



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

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Autumn Term

Mass at St George's Cathedral.

Our RE Ambassadors represented St Philomena's so beautifully at a very special Mass last Tuesday. This Mass was attended by representatives of all sixteen school in the St Oscar Romero Catholic Academy Trust. Muna (Y4) was chosen to read one of the Prayers of the Faithful and was also awarded a set of rosary beads by Canon Victor Darlington for knowing that October is a month when we think especially of our Heavenly Mother, Mary. Kairo and Sofia M were chosen to accompany Mrs Heffernan, in presenting our special Trust Candle as part of the offertory. I was so very proud of all of the children. It was a beautiful celebration.



National Music Mark Award

We're thrilled to share that St Philomena's Catholic Primary School has been shortlisted for the national Music Mark Awards in the Sustainability category!

Our school has been recognised for using music to promote climate action and inclusion — combining creativity, sustainability, and community spirit to inspire real change. From free tuition in recorder and ukulele to reusing and repairing instruments, we are committed to making music education accessible and eco-friendly. Our sustainable practices include instrument recycling and donations, using recycled materials for props, costumes and stage design, energy-conscious rehearsals using natural light where possible, walking to performances and using public transport, paperless music lessons using digital resources, and events promoting sustainability and shared responsibility for our environment.

Wish us luck as we head to the national awards next month!

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. The link is below:

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

Year 6 Parents

This is a reminder that the Secondary Admissions 2026. Application deadline is **midnight Friday 31st October 2025**. If you have not yet applied please submit the application online by this deadline. Applications submitted after this date will be classed as late and may not receive an offer on National Offer Day (March 3rd 2026). Parents/carers must access the online eAdmissions application portal via their home Local Authority website

www.bromley.gov.uk for Bromley residents.

Year 1 trip

Year 1 visited the V&A Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green houses, London. They had a fun day exploring the Victoria and Albert Museum's collection of childhood-related objects and artefacts, spanning the 1600s to the present day. Children were also very engaged in the toy scavenger hunt, helped by very competitive adults.



Year 3 – Stone Age

Year 3 performed the *Stone Age* play “*Rock Bottom*”, impressing the audience with their singing, dancing, acting and energy on stage. The production brought the Stone Age to life in a creative and memorable way. Well done year 3!



Lacrosse

Mrs Didd accompanied a group of our year 5 and 6 lacrosse players to a mini tournament this week against other Bromley primary schools. The children were a credit to the school, impeccably behaved and came 4th too! Well done to all!



Assembly Dates

Assemblies start at 10.00am

Reception/EYFS – Nativity

11.12.25

KS1 Nativity– 16.12.25

Year 4 – 20.11.25

Year 5 – 13.11.25

Year 6 – 27.11.25

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

To celebrate the end of Black History Month, children were invited to come to school wearing clothing that celebrates cultural significance, representing a chosen culture and traditional dress from their family's heritage, the national colours of a country or colours of a flag. So many wonderful outfits!



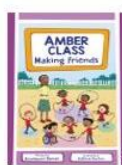
Orpington Library

Half term events at Orpington Library. The first which is next Monday is with Enomwoyi Damali, an author of an early chapter book series called Amber Class. Enomwoyi's session will be very interactive please invite your friends and families. The other event next Thursday is to celebrate Diwali and we will be reading two of Chitra Soundar's books and then making a Diwali craft afterwards. To book both events parents/carers just need to click: <https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

Orpington Library Author Event with Enomwoyi Damali

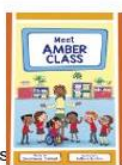
Join author Enomwoyi Damali who will introduce us to the world of 'Amber Class', reading from one of her stories and engaging us all in some simple poetry writing and a Q&A.

There will be an opportunity to buy Enomwoyi's book and have it signed by Enomwoyi on the day.



Monday 20th October
2.30-3.30pm
Orpington Library

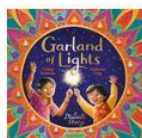
Ages 5+ and parents/carers



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

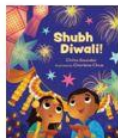
Come to Orpington Library and celebrate the Festival of Diwali

We will be reading
great stories and taking
part in a fun related
craft activity



Thursday 23rd October
10-11am
4-7 and parents/carers

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



Bromley Youth Music Trust

Bromley Youth Music Trust concert season starting after the half term break, please do visit www.bymt.co.uk/events to see all the exciting performances – their Autumn newsletter has been emailed to parents this week.

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 6th October 2025:

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

Year 2 have won this week. Every child in the class was in every day. Well done!

Stickers were given out in assembly this week

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 6 (full weeks only)

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK 98.3%**

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.



Thursday 11 December –
School PTA Disco details to follow

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

TRADITIONAL NON-DROP NORDMANN FIR

FROM SAT 29 NOVEMBER
MON TO SUN | 9.00 AM TIL LATE

VISIT US AT BROMLEY FC

CHRISTMAS TREES * FOOD * DRINK  Community Sports Trust



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It simply remains for me to wish you a lovely half term break. I hope you manage to spend some time with friends and family and recharging your batteries for the build up to Christmas !

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