



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter 10 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.



Parents evening

A 5 minute meeting with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class.

Tuesday 4th November = 3:45 - 7pm

Wednesday 5th November = 3:45 - 6pm

These appointments can be booked on SchoolCloud on Thursday 9th October from 9am. The link is below:

<https://stphilomenasprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We have attached booking details to this email to help with the process. Please ensure that when you are booking you are using the email address and correct name you provided to the school.

Assembly Dates

Assemblies start at 10.00am

Reception/EYFS – Nativity
11.12.25

KS1 Nativity– 16.12.25

Year 3 – 16.10.25

Year 4 – 20.11.25

Year 5 – 13.11.25

Year 6 – 27.11.25

Parent/Carer Information

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

School Football Team

Our boys' football team played their first match in the small schools' league against St James' this week. Although it ended in a 3-1 defeat, the boys played extremely well, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done boys!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are very fortunate to offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs for our children to enjoy. Recently, some of our pupils spoke in assembly about the clubs they attend and the activities they take part in. Our school choir shared details of the wonderful places where they perform and treated us to a beautiful performance! They were joined by some enthusiastic Year 2 children, who are already excited to join the choir next year. If your child would like to join choir, please do encourage them to speak with Mrs Anderson to sign up.



Learning about each other

Reception have been learning about each other and their families. We had a special food tasting afternoon where different food was brought into school and the children got to taste it. We had food from Egypt, Romania, Africa, England, Brazil, Columbia and lots of other countries. Thank you so much to all the parents who supported us with this event. The children loved it!



Orpington Library

Pictures Alive at Orpington Library



Come along and listen to these amazing stories to celebrate Black History Month!

Standing Firm in Power and Pride.

Monday 13th October

4-5pm

Age: 4-7s with parent/carers

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



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Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 29th September 2025:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	92	0
Year 1	96	1
Year 2	98	1
Year 3	95	0
Year 4	98	0
Year 5	98	3
Year 6	9	0

Year 6 have won this week. 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	1

Weeks in competition: 5 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 96.7%

PTA Information

Can you help us access fundraising from
your employer with
MATCH FUNDING
schemes?



PTA are looking for a company to support us in the match-funding scheme (as sadly our last match funder has now left). If anyone can help, please contact the school office.

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

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Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher





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