity, the class brought the frog along and released it safely into its natural habitat. A wonderful example of Catholic Social Teaching in action, showing care for God's creation and respect for all living things.




### **St Philomena's Got Talent**

The annual St Philomena's Got Talent was a great success, with children from across the school showcasing their skills in music, dance, magic, and sports. We are so lucky to have such talented pupils in our school community!



## Virtue of the Month Honesty



Saint: St Thomas More who remained steadfast in his principles and spoke the truth even when it cost him his position, freedom, and ultimately his life. He is remembered for his unwavering integrity and moral courage in the face of immense pressure.

### Signs of Living the Virtue

- ✦ I tell the truth
- ✦ I admit my mistakes and seek to make things right
- ✦ I keep my promises, following the integrity of Jesus and the saints
- ✦ I act with honesty in all I do, reflecting God's light

### Let us Pray

Dear God, help us to be honest in all that we do and say. Give us the courage to tell the truth, even when it's hard. Teach us to be trustworthy, so others can depend on us. Like St Thomas More, may we stand up for what is right and live with integrity each day. Amen.

## Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	99	0
Year 1	97	0
Year 2	96	2
Year 3	95	2
Year 4	94	1
Year 5	99	5
Year 6	100	0

Year 6 – you are the winners again this week – and the winners overall for the year. Well done! A small prize was given to each child this week

## League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	2
Year 1	7
Year 2	5
Year 3	6
Year 4	5
Year 5	2
Year 6	9

**Weeks in competition: 36 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.1%**



**Summer Reading Challenge 2025**

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## Orpington Library Summer Activities

**Monday 28th July 3-4pm**  
Summer Reading Challenge Craft Event: It's all about Butterflies and Cress for 8-11s and Parent/Carers

**Thursday 7th August 2.30-3.30**  
Summer Reading Challenge Craft Event: Books, bug crowns & 3D flowers for 8-11s Parents/Carers

**Monday 11th August 2.30-3.30**  
Summer Reading Challenge Craft Event: Books and Garden Gnomes for 8-11s Parents/Carers

**Monday 18th August 2.30-3.30**  
Summer Reading Challenge Craft Event: The Hungry Caterpillar for 3-7s Parents/Carers

All events will be added to our Eventbrite page 2 weeks before the session. To book please visit:  
<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

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**Thursday 31st July 10-11am**  
Summer Reading Challenge Author Event: Interactive session with Onyinye Iwu 3-7s Parents/Carers

**Monday 4th August 10-11am**  
Summer Reading Challenge GLL Literary Foundation Author Event: Fun event with Alex Falase Koya for 3-7s Parents/Carers

**Thursday 14th August 10.30-11.30**  
Summer Reading Challenge Author Event: Fantastic event with Candy Gourlay 3-7s Parents/Carers

**Thursday 21st August 3-4pm**  
Summer Reading Challenge Author Event: Wonderful event with H.S. Norup for 8-11s Parents/Carers

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# SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 2025

**23RD JULY - 29TH AUGUST**

Football and multi-sports camps

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**5-12 YEARS**

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## ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

### Summer Term 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:

#### INSET DAYS:

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

First day back:  
2025

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

### Bank Holiday

Half-term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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

### INSET DAYS

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

### Thank you !

As we reach the end of the academic year, I wish to express my huge gratitude to our amazing school staff for their hard work and commitment to all the children in our school. Thank you, also, to you our parents, carers and everyone involved in in our school community for your unwavering support throughout the year. We are blessed to have such a loving and caring school.

Have a wonderful summer everyone. If you are travelling may your journeys be safe and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

God Bless

Miss Veronica Maher  
Headteacher



# COUNTRY FESTIVAL 2025

**SUNDAY 20th JULY 11am to 5pm**

JOIN US AT OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISING EVENT OF THE YEAR

- Arena acts
- Dog show
- Beer tent
- Live music
- Inflatables
- Children's activities
- Hot food
- Tearoom
- Variety of stalls

Please bring cash, including small change



Admission:  
**CASH only**  
**£15 per car**  
(up to 4 people)  
On foot: Family £15  
(up to 4 people)  
Adult £5  
Child £2.50 (3-17)

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