



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 26 September 2025

Autumn Term

'Open Classroom'

During the week beginning Monday 13th October, children will be bringing you to their classes after school to show you their class, displays and the work in their books. Class teachers will not be available, it's all very informal and a lovely chance for the children to talk about and show you their learning. Parents and carers have fed back very positively about how open classroom assists the conversation with teachers at the subsequent parent/teacher meetings.

The classrooms will be available from 3.30pm until 4.15pm on the following days :-

Monday 13th Oct - Reception, Year 3 and Year 6

Tues 14th Oct – Year 1 and Year 5

Weds 15th Oct – Year 2 and Year 4

Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher. Parent and carer meetings with the teacher will take place on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November this year. Timings and appointment time will be shared shortly.



Mass at St George's Cathedral

Mrs. Heffernan and I had the great pleasure of taking Israel, Oliver, Adora and Glory from Year 6 to a special event at St George's Cathedral on Wednesday.

They represented St Philomena's in their respective roles as Head and Deputy Head boy and girl and joined all the other schools in Southwark Archdiocese to a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. The children were amazing ambassadors for our school.



Year 3 Celebrate European Day of Languages!

Year 3 had a fantastic time celebrating the *European Day of Languages*! The children explored a range of languages and cultures, learning key phrases in Spanish, Portuguese, Polish, French, and even British Sign Language.

A highlight of the day was cooking and tasting the classic French dish **ratatouille**—it was absolutely delicious!

A big thank you to all the parents who came in to support the event. It was a wonderful way to celebrate some of the many nationalities that make up our school community.



Support Safety Newsletter

Please see attached the Early Intervention & Family Support Safety Newsletter for Sept/Oct 2025.

You will find lots of interesting information about latest trends which will help you to raise awareness with families about staying safe.

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

Assembly Dates

Assemblies start at 10.00am

Have a wonderful weekend.

Reception/EYFS – Nativity

11.12.25

Miss Veronica Maher

Head Teacher

KS1 Nativity Week – 18.12.25

Year 3 – 16.10.25

Year 4 – 20.11.25

Year 5 – 13.11.25

Year 6 – 27.11.25

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 15th September 2025:



Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	96	0
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	99	0
Year 3	97	1
Year 4	98	0
Year 5	98	1
Year 6	95	0

Year 2 – this is your first win of the year. Well done!

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 3
(full weeks only)

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK 97.8%**



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 21st and Wednesday 22nd July 2026