



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 03 October 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.



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

Trussell Trust Food Bank

This week, we were visited from the Trussell Trust Food Bank, who spoke to us about the vital role food banks play and expressed their gratitude for our generous Harvest donations. They shared how our contributions will make a meaningful difference in our community. We look forward to celebrating Harvest next week.

Maths Ambassadors Assembly

Our Maths Ambassadors led an assembly on times tables this week and encouraged the whole school to get involved on TT Rockstars. There are weekly class battles and a school leaderboard to make practising fun and competitive. We also have an upcoming cinema trip to reward children who know all their times tables and have achieved 'Rock Legend' status. Rock statuses have been reset to keep the leaderboard current and encourage regular practice. We're looking forward to our next live Rock Battle on Thursday!



School Coats / Jackets

As the weather is changing can your child please remember to bring a school coat/jacket that is named. School coat or jacket – BLUE, royal if possible, navy or black (other colours MAY NOT be worn) – the material of the coat must be without pattern.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

This week in assembly, we learned about Blessed Carlo Acutis and how he kept Christ at the centre of his life. We reflected on our own choices and thought about whether Christ is at the centre of our decisions too. To help us remember, we compared it to a doughnut – we don't want an empty centre! And yes... we even enjoyed eating doughnuts together!



Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 22nd September 2025:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	99	2
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	99	2
Year 3	100	0
Year 4	99	0
Year 5	99	3
Year 6	93	2

Year 3 – you have won again this week with 100 % attendance and no lateness. Well done!

Stickers were given out in assembly this week

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 4 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.4%

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

PTA Information

Cake sale- Friday 17th October cake sale during break, £1 a cake.





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**