



The pressure was on this week as we held our first times tables testing week of the year. An important initiative at St Philomena's, times tables are a building block to mathematical knowledge and understanding. Mastering the times tables increases speed and accuracy in mental maths and helps children understand other mathematical concepts such as fractions, algebra and division more easily. The first badges of the year will be presented by our Maths Coordinator, Mr Whitfield, next week.

Following the return of the weekly run along the Greensward for Forms III to VI, we have entered a team of twelve pupils in the annual Cut Hedge Cross Country Championship at Gosfield School. Running through woodland and across fields, the terrain will be a little different than they are used to, but the team are well-prepared for the challenge. My thanks to the teachers who have encouraged every pupil to beat their personal best each week, and the many volunteers who have acted as marshals.

The Green Team and Energy Monitors have been busy working on a new initiative with Mrs Reis and Mr Kershaw. Taking part in Switch Off Fortnight, they are monitoring the energy use at school and working with staff to switch equipment and lights off when not in use. With weekly meter readings to assess the impact, they are hoping these small changes will make a real difference. I look forward to publishing their results in the coming weeks.

Philippa Mathews
Headteacher



Thank you to Mrs Bingham and Form III for their wonderful assembly on Wednesday. Not only did we learn about the history of Frinton on Sea and how it developed from farm land to the coastal town it is today, we were also entertained with plenty of drama, performance and singing. The pupils spoke with confidence and enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their work to a wider audience for the first time in nearly two years. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. It is lovely having you all back in school.



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	Aiva Pace Siunaite	For great reading skills and persistent hard work in class.
Form I	Anni Johnston	For making a great effort in Maths; she is becoming more confident by the day.
Form II	Promise Ademuwagun	For having a better attitude to his school work this week. Keep it up.
Form III	Hollie Mayzes	For settling in to Form III at St Philomena's so well. She is a great addition to the class.
Form IV	Leonora Webb	For always being reliable, very organised and producing very good work.
Form V	George Fowle	For making great progress in Maths.
Form VI	Charlie Mizon	For approaching everything he does with a positive attitude and a smile on his face.

ACCELERATED READER



80%

90%

100%

Anni Johnston	Wilf Ketterer	Celeste Durowoju	Brody O'Sullivan x 2
Rose Bailey	Anna Mortimer	Emily Hobbs	Tillie-Mae Hurton x 2
Katie Burbidge	George Fowle	Promise Ademuwagun	William Lish
Emily Hobbs	Jessica-Rose Marsh	Kit Morgan De Boer x2	Lucylara Bliss
Zach Riseborough	Barney Hurton	Jude Mann x4	Erin Aylen x 2
		Katie Burbidge	Aden Cook
		Millie Duffy x 4	Isabelle Honey
		Reenie Edwards x 3	

HOUSE POINTS

CAMPION	CLOVER	FISHER
285	303	304



St Philomena's Netball Match Vs Hamford Primary

Friday 19th November 2021

7:6 win to St Philomena's

Team: Alexia W, Aden C, Zach R, Alice D, Cate Y,
Yeabu G, Scarlett D and Luna T

St Philomena's played their second competitive match against Hamford on Friday. The team played fantastically against a very good side. It was a very tense and close match with St Philomena's finally winning 6-7!



My praise goes out to the whole team for their effort and success, it was well deserved.

Thank you again to all who came to support us, it really does make a difference and spurs the team on.

Mrs Westlake



We are now recycling used ink cartridges to raise funds for the school. If you have any old ink cartridges please bring them into school and pass to Mrs Reis who has a collection box in her classroom.

Thank you.



HAVE YOU ENTERED YET?

Please join us for our first Quiz Night:

Thursday 2 December, 7.30pm at St Philomena's School.

Teams of 6. £30 per team.

Bring your own snacks and drink.

Entry forms available from the School Office.



Please sign up to amazon smile and support our fundraising efforts at St Philomena's. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to your favourite charity when you shop.

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DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 22 November	Pyjama Day and Christmas photographs Gourmet cold lunch
Wednesday 24 November	Form IV Assembly ISA Cross County Competition (<i>selected pupils from Forms V and VI</i>) Hot lunch: Fish and Chips
Thursday 25 November	Parent Representative meeting, 9am
Friday 26 November	Advent mass for Forms V and VI at the Church of the Sacred Heart and St Francis, 9.30am
Tuesday 30 November	Quiz Night at St Philomena's School, 7.30pm Non uniform day: Emergency Services and NHS Day Reception Nativity play. Performances to parents 3pm and 6pm
Thursday 2 December	Forms I and II Nativity play.
Friday 3 December	Performances to parents 2.30pm and 6pm
Tuesday 7 December	Netball match against Frinton Primary 3.20pm
Wednesday 8 December	St Mary's Church Christmas Concert 7pm Christmas service at school with Father Joseph
Thursday 9 December	Whole school trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Princes Theatre in Clacton
Monday 13 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 14 December	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas parties: Reception, Form I and Form II - 4pm to 6pm Forms III to VI - 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Thursday 16 December	Last day of term
Friday 17 December	

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