



The snow on Monday brought much excitement to St Philomena's. From our youngest four year olds to our very young at heart teachers, I am not sure who had more fun playing outside in the snow! It was lovely to see the photographs of those at home having just as much fun and taking a well deserved break away from their computer screens. My thanks to Mr Shadbolt for making sure the school was safe to open each morning.

On Tuesday Reception Class celebrated Shrove Tuesday a week early and shared their learning with the rest of the school by delivering pancakes to each class. They certainly impressed Form VI when they took their orders for fillings and then delivered the correct number of lemon and sugar, chocolate spread and jam pancakes!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the weekly challenge. It was great to be able to share all the photographs at the beginning of assembly and wonderful to see so many happy children. The latest challenge to learn our school song is a bit more difficult but one that is really worthwhile. Singing is an integral part of St Philomena's, and whilst we cannot currently sing as a whole school, I hope it won't be long before we can, and then we will sing our school anthem with pride and reinforce our sense of belonging.

I am very much looking forward to the Government announcement on Monday about easing the lockdown restrictions and hope to welcome everyone back to school very soon.

Philippa Mathews
Headteacher



Each week the class teachers nominate one or two pupils from their class. Pupils can be nominated for a variety of reasons such as showing care, courtesy and consideration to others, for trying their very best in a subject they find particularly challenging, for an excellent attitude to learning, for exemplary manners. We hope to value the whole child with this award, not just the academic achievements.

Reception	Anni Johnston	For her increasingly neat writing in class and working hard on her reading at home too.
Form I	Katie Burbidge	For engaging so well with all of the learning at home. She is always eager to start every Zoom session with enthusiasm and a smile on her face.
Form II	Elizabeth Coe	For always trying her best in the lessons and producing some brilliant pieces of work during home learning.
Form III	Vincent Hardman	For settling in so well at St Philomena's.
Form IV	Aiden Hardman	For settling so well at St Philomena's and making a great effort in all areas of the curriculum.
Form V	Nojus Zilionis	Working extremely hard and making excellent progress.
Form VI	Sopheia Newson	For her focused attitude and great progress in all we are doing.



Top Scorers

Form I	Promise Ademuwagun
Form II	Ziggy Tanner
Form III	Vincent Hardman
Form IV	Saul Pigram
Form V	Isabelle Honey
Form VI	Evie O'Sullivan

HOUSE POINTS

CAMPION

434

CLOVER

446

FISHER

474

ACCELERATED READER



100%	90%	80%
Wren Wright Wilfred Ketterer Jude Swinbourne Zach Tucker x 3 Luca Wright x 2 Ella Jennings x 2 Semilore Ajibola	Emily Hobbs x 2 Jude Swinbourne x2 Darcie Bruce Zachery Tucker x 2 Ava Jennings Rebecca Ajibola Tilly-Rose Singers Semilore Ajibola Amelia Nellist	Emily Hobbs Promise Ademuwagun Ella Walker Tille-Mae Hurton Darcie Bruce x2 Zach Tucker Rebecca Ajibola Semilore Ajibola



Congratulations to Ruben Auksonsawat, Jude Mann, Eliot Townsend and Toby Ketterer for taking part in the Tendring Primary Schools Virtual 500m running competition:

Jude Mann	Bronze medal	3 minutes 22 seconds
Eliot Townsend	Gold medal	1 minute 59 seconds
Toby Ketterer	Gold medal	1 minute 45 seconds



St Philomena's PTA is made up of staff, teachers and parents whose goal is to build a social community and work in partnership with one another to help raise funds for the school.

Contact us at: PTA@stphilomenas.com

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Although the children are not currently wearing full school uniform each day, it hopefully won't be long until school returns to 'normal'.

With this in mind, why not check to see how much they have grown during lockdown? Please donate any good quality items they have grown out of and remember to check what we have in stock at school before buying new.



Please drop any items off to the school office. Email pta@stphilomenas.com to find out if we have the items you need in stock.

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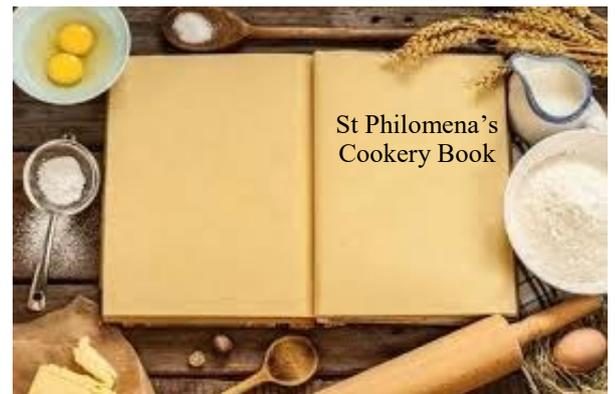
With more and more of us buying online, please sign up to easyfundraising. It is really simple to join and hassle free. Go to easyfundraising.org.uk, click on 'search for a cause', find Friends of St Philomenas School and register. It is so simple you won't even realise you are raising money for the school. If you sign up before 28th February you may even be able to earn a bonus £5 donation for the school.

St Philomena's Cookery Book

We are still putting together a cookery book full of our favourite recipes. Please contribute by emailing a recipe and photograph to:

PTA@stphilomenas.com

Please remember to include your name, the name of your child and their year group.



Please join us on facebook to find out what we have coming up over the next few weeks. With World Book Day, Mothers' Day and Easter approaching fast, we have a few ideas to share with you.



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